

# **MIAMI LAKES GREEN 2.0 (NW 146<sup>TH</sup> STREET) PROJECT**

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## SECTION A. NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**ITB Name:** Miami Lakes Green 2.0 (NW 146<sup>th</sup> Street) Project

**ITB No.:** 2023-17R

**Submittals Due:** 11:00 AM EST, October 16, 2023

**Anticipated Award Date:** December 12, 2023

The Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") will be accepting sealed Bids for the Town's Miami Lakes Green 2.0 (NW 146<sup>th</sup> Street) Project ("Project"). Bidders are to submit one (1) marked original and two (2) physical copies of their Bid with original signatures, along with a virtual copy of the Bid on a Flash Drive. **Sealed Bids, including the Flash Drive must be received by the Town of Miami Lakes, Town Clerk at 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida no later than 11:00 A.M. on October 16, 2023.**

This is a grant-funded project administered in coordination with Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") District 6 Local Agency Program consisting of construction of the shared use path, milling, and resurfacing of a roadway, installation of roadway signage and pavement markings, and construction of curb ramps.

### Scope of Work:

The Contractor must furnish all labor, materials, supplies, tools, equipment, supervision, and services necessary to construct a shared use path at the project location per the attached project plans and in accordance with all applicable FDOT Design Standards, FDOT Standard Specifications, and the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). Contractor must furnish, install, construct, and deliver a complete project with the required maintenance and quality assurance testing as applicable to the project.

The Work includes, but is not limited to, the resurfacing and restriping of NW 146<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue to accommodate new curb and gutter and a 10-foot-wide shared use path in the center of the corridor, installation of new upgraded signing and pavement markings as required in the project plans and modifying pedestrian curb ramps to meet ADA requirements.

Location: NW 146<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### Minimum Qualification Requirements:

To be eligible for award of this project, Bidders shall:

1. Possess a current certified license from the State of Florida as a General Contractor;
2. Have completed a minimum of three (3) projects of a similar size, scope, and complexity in the last five (5) years, where the value of each project exceeds \$750,000; and
3. Be an FDOT pre-qualified contractor for work classes listed below or include subcontractors that are FDOT pre-qualified for those work classes that the prime contractor is not pre-qualified to perform.
  - Primary Work Type 10 - Flexible Paving (includes limerock, shell base and other optional base courses, soil-cement base, mixed-in-place bituminous paving, bituminous surface treatments and stabilizing).
  - Primary Work Type 11 - Grading (includes clearing and grubbing, excavation, and embankment).
  - 12 - Grassing, Seeding and Sodding.
  - Primary Work Type 15 - Hot Plant-Mixed Bitum. Course (includes structural and surface courses).
  - 28 - Pavement Marking (includes delineators, traffic stripe painting, and thermoplastics).
  - 38 - Roadway Signing.
4. Be capable of self-performing forty percent (40%) of the primary physical construction Work.

The Town will consider a Bidder as responsive where a Bidder has less than the stipulated minimum number of years of experience solely where the Bidder has undergone a name change and such change of name has been filed with the State of Florida or where the Bidder was a subsidiary of a larger firm and the Bidder's firm has been merged into the larger firm. Bidder must include documentation substantiating such name change as part of its Submittal for the Town to consider crediting the years of experience from the Bidder under its previous name. Failure to include such documentation with the Response will result in a determination of non-responsive.

The Town will only accept Bids from entities in the private sector, and therefore will not consider public agencies acting in competition with the private sector for this solicitation.

Solicitation Documents are available on the Town's website at [www.miamilakes-fl.gov](http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov) and selecting "Contractual Opportunities" and on [www.DemandStar.com](http://www.DemandStar.com). Any inquiries regarding the Project may be directed to the Town at [procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov). Telephone calls or verbal conversations are **not** permitted.

All Bids must be submitted in accordance with Section B, Instructions to Bidders. **Any Bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered.** The responsibility for submitting a Bid before the stated time and date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the Bidder.

Pursuant to subsection (t) "Cone of Silence" of Section 2-11.1 "Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance" of Miami Dade County, public notice is hereby given that a "Cone of Silence" is imposed concerning this solicitation. The "Cone of Silence" prohibits communications concerning the substance of RFP's, RFQ's or Bids, until such time as the Town Manager makes a written recommendation to the Town Council concerning the solicitation. Any questions concerning the substance of this, or any other solicitation advertised by the Town should be submitted in writing to [procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov) while the Cone of Silence is in effect. Failure to comply with the Cone of Silence may result in the rejection of a Submittal. For additional information concerning the Cone of Silence please refer to Section 2-11.1 of Miami-Dade County Code.

## SECTION B. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### B1 DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Basis of Design** means a specific manufacturer's product that is named; including the make or model number or other designation, establishing the significant qualities related to type, function, dimension, in-service performance, physical properties, appearance, and other characteristics for purposes of evaluating comparable products of other manufacturers.
2. **Change Order** means a written document ordering a change in the Contract price or Contract time or a material change in the Work.
3. **Completed Project** means that the applicable regulatory authority has issued a Certificate of Completion.
4. **Completion Time** means the number of calendar days specified in the Contract for completion of the Project.
5. **Cone of Silence** means the time period and method of communications as required by Section 2-11.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which state that the Cone of Silence shall be in effect from the date the ITB is issued until the Town Manager issues a written recommendation.
6. **Construction Change Directive** means a written directive to effect changes to the Work, issued by the Project Manager that may affect the Contract price or time.
7. **Construction Schedule** means a schedule, as defined, and required by the Contract Documents.
8. **Contract** means the ITB and the ITB documents that have been submitted by the Contractor and the Contract Documents.
9. **Contract Documents** means the Contract as may be amended from time to time, any and all plans, specification, bonds, addendum, clarifications, directives, change orders, payments and other such documents issued under or relating to the Contract.
10. **Contractor** means the Successful Bidder who is issued a Purchase Order, Contract, Blanket Purchase Order agreement, or Term Contract to provide goods or services to the Town and who will be responsible for the acceptable performance of any Work and for the payment of all legal debts pertaining to the Work under the Contract.
11. **Cure** means the action taken by the Contractor promptly, after receipt of written notice from the Town of a breach of the Contract Documents, which must be performed at no cost to the Town, to repair, replace, correct, or remedy all material, equipment, or other elements of the Work or the Contract Documents affected by such breach, or to otherwise make good and eliminate such breach.
12. **Cure Period** means the period of time in which the Contractor is required to remedy deficiencies in the Work or compliance with the Contract Documents after receipt of a written Notice to Cure from the Town identifying the deficiencies and the time to Cure.
13. **Days** mean calendar days unless otherwise specifically stated in the Contract Documents.
14. **Defective Work** means (a) Work that is unsatisfactory, deficient, or damaged, does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, test, or approval, or (b) Work associated with punch list items that the Contractor fails to complete within a reasonable time after issuance of the punch list by the Project Manager.
15. **Department** means the State of Florida Department of Transportation
16. **Design Documents, Plans or Sketch** means any construction plans and specifications, or graphic representation included as part of the Contract.

17. **Field Directive** means a written direction from the Project Manager directing the Contractor to proceed with Work requested by the Town, which is minor in nature and typically should not involve additional cost.
18. **Final Completion** means the date the Contractor has completed all the Work and submitted all documentation required by the Contract Documents.
19. **Inspector** means an authorized representative of the Town assigned to make necessary inspections of materials and the Work performed by the Contractor.
20. **Materials** mean goods or equipment incorporated in a Project or used or consumed in the performance of the Work.
21. **Notice of Award** means the written letter to the Contractor notifying the Contractor that it has been awarded the Contract.
22. **Notice to Proceed** means a written letter or directive issued by the Town Manager or designee acknowledging that all conditions precedent to award have been met and directing that the Contractor may begin Work.
23. **Project** means a task or series of tasks that the Contractor must complete in accordance with the Contract Documents.
24. **Project Manager** means the individual assigned by the Town Manager or designee to manage the Project.
25. **Request For Information (RFI)** means a request from the Contractor seeking an interpretation or clarification relative to the Contract Documents. The RFI, which must be clearly marked RFI, must clearly and concisely set forth the issue(s) or item(s) requiring clarification or interpretation and why the response is required. The RFI must set forth the Contractor's interpretation or understanding of the document(s) in question, along with the reason for such understanding.
26. **Subcontractor** means a person, firm or corporation having a direct contract with Contractor, including one who furnishes material, equipment, or services necessary to perform the Work.
27. **Substantial Completion** means that point at which the Work is at a level of completion in substantial compliance with the Contract Documents and is fit for use in its intended purpose. Substantial Compliance will not be deemed to have occurred until any and all governmental entities, with regulatory authority or which have jurisdiction over the Work, have conducted all final inspections, and approved the Work. Beneficial use or occupancy will not be the sole factor in determining whether Substantial Completion has been achieved unless a temporary certificate of completion has been issued.
28. **Town** means the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes or the Town Manager, as applicable.
29. **Town Manager** means the duly appointed chief administrative officer of the Town of Miami Lakes or his designee.
30. **Work** as used herein refers to all reasonably necessary and inferable labor, material, equipment, and services, whether or not specifically stated, to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Contract Documents.

## **B2 BID PROCESS**

### **B2.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BID PROCESS**

The ITB, Bid Form and any addendum that may be issued constitute the complete set of requirements for this ITB. The Bid Form page(s), and all forms contained in the ITB must be completed, signed, and submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section A, Notice to Bidders. All Bids must be typewritten or filled in with pen and ink and must be signed in blue ink by an officer or employee having

authority to bind the company or firm. Errors, corrections, or changes on any document must be initialed by the signatory of the Bid. Bidder will not be allowed to modify its Bid after the opening time and date.

#### **B2.02 PREPARATION OF BID**

The Bid Form contains multiple line items, and the Bidder must provide prices for all line items and must provide the price for the total Bid amount. Failure to include pricing on all line items as well as the total Bid Amount will result in the Bid being found non-responsive.

**Bidder must use the blank Town forms provided herein.** The Bid must be signed and acknowledged by the Bidder in accordance with the directions on the ITB. Failure to utilize the Town's forms, or fully complete the required forms may result in a determination that the Bid is non-responsive.

A Bid will be considered non-responsive if it is conditioned on modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of the ITB.

The Bid prices are to include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, all overhead/indirect expenses, and profit, necessary for the completion of the Work, except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the Contract Documents.

Joint venture firms or teaming agreements will not be considered for award under this ITB.

Contractors that will be using a temporary labor company to provide staffing for the Project must complete Attachment B and include it with the Proposal. Failure to include this form may result in the Proposal being rejected as non-responsive.

#### **B2.03 BID PREPARATION COSTS AND RELATED COSTS**

All cost involved with the preparation and submission of a Bid to the Town, or any work performed in connection therewith is the sole responsibility of the Bidder(s). No payment will be made for any Bid received, or for any other effort required of or made by the Bidder prior to commencement of Work as defined by any contract duly approved by the Town Council or Town Manager. The Town will bear no responsibility for any cost associated with any judicial proceedings resulting from the ITB process.

**Bidder's must submit the line-item price spreadsheet ("Spreadsheet") that is part of the Bid Form on a flash drive in MS Excel format at the time of Bid submission. Do not convert the Spreadsheet to .pdf format. Failure to submit the MS Excel Spreadsheet will result in the Bid being rejected as non-responsive.** Where a discrepancy exists between the Total Bid Amount on the hard copy of the Bid and the Spreadsheet the price in the Spreadsheet will prevail. **The Town Form is not to be altered, unlocked, or changed in any manner, including converting the Form to .pdf. Such action will result in a Bid being rejected as non-responsive.**

The Bid Form explains how Bidders are to price each line item of the Price Form, Form-PP.

#### **B2.04 PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for this solicitation at 11:00 AM, on September 20, 2023, at the Town's Government Center, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

#### **B2.05 QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS**

Bidder, by virtue of submitting its Bid, certifies that it is qualified and capable of performing the Work required under the Contract. To qualify for award, Bidder must meet the minimum qualification requirements stated in Section A, Notice to Bidders. Bidders must submit a completed Questionnaire Form utilizing the form included in the ITB. Failure to complete and submit this form or to meet the minimum qualifications will result in the Bid being deemed non-responsive. The Town may at its sole discretion allow a Bidder to amend an incomplete Questionnaire during the evaluation process provided that the Bidder has included the Questionnaire in its Bid.

## **B2.06 EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

It is the responsibility of each Bidder, before submitting a Bid in response to this ITB to:

- Carefully review the ITB, including any Addendum and notify the Town of any conflicts, errors, or discrepancies.
- Take into account federal, state and local, including, without limitation, the Town's Code, and Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida's statutes laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances that may affect a Bidder's ability to perform the Work.
- Study and carefully correlate Contractor's observations with the requirements of the ITB.

The submission of a Bid in response to this solicitation constitutes an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that it will comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents and that without exception, the Bid is premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required under the Contract Documents and that the Contract Documents are sufficient in detail to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of the Work.

## **B2.07 INTERPRETATIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

All questions about the meaning or intent of the ITB, must be directed in writing and submitted by e-mail to the Procurement Office, at [procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov). Interpretation or clarifications considered necessary by the Town in response to such questions will be issued by means of an addendum. All addenda will be posted on the Town's website, [www.miamilakes-fl.gov](http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov) under Contractual Opportunities. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to obtain all addenda by visiting the Town's website. Written questions must be received no less than ten (10) days prior to bid opening. Only questions answered by written addenda will be binding. Verbal interpretation or clarifications will be without legal effect.

## **B2.08 POSTPONEMENT OF BID OPENING DATE**

The Town reserves the right to postpone the date for receipt and opening of Bids and will make a reasonable effort to give at least five (5) calendar days' notice prior to the Bid opening date of any such postponement to prospective Bidders. Any such postponement will be announced through the issuance of an addendum posted to the Town's website.

## **B2.09 ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS**

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to cancel or re-issue this solicitation. The Town also reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder who has failed to previously perform under a contract or who is in arrears to the Town.

### **B2.09(i) Unbalanced Bids**

The Town reserves the right to reject any Bid where the line-item pricing is determined to be unbalanced. Such determination will be made at the sole discretion of the Town. An Unbalanced Bid price, which will be determined at the sole discretion of the Town, includes, but is not limited to, pricing that is not consistent with pricing in the industry or with market conditions and a comparison to the pricing submitted by other Bidders. An Unbalanced Bid typically occurs where the prices for one or more line items are too low a price to cover the actual cost to perform the Work (including overhead and profit) or too high a price where excessive profit will occur.

## **B2.10 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

Bidder warrants, by virtue of bidding, that its Bid and the prices quoted in its Bid are firm and irrevocable for acceptance by the Town for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the Bid submittal deadline. Bidder may change or withdraw its Bid prior to the Bid submittal deadline.

All changes or withdrawals must be made in writing to the Town Clerk. Oral/Verbal modifications will not be valid. Once the Town makes an Award, the Bid cannot be withdrawn.

#### B2.11 BID OPENING & EVALUATION

The Town will publicly open and announce all bids it receives by total amount in accordance with the terms of the advertisement. If any bid received is not read, the Town must publicly announce the name of the bidder and the reason for not reading the bid at the bid opening.

The Town's contracting office must submit adequate justification for rejecting any bids to the District LP Administrator. The District LP Administrator may also provide the justification to the State LP Administrator and/or the FHWA as needed.

#### B2.12 LOCAL PREFERENCE

This ITB does **not allow** local preference under Town Ordinance 17-203, Section 13.

#### B2.13 BID BONDS

Each Bid must include a bid bond of at least 5% of the total bid price. Failure to include the bid bond will result in the bid being deemed non-responsive.

#### B2.14 TIE BIDS

Whenever two (2) or more bids are equal in price, an award shall be made to the Contractor that has successfully completed the most projects of a similar nature as described in this ITB.

#### B2.15 AWARD OF CONTRACT(S)

The Town anticipates awarding a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder(s) that is in the best interest of the Town.

The Town may require demonstration of competency and, at its sole discretion, conduct site visit(s) and inspections of the Bidder's place of business, require the Bidder to furnish documentation or require the Bidder to attend a meeting to determine the Bidder's qualifications and ability to meet the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Town will consider, but not be limited to, such factors as financial capability, labor force, equipment, experience, knowledge of the trade work to be performed, the quantity of Work being performed by the Contractor and past performance on Town and other contracts. In no case will the Award be made until all necessary investigations have been made into the responsibility of the Bidder and the Town is satisfied that the Bidder(s) is qualified to perform the Work.

#### B2.16 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

##### B2.16(i) *Required Contract and Subcontract DBE Assurance Language*

In accordance with 49 CFR 26.13 (b), the Contract FDOT signs with the Contractor (and each subcontract the prime contractor signs with a subcontractor) must include the following assurance: "The Contractor, sub-recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted Contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to,

1. Withholding monthly progress payments;
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. Liquidated damages; and/or
4. Disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible."

#### **B2.16(ii) DBE Records and Reports**

Bidder must submit the following through the Equal Opportunity Compliance System:

1. DBE Commitments - at or before the Pre-Construction Conference.
2. Report monthly, through the Equal Opportunity Compliance System on the Department's Website, actual payments (including retainage) made to DBEs for work performed with their own workforce and equipment in the area in which they are certified. Report payments made to all DBE and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) subcontractors and DBE and MBE construction material and major suppliers.

The Equal Opportunity Office will provide instructions on accessing this system. Develop a record keeping system to monitor DBE affirmative action efforts which include the following:

- a. The procedures adopted to comply with these Specifications;
- b. The number of subordinated Contracts on Town projects awarded to DBEs;
- c. The dollar value of the Contracts awarded to DBEs;
- d. The percentage of the dollar value of all subordinated Contracts awarded to DBEs as a percentage of the total Contract amount;
- e. A description of the general categories of Contracts awarded to DBEs; and
- f. The specific efforts employed to identify and award Contracts to DBEs.

Upon request, Bidder must provide the records to the Town for review.

Bidder must maintain all such records for a period of five years following acceptance of final payment and have them available for inspection by the Town, the Department, and the Federal Highway Administration.

#### **B2.16(iii) Counting DBE Participation and Commercially Useful Functions**

49 CFR Part 26.55 specifies when DBE credit shall be awarded for work performed by a DBE. DBE credit can only be awarded for work actually performed by DBEs themselves for the types of work for which they are certified. When reporting DBE Commitments, only include the dollars that a DBE is expected to earn for work they perform with their own workforce and equipment. Bidder must update DBE Commitments to reflect changes to the initial amount that was previously reported or to add DBEs not initially reported.

When a DBE participates in a contract, the value of the work is determined in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.55, for example:

1. The Department will count only the value of the work performed by the DBE toward DBE goals. The entire amount of the contract that is performed by the DBE's own forces (including the cost of supplies, equipment and materials obtained by the DBE for the contract work) will be counted as DBE credit.
2. The Department will count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged by the DBE firm for providing a bona fide service, such as professional, technical, consultant, or managerial services or for providing bonds or insurance specifically required for the performance of a Department-assisted contract, toward DBE goals, provided that the Department determines the fees to be reasonable and not excessive as compared with fees customarily followed for similar services.
3. When the DBE subcontracts part of the work of its contract to another firm, the Department will count the value of the subcontracted work only if the DBE's subcontractor is itself a DBE. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does not count toward DBE goals

4. When a DBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, the Department will count the portion of the dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the work the DBE performs with its own forces toward DBE goals.
5. The Contractors shall ensure that only expenditures to DBEs that perform a commercially useful function (CUF) in the work of a contract may be counted toward the voluntary DBE goal.
6. A DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself.
7. Contractors wishing to use joint checks involving DBE credit must provide written notice to the District Contract Compliance Office prior to issuance of the joint check. The Contractor must also provide a copy of the notice to the DBE subcontractor and maintain a copy with the project records.
8. To determine whether a DBE is performing a commercially useful function, the Department will evaluate the amount of work subcontracted, industry practices, whether the amount the firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing, and the DBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors.
9. A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation.
10. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30% of the total cost of its contract with its own workforce, or if the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the work of a contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of work involved, the DBE has not performed a commercially useful function.

#### **B2.17 FOREIGN CONTRACTOR AND SUPPLIER RESTRICTION**

Bids may not limit project to domestically owned contractors only, in accordance with 49 CFR 30.

#### **B2.18 BID PROTEST PROCESS**

Any Bidder wishing to file a protest as to the requirements or award of this ITB must do so in accordance with Town Ordinance 17-203, Section 16, which is available at [https://www.miamilakes-fl.gov/images/ORD\\_17-203\\_reduced.pdf](https://www.miamilakes-fl.gov/images/ORD_17-203_reduced.pdf).

Protests on solicitations in excess of \$15,000 shall be governed by the following procedures:

##### **(a) Filing of Protest**

1. The written protest must be filed with the Procurement Manager, with a copy to the Town Clerk, based on the following timeframes.
  - i. A prospective Bidder/Proposer who perceives that it is precluded from submitting a response to a solicitation due to the requirements of the solicitation, including the terms and conditions, specifications, or drawings, may file a protest with the Procurement Manager. The protest shall be submitted to the Procurement Manager, with a copy to the Town Clerk, within four (4) business days after the solicitation is either posted on the Town's website or an announcement is placed in a newspaper, whichever is earlier.
  - ii. A prospective Bidder/Proposer who has Standing under the solicitation may protest the recommended award to the Procurement Manager. The protest

shall be submitted to the Procurement Manager, with a copy to the Town Clerk, within four (4) business days after notice has been sent to the Bidder/Proposer of the Town Manager's or Procurement Manager's, as applicable, written recommendation of award. A time stamped copy of a facsimile transmission, delivery receipt by e-mail, proof of mailing by the postal service, or private delivery service shall constitute proof of notification.

A written protest received by the Procurement Manager after the stipulated timeframe shall not be considered.

2. The written protest cannot challenge the minimum qualifications, evaluation criteria or relative weight of assigned points, or the scoring of Submittals during the evaluation process based on the evaluation criteria.
  3. The written protest shall state with specificity the facts and law upon which the protest is based and shall include all pertinent documents and evidence and shall be accompanied by the required filing fee(s) as provided below. This shall form the basis for review of the written protest and no facts, grounds, documentation, or evidence not contained in the protester's submission to the Procurement Manager at the time of filing the protest shall be permitted in the consideration of the written protest or any appeal thereof.
- (b) *Authority to resolve protests.* The Procurement Manager shall have the authority to settle and resolve timely protests. During the evaluation of the protest the Procurement Manager shall have the authority to obtain written clarification of the supporting documentation and evidence from the party submitting the protest, hereinafter referred to as a "Protestor". The Procurement Manager shall have fifteen (15) business days to issue a written decision on the protest. A copy of the decision will be forwarded to the Protestor and filed with the Town Clerk.
- (c) *Appeal of Procurement Manager's written decision.* The Protestor may appeal the Procurement Manager's written decision by filing a written request of appeal to the Town Manager, with a copy to the Town Clerk, within three (3) business days of notification of the Procurement Manager's written decision. Such notification shall comply with the timeline and proof of delivery as stipulated in a(1)ii above. The Town Manager shall have fifteen (15) business days to issue a written decision on the protest, which shall be based on the pertinent documents and evidence submitted with the initial filing of the protest together with any clarifications obtained by the Procurement Manager. A copy of the decision will be forwarded to the Protestor and filed with the Town Clerk.
- (d) *Appeal of Town Manager's written decision.* The Protestor may appeal the Town Manager's written decision to the Town Council by filing a written request for an appeal hearing to the Town Clerk, with a copy to the Town Manager, within three (3) business days of notification of the Town Manager's written decision. Such notification shall comply with the timeline and proof of delivery as stipulated in a(1)ii above. The following procedures shall apply for an appeal hearing to the Town Council:
1. The appellant shall submit a written request that an appeal hearing be scheduled before the Town Council. The request must state the basis for the request and demonstrate that the appellant has standing to bring the appeal. The basis for demonstrating standing in order to obtain an appeal hearing before the Town Council shall be limited to:
    - i. The decision does not follow established law or legal precedent.

- ii. The decision was not based on the requirements of the solicitation.
    - iii. The decision was biased, arbitrary and/or capricious.
  - 2. The Town Clerk will place the request for an appeal hearing on the next available Town Council Agenda. Prior to the Town Council meeting the Town Manager shall provide to the Town Council a written overview of the facts of the solicitation together with the decision rendered by the Town Manager. The Town Council's decision at this meeting will be to determine if the appellant has Standing and if there is sufficient merit for the Town Council to schedule an appeal hearing on the Town Council Agenda.
  - 3. Where the Town Council determines that there is standing and sufficient merit to hear the appeal, the Town Clerk shall schedule the appeal on the next available Town Council Agenda.
  - 4. The Town Manager will provide the Town Council with a detailed report of the solicitation, the specifics of the appellant's protest, and the details of the findings and determinations of the Procurement Manager and the Town Manager including any clarification material obtained in response to a request by the Town, prior to the appeal hearing by the Town Council. The appellant shall be provided the opportunity to make a presentation to the Town Council, which shall be limited solely to the facts and details included in the initial protest submittal and including any clarification material obtained in response to a request by the Town. The appellant shall be precluded from introducing any details, documents or information not included in the initial protest submittal except for any clarification material obtained in response to a request by the Town. The Town Council shall base its decision on the existing record and facts as set for hearing.
- (e) *Compliance with Protest Procedures.* Failure to comply with the stipulated timeframes for submission of the Notice of Intent to file a protest or the written protest, together with the required documentation and evidence, and the filing fee(s) stipulated below shall constitute the forfeiture of the Protestor's right to protest. The Protestor shall not be entitled to seek judicial relief without first having followed and fully complied with the procedures and requirements set forth in this Section.
- (f) *Costs and Filing Fees.*
- 1. Written Protest. The written protest must be accompanied by a filing fee in the form of a money order or cashier's check in the amount of \$100.00, where the value of award is estimated to be, or is less than \$15,000. For protests where the value of award is estimated to be or is \$15,000 or greater the money order or cashier's check in amount equal to \$500.00 or 2% of the value of the Bid/Proposal, whichever is greater up to a maximum of \$2,500.
  - 2. Appeal to the Town Manager. The written appeal to the Town Manager must be accompanied by a filing fee in the form of a money order or cashier's check in the amount \$100.00, where the value of award is estimated to be or is less than \$10,000. For appeals where the value of award is estimated to be, or is \$10,000 or greater, the money order or cashier's check in amount equal to \$500.00 or 2%, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of \$2,500.
  - 3. Appeal to the Town Council. The written request for an appeal to the Town Council must be accompanied by a filing fee in the form of a money order or cashier's check in the amount \$500.00, or 2%, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

4. Refund of Filing Fees. All costs resulting from a protest shall be borne by the Protestor. If a protest is upheld by either the Procurement Manager or Town Manager, as applicable, the filing fee shall be refunded to the Protestor less costs incurred by the Town. If the protest is denied or the request for an appeal hearing before the Town Council is denied, the filing fee shall be forfeited to the Town in lieu of payment of costs incurred by the Town.
  5. Changes to the Filing Fees. The Town may amend the filing fees from time to time upon approval of the Town Council through the budget process or by resolution.
- (g) Stay of Procurement. Upon the receipt of a written protest, the Town shall not proceed further with the solicitation pending resolution of the protest, unless the Town Manager issues a written determination that the solicitation process must continue to protect public safety, health, welfare, or the loss of funding.

#### **B2.19 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

The Town will use the following tentative schedule in the selection process. The Town reserves the right to change and/or delay scheduled dates.

- ITB Issued – September 14, 2023
- Deadline for Receipt of Questions – October 11, 2023 (5 days before Bids due)
- Bids Due – October 16, 2023
- Evaluation – October 16-November 13, 2023
- Contract Award – December 12, 2023

#### **B2.20 EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**

The Bidder(s) must complete and sign the Contract Execution Form, Form CE, and include it in its Bid. The Contract Execution Form must be signed by an individual authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder(s). The Bidder must submit proof of signing authority in the form of the Certificate of Authority form included with this ITB, or another properly executed instrument that demonstrates signing authority such as a Corporate Resolution. The Town will execute a Contract with the Bidder(s) selected to provide the work requested herein (the “Successful Bidder(s)”) within sixty (60) days of an award authorization from the Town Council, or the Town Manager’s concurrence with Procurement’s recommendation where applicable (See Town Ordinance 17-203, as amended from time to time, for guidance on the Town Manager’s signing authority).

### **B3 REQUIRED FORMS & AFFIDAVITS**

#### **B3.01 COLLUSION**

Where two (2) or more related parties, as defined in this Article, each submit a response to an ITB, such submissions will be presumed to be collusive. The foregoing presumption may be rebutted by the presentation of evidence as to the extent of ownership, control, and management of such related parties in preparation and submission under such ITB. “Related parties” means employees, officers, or the principals thereof which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another firm or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one Bidder have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another Bidder for the same project. ITB responses found to be collusive will be rejected. Bids must be developed independently. Where two or more Bidders have worked together, discussed the details of their bids prior to submission of their Bids or worked together in independently submitting Bids such actions will be deemed to be collusion.

### **B3.02 RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE TOWN AFFIDAVIT**

The Bidder must identify any relationship the owners or employees have with the Town's elected officials or staff using the Relationships with the Town affidavit found in Section G, Affidavits.

### **B3.03 CONFLICT OF INTEREST/ANTI-KICKBACK**

Neither the Town nor any of its Contractors or their Subcontractors shall enter into any contract, subcontract or arrangement in connection with the Project or any property included or planned to be included in the Project in which any member, officer or employee of the Recipient or the locality during tenure or for 2 years thereafter has any interest, direct or indirect. If any such present or former member, officer or employee involuntarily acquires or had acquired prior to the beginning of tenure any such interest, and if such interest is immediately disclosed to the Town, the Town, with prior approval of the Department, may waive the prohibition contained in this paragraph provided that any such present member, officer or employee shall not participate in any action by the Town or the locality relating to such contract, subcontract or arrangement. The Town shall insert in all contracts entered into in connection with the Project or any property included or planned to be included in any Project, and shall require its contractors to insert in each of their subcontracts, the following provision:

"No member, officer or employee of the Town or of the locality during his tenure or for 2 years thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof."

The provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to any agreement between the Town and its fiscal depositories or to any agreement for utility services the rates for which are fixed or controlled by a governmental agency.

### **B3.04 PUBLIC RECORDS AFFIDAVIT**

The Town shall comply with the Public Records Law as provided by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and all applicable amendments. Applicants must invoke the exemptions to disclosure provided by law in the response to the solicitation and must identify the data or other materials to be protected by separate envelope and must state the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary. The submission of a response authorizes release of your firm's credit data to the Town.

All prospective Bidders must complete and submit the Compliance with Public Records Law affidavit with their Bid. Failure to submit the completed affidavit may result in the Bid being deemed non-responsive. Bidders, by submitting the Compliance with Public Records Law affidavit, specifically acknowledge their obligation to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

### **B3.05 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES ACT**

In accordance with the Public Entity Crimes Act, (Section 287.133, Florida Statutes) a person or affiliate who is a contractor, who had been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to the Town, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases or real property to the Town, 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 the Town in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.917, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this section by the Contractor will result in rejection of the Bid, termination of the contract, and may cause Contractor debarment.

### **B3.06 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT**

Prospective Bidders must complete and include in its Response the Department Form 375-030-32, Certification Regarding Debarment, attesting that neither Bidder nor its principals or subcontractors and

their principals, are currently suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by the Town, the Florida Department of Transportation, or any other State or Federal department or agency. Should Bidder's status change during the solicitation process or the term of the contract with regards to debarment, suspension, or proposed debarment or suspension, then Bidder must immediately notify the Town. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification of Bidder's response, or the immediate termination of this Contract for default.

**B3.07 DEPARTMENT FORMS**

The following forms, which are included as part of this ITB, must be completed and submitted with the Bidder's Submittal:

- Certification of Current Capacity – the Department Form 525-010-46
  - Bidder must certify it has the financial capacity to complete the project. Bidders must complete Form 525-010-46 attesting such financial capacity and include with its Bid.
- Certification Regarding Debarment – the Department Form 375-030-32
- Certification for Disclosure of Lobbying – the Department Form 375-030-33
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities – the Department Form 375-030-34

**END OF SECTION**

## SECTION C. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### C1 PRELIMINARY STEPS TO STARTING WORK

#### C1.01 CONTRACTOR'S PRE-START REPRESENTATION

Contractor represents that it has familiarized itself with and assumes full responsibility for having familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, location of the Work, all local conditions, and any federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that may, in any manner, affect performance of the Work, and represents that it has combined its inspections and observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents. Contractor further represents that it has studied all surveys, document, and reports of including those of any subsurface and latent physical conditions referred to in the specifications and made such additional inspections and investigations as it deems necessary for the performance of the Work and that he has coordinated the results of all such data, inspections, and investigations with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

#### C1.02 PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

Within fourteen (14) calendar days after Contractor execution of the Contract by the Town, and before any Work is performed at the Project site, a pre-construction conference will be held. Prior to this meeting the Contractor should have submitted its Project Schedule and Schedule of Values so they and other details of the project can be discussed.

#### C1.03 PROJECT SCHEDULE

Contractor must submit a proposed Project schedule as follows:

1. Schedule identifying the schedule for each location. The proposed Project schedule must be submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the Notice of Award and such submittal will be subject to the Project Manager's review. Subsequent to such review of said schedule the Contractor will establish said schedule as the baseline schedule.
2. All updates of schedules must be tracked against the baseline schedule and must be at a minimum submitted with each pay application. An updated schedule against the baseline must also be submitted upon execution of each change order that impacts the Contract Documents Time for completion. Failure to submit such schedules will result in the rejection of any submitted payment application.
3. All Project Schedules must be prepared in Microsoft Project 2010 unless otherwise approved by the Project Manager. At the time of submission of schedules, Contractor must submit a hard copy as well as an electronic version. Electronic versions must not be submitted in a .pdf format.

In addition to the Project Schedule the Contractor must provide a two (2) week look-ahead schedule that reflects the Work to be performed during the two (2) week period. The look-ahead schedule must be provided to the Project Manager every other Thursday prior to the start of the two-week period. This schedule will, at a minimum, include the area(s) where Work is to be performed and the Work to be performed in the area(s).

#### C1.04 SCHEDULE OF VALUES

The Contractor must submit two copies of a Schedule of Values, which must be submitted within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance of the Notice of Award. The Schedule of Values shall indicate a complete breakdown of labor and material of all categories of Work on the Project. Contractor's overhead and profit should be listed as separate line items. Each line item must be identified with the number and title of the major specification section or major components of the items. The Project Manager may require further breakdown after review of the Contractor's submittal. The Town reserves

the right to require such information from the Contractor as may be necessary to determine the accuracy of the Schedule of Values. **The combined total value for mobilization under the Schedule of Values shall not exceed 5% of the value of the Contract.**

The accepted Schedule of Values must be incorporated into the Contractor's payment application form.

#### **C1.05 CONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS**

Prior to commencement of the Work the Contractor must take digital photographs and color audio-video recording to document existing conditions and submit copies in an acceptable format to the Town prior to commencement of the Work. Contractor must submit with each application for payment photographs that accurately reflect the progress of all aspects of the Work. The number of photographs to be taken will be based on the magnitude of the Work being performed. Contractor must submit one copy of each photograph in print and digitally. The photographs must be printed on 8" X 10" high resolution glossy commercial grade and weight color photographic print paper or in a format acceptable to the Town. Each photograph must be imprinted on its face with the title of the Project, the date, and time the picture was taken. Digital photographs must be taken using .jpeg format and will be submitted on a CD-ROM or flash drive clearly identifying the name of the Project, the name of the Contractor, and the timeframe in which the pictures were taken. Initial set up prints will be submitted in a three-ring binder with each picture protected by a clear plastic sleeve. Subsequent prints are to be submitted in clear plastic sleeves that can be added to the binder. The three-ring binder must be of such size to be able to hold all print pictures.

#### **C1.06 STAGING SITE**

The Contractor is solely responsible for making all arrangements for any staging site(s) that may be necessary for the performance of the Work and the Contractor is responsible for all site security, including any fencing of the site, and any loss, damage or theft to its equipment and materials. Any fencing of the Staging Site is subject to the prior written approval of the Project Manager.

The Town at its sole discretion may make a staging site available for use by the Contractor. If such site is made available by the Town, the Town assumes no responsibility or liability, and the Contractor will be responsible for any loss, damage or theft to its equipment and materials. The Contractor is also responsible for restoring the site to its pre-existing condition prior to the Contractor's use of the site.

The Contractor may be required to provide or may choose to use an office trailer for the duration of the Project. The Project Manager will authorize the use of any office trailer and the placement location for the office trailer. The Contractor must obtain all required permits from the appropriate regulatory agencies.

No parking is permitted in the Staging Site without the prior written approval of the Project Manager.

#### **C1.07 PROJECT SIGNAGE**

Contractor must furnish and install two (2) Project sign at the Project Site in accordance with the requirements provided by the Project Manager.

#### **C1.08 COORDINATION WITH TOWN RESIDENTS**

Contractor will, be responsible to provide written notification to the Town residents impacted by the Work at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Work. Notification shall be made using a flyer, in a format acceptable to the Project Manager, and must be delivered by mail or by personal delivery. Contractor must maintain a record of the date(s) of notification and provide such information to the Project Manager. Contractor must not commence Work until notification to residents is provided in a manner acceptable to the Town. Contractor must also coordinate with the residents all Work that

impacts residents' driveway approaches. Additionally, the Contractor may be required to attend resident informational meetings.

## **C2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **C2.01 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The employee(s) of the Contractor will be considered to be at all times its employee(s), and not employee(s) or agent(s) of the Town or any of its departments.

The Contractor agrees that the Contractor will at all times employ, maintain and assign to the performance of the Contract a sufficient number of competent and qualified professionals and other personnel to meet the requirements of the Work to be performed.

The Contractor agrees to adjust staffing levels or to replace any staff personnel if so requested by the Town Manager or designee, should the Town Manager or designee make a determination that said staffing is unacceptable or that any individual is not performing in a manner consistent with the requirements for such a position.

The Contractor represents that its staff personnel have the proper skills, training, background, knowledge, experience, rights, authorizations, integrity, character, and licenses necessary to perform the Work, in a competent and professional manner.

The Contractor must at all times cooperate with the Town and coordinate its respective Work efforts to most effectively and efficiently progress the performance of the Work.

The Town and other agencies authorized by the Town must have full access to the Project site at all times.

The apparent silence of the Contract Documents as to any detail, or the apparent omission from them of a detailed description concerning any Work to be done and materials to be furnished, will be regarded as meaning that only best practices are to prevail and only materials and workmanship of the best quality are to be used in the performance of the Work.

### **C2.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Contractor must comply with all laws and regulations applicable to provision of services specified in the Contract Documents. The Contractor must be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, codes, and ordinances that affect the Work.

Where portions of the Work traverse or cross federal, state, county or local highways, roads, streets, or waterways, and the agency in control of such property has established standard specifications, rules or regulations governing items of Work that differ from these specifications, the most stringent specifications, rules, and regulations will apply.

### **C2.03 HOURS FOR PERFORMING WORK**

All Work must be performed in accordance with the hours set forth in the Town's noise Ordinance No. 04-50.

Any Work to be performed outside these hours will require the prior written approval of the Project Manager.

### **C2.04 SUBCONTRACTOR(S)**

Subcontractor(s) is an individual or company who has a contract with the Bidder to assist in the performance of the Work required under this ITB. Subcontractor(s) will be paid through the Bidder and not paid directly by the Town. The Bidder must clearly reflect in its Submittal the major Subcontractor(s) to be utilized in the performance of the Work. All subcontractors must be FDOT pre-qualified by the

Department for work type corresponding to the services they will provide. **Bidder is prohibited from subcontracting more than sixty percent (60%) of the Work required under this ITB.**

Any and all liabilities regarding the use of a Subcontractor(s) will be borne solely by the Successful Bidder and insurance for each Subcontractor(s) must be maintained in good standing and approved by the Town throughout the duration of the Contract. Neither the Contractor nor any of its Subcontractor(s) are considered to be considered employees or agents of the Town.

Contractor is solely responsible for all acts and omissions of its Subcontractors. Nothing in the Contract Documents creates any contractual relationship between any Subcontractor and the Town. Contractor is responsible for the timely payment of its Subcontractors and suppliers as required by Florida Statute Chapter 218.735. Failure to comply with these payment requirements will place the Contractor in default of the Contract.

Contractor must not employ any subcontractor against whom Town may have a reasonable objection.

Contractors are expressly prohibited from substituting Subcontractor(s) contained in their Submittal prior to the award of an Agreement. Such substitution, for any reason, after receipt of the Submittal, and prior to award by the Town, will result in disqualification of the Submittal from further consideration for award. Substitutions made after award of an Agreement requires the prior written approval of the Town and/or the Department, as applicable.

#### **C2.05 AUTHORITY OF THE PROJECT MANAGER**

The Town Manager hereby authorizes the Project Manager to determine, all questions of any nature whatsoever arising out of, under or in connection with, or in any way relating to or on account of the Work, and questions as to the interpretation of the Work to be performed under the Contract Documents.

The Contractor is bound by all determinations or orders of the Project Manager and must promptly respond to requests of the Project Manager, including the withdrawal or modification of any previous order, and regardless of whether the Contractor agrees with the Project Manager's determination or requests. Where requests are made orally, the Project Manager will follow up in writing, as soon thereafter as is practicable.

The Project Manager has authority to act on behalf of the Town to the extent provided by the Contract, unless otherwise modified in writing by the Town. All instructions to the Contractor will be issued in writing. All instructions to the Contractor will be issued through the Town Manager or designee or the Project Manager.

The Project Manager will not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work and will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

All interpretations and recommendations of the Project Manager will be consistent with the intent of the Contract Documents.

Interpretation of the Contract terms and conditions will be issued by the Town's Procurement Manager.

The Project Manager will have authority to reject Work that does not conform to the Contract Documents. Whenever, in their opinion, it is considered necessary or advisable to ensure the proper completion of the Work the Project Manager have authority to require special inspections or testing of the Work, whether or not such Work is fabricated, installed or completed.

The Project Manager's authority to act under this paragraph, or any decision made in good faith either to exercise or not to exercise such authority, give rise to any duty or responsibility of the Project Manager to the Contractor, any subcontractor, supplier or any of their agents, employees, or any other person performing any of the Work.

The Project Manager is not responsible for the acts or omissions of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, or any of their agents or employees, or any other persons performing any of the Work.

#### **C2.06 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

During such periods of time as are designated by the United States Weather Bureau or Miami Dade County as being a severe weather event, including a hurricane watch or warning, the Contractor, at no cost to the Town, must take all precautions necessary to secure any Work in response to all threatened storm events, regardless of whether the Contractor has given notice of same, in accordance with the Miami-Dade County Code.

Compliance with any specific severe weather event or alert precautions will not constitute additional work.

Suspension of the Work caused by a threatened or actual storm event, regardless of whether the Town has directed such suspension, will entitle the Contractor to additional Contract time as non-compensable, Excusable Delay, and will not give rise to a claim for compensable delay.

#### **C2.07 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor is engaged as an independent business and agrees to perform Work as an independent contractor. In accordance with the status of an independent contractor, the Contractor covenants and agrees that the Contractor will conduct business in a manner consistent with that status, that the Contractor will not claim to be an officer or employee of the Town for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the Town, including, but not limited to: worker's compensation coverage; unemployment insurance benefits; social security coverage; retirement membership, or credit.

#### **C2.08 THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

Neither Contractor nor Town intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Contract. Therefore, the parties agree that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Contract and that no third party will be entitled to assert a claim against either of them based upon this Contract.

#### **C2.09 ASSIGNMENT OR SALE OF CONTRACT**

The performance of this Contract will not be transferred pledged, sold, delegated, or assigned, in whole or in part, by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Town. It is understood that a sale of the majority of the stock or partnership shares of the Contractor, a merger or bulk sale, an assignment for the benefit of creditors will each be deemed transactions that would constitute an assignment or sale hereunder. The Town may request any information it deems necessary to review any request for assignment or sale of the Contract.

The Contractor must notify the Project Manager prior to any Assignment of the Contract, which must be approved by the Town for the transfer of the Contract. The Town may, at its sole discretion, elect not to approve the transfer of the Contract, which will result in the Contract being terminated in accordance with the Termination for Convenience provision of the Contract. Any transfer without Town approval will be cause for the Town to terminate this Contract for default and the Contractor will have no recourse from such termination.

Nothing herein will either restrict the right of the Contractor to assign monies due to, or to become due or be construed to hinder, prevent, or affect any assignment by the Contractor for the benefit of its creditors, made pursuant to applicable law.

**C2.10 TIME FOR COMPLETION**

Time is of the essence with regard to completion of the Work to be performed under the Contract. Delays and extensions of time may be allowed only in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Contractor will promptly perform its duties under the Contract and will give the Work as much priority as is necessary to cause the Work to be completed on a timely basis in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The date and period of time set forth in the Contract for the commencement, and completion of Work was included because of its importance to the Town.

**C2.11 APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE OF LITIGATION**

This Contract will be enforceable in Miami-Dade County, Florida, and if legal action is necessary by either party with respect to the enforcement of any or all of the terms or conditions the sole venue will be Miami-Dade County, Florida.

**C2.12 NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT**

It is the intent of the Town to enter into a Contract with all successful Bidder(s) that will satisfy its needs as described herein. However, the Town reserves the right, as deemed in its best interest, to perform, or cause to be performed, the Work and services, or any portion thereof, as it sees fit, including but not limited to award of other contracts, use of another contractor, or perform the Work with its own employees.

**C2.13 SEVERABILITY**

In the event any provision of the Contract Documents is determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unenforceable, then such unenforceable or unlawful provision will be excised from this Contract, and the remainder of the Contract Documents will continue in full force and effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the result of the deletion of such provision will materially and adversely affect the rights of either party, such party may elect, at its option, to terminate the Contract in its entirety. An election to terminate the Contract based upon this provision must be made within seven (7) calendar days after the finding by the Court becomes final.

**C2.14 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS CONTAINS ALL TERMS**

The Contract Documents and all documents incorporated herein by reference contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto, and no other agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of the Contract Documents will be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto, or to vary any of the terms contained herein.

**C2.15 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Contract Documents, as they may be amended from time to time, represent the entire and integrated Contract between the Town and the Contractor and supersede all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, written or oral. This Contract may not be amended, changed, modified, or otherwise altered in any respect, at any time after the execution hereof, except by a written document executed with the same formality and equal dignity herewith. Waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of the Contract Documents will not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach of any provision of the Contract Documents.

## **C2.16 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS**

All fees, royalties, and claims for any invention, or pretended inventions, or patent of any article, material, arrangement, appliance, or method that may be used upon or in any manner be connected with the construction of the Work or appurtenances, are hereby included in the prices stipulated in the Contract for said Work.

## **C2.17 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

### ***C2.17(i) Notice of Intellectual Property Interests***

The Contractor's Response shall identify with specificity any and all forms of intellectual property rights that either the Contractor or any officer, shareholder, employee, consultant, or affiliate, of the Contractor, or any other entity who contributed in any measure to the substance of the Contractor's Response development, have or may have that are in whole or in part implicated in the Response. Such required intellectual property rights notice includes, but is not limited to, disclosure of any issued patents, copyrights, or licenses; pending patent, copyright, or license applications; and any intellectual property rights that though not yet issued, applied for, or intended to be pursued, could nevertheless otherwise be subsequently the subject of patent, copyright or license protection by the Contractor or others in the future.

### ***C2.17(ii) Town and the Department's Future Rights to a Response***

Notwithstanding Section C2.18(i) nor any other provision of this Contract, upon acceptance of a Response, the Contractor hereby grants to the Town, or the Department, and their contractors a royalty-free and perpetual license under all forms of intellectual property rights to manufacture, to use, to design, to construct, to disclose, to reproduce, to prepare and fully utilize derivative works, to distribute, display and publish, in whole or in part, and to permit others to do any of the above, and to otherwise in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever do anything reasonably necessary to fully utilize any and all aspects of such Response on any and all existing and future construction projects and any other Town or the Department projects.

Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Town, the State of Florida, the Department, and their contractors and others in privity therewith from and against any and all claims, liabilities, other obligations or losses, and reasonable expenses related thereto (including reasonable attorneys' fees), which are incurred or are suffered by any breach of the foregoing grants, and regardless of whether such intellectual property rights were or were not disclosed by the Contractor pursuant to Section C2.18(i), unless the Town or the Department has by express written exception in the Response acceptance process specifically released the Contractor from such obligation to hold harmless, indemnify and defend as to one or more disclosed intellectual property rights.

## **C2.18 INTENTION OF THE TOWN**

It is the intent of the Town to describe in the ITB the Work to be completed in accordance with all codes and regulations governing all the Work to be performed under this Contract. Any work, labor, materials and/or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract as being required to produce the intended results must be supplied by Contractor whether or not specifically called for in the Contract Documents. Where words, which have well-known technical or trade meanings are used to describe Work, materials or equipment, such words will be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals, or codes of any technical society, organization, or association, or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority, whether such reference be specific or by implication, will mean the latest standard specification, manual, code or laws or regulations in effect at the time of opening of Proposals and Contractor must comply therewith. Town

will have no duties other than those duties and obligations expressly set forth within the Contract Documents.

### **C3 INDEMNITY, INSURANCE & BONDS**

#### **C3.01 INDEMNIFICATION**

To the extent provided by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town and the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, including the Department's officers, agents, and employees, against any actions, claims, or damages arising out of, relating to, or resulting from negligent or wrongful act(s) of Contractor, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, acting within the scope of their office or employment, in connection with the rights granted to or exercised by Contractor hereunder, to the extent and within the limitations of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

The foregoing indemnification shall not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity beyond the limits set forth in Florida Statutes, Section 768.28. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by Contractor to indemnify the Town for the negligent acts or omissions of the Town its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by Contractor to indemnify the Department for the negligent acts or omissions of the Department, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### **C3.02 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES TO THE WORK**

Contractor accepts full responsibility for Work against all losses or damages of whatever nature sustained until acceptance by Town Manager or designee, and must promptly repair or replace, at no additional cost to the Town any Work, materials, equipment, or supplies damaged, lost, stolen, or destroyed from any cause whatsoever.

Contractor is full responsible for Work against all losses or damages of whatever nature sustained until acceptance by Town, and must promptly repair or replace, at no additional cost to the Town any Work, materials, equipment, or supplies damaged, lost, stolen, or destroyed from any cause whatsoever.

#### **C3.03 DEFENSE OF CLAIMS**

Should any claim be made, or any legal action brought in any way relating to the Work under the Contract, the Contractor will diligently render to the Town any and all assistance which the Town may require of the Contractor.

#### **C3.04 INSURANCE**

Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of Contractor, the Contractor must secure and maintain throughout the duration of this Contract, insurance of such type and in such amounts necessary to protect its interest and the interest of the Town against hazards or risks of loss as specified below. The underwriter of such insurance must be qualified to do business in the State of Florida, be rated "B" as to management and "Class V" as to strength or better as rated by the latest edition of Best's Insurance Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Oldwick, New Jersey, or its equivalent, The insurance carrier must have agents upon whom service of process may be made in the State of Florida. The insurance coverage will be primary insurance with respect to the Town, its officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the Town will be in excess of the Contractor's insurance and will not contribute to the Contractor's insurance. The insurance coverages must include a minimum of:

*C3.04(i) Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance:*

Coverage to apply for all employees for statutory limits as required by the State of Florida's Statutory Workers' Compensation Law and all applicable Federal laws. The policy(ies) must include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$500,000 for each accident and a waiver of subrogation.

*C3.04(ii) Employer's Liability:*

Limit for each bodily injury by accident must be \$1,000,000 policy limit for each accident, per employee, including bodily injury caused by disease.

*C3.04(iii) Comprehensive Business Automobile and Vehicle Liability Insurance:*

This insurance must be written in comprehensive form and must protect the Contractor and the Town against claims for injuries to members of the public and/or damages to property of others arising from the Contractor's use of motor vehicles or any other equipment and must cover operation with respect to onsite and offsite operations and insurance coverage must extend to any motor vehicles or other equipment irrespective of whether the same is owned, non-owned, or hired. The limit of liability must not be less than \$500,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. Coverage must be afforded on a form no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Business Automobile Liability Policy, without restrictive endorsement, as filed by the Insurance Services Office.

*C3.04(iv) Commercial General Liability ("CGL").*

This insurance must be written in comprehensive form and must protect the Contractor and the Town against claims arising from injuries to members of the public or damage to property of others arising out of any act or omission to act of the Contractor or any of its agents, employees, or subcontractors. The limit of liability must not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. Coverage must be afforded on a primary and non-contributory basis and with a coverage form no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Commercial General Liability Policy, without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office, and must include: (1) Premises and/or Operations; (2) Independent contractors and Products and/or completed Operations; (3) Broad Form Property Damage, Personal Injury and a Contractual Liability Endorsement, including any hold harmless and/or indemnification agreement.

1. Products and/or Completed Operations for contracts with an Aggregate Limit of **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)** per project. Contractor must maintain in force until at least three years after completion of all Work required under the Contract, coverage for Products and Completed Operations, including Broad Form Property Damage.
2. Personal and Advertising Injury with an aggregate limit of **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**.
3. CGL Required Endorsements
  - a. Employees included as insured
  - b. Contingent Liability/Independent Contractors Coverage
  - c. Contractual Liability
  - d. Waiver of Subrogation
  - e. Premises and/or Operations
  - f. Explosion, Collapse and Underground Hazards (if not specifically covered under the policy)

- g. Loading and Unloading
- h. Mobile Equipment (Contractor's Equipment) whether owned, leased, borrowed, or rented by Contractor or employees of the Contractor.

Town is to be expressly included as an **Additional Insured** pursuant to endorsement number CG 2010 11/85 or its equivalence.

**C3.04(v) Umbrella Policy.**

Contractor must maintain an umbrella policy with an aggregate limit of \$3,000,000.

**C3.04(vi) Certificate of Insurance**

Contractor must provide the Town Manager or designee with Certificates of Insurance for all required policies within fifteen (15) days of notification of a conditional award by the Town. The Certificates of Insurance must not only name the types of policy(ies) provided, but also must specifically cite this Contract and must state that such insurance is as required by this Contract. The Town reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide a certified copy of such policies, upon written request by the Town. Each policy certificate must be endorsed with a provision that not less than thirty (30) calendar days' written notice must be provided to the Town before any policy or coverage is cancelled, restricted, or a material change is made. Acceptance of the Certificate(s) is subject to approval of the Town Manager or designee.

**C3.04(vii) Additional Insured**

The Town is to be specifically included as an Additional Insured for the liability of the Town resulting from operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor in performance of this Contract. The Town must be named as additional insured under the CGL, business automobile insurance and umbrella policies. Town must be named as an additional insured under Contractor's insurance, including that applicable to the Town as an Additional Insured, must apply on a primary basis and any other insurance maintained by the Town will be in excess of and will not contribute to Contractor's insurance. Contractor's insurance must contain a severability of interest provision providing that, except with respect to the total limits of liability, the insurance must apply to each Insured or Additional Insured in the same manner as if separate policies had been issued to each.

All deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and be approved by the Town Manager. The Contractor will be responsible for the payment of any deductible or self-insured retention in the event of any claim.

**C3.05 PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT BOND**

Contractor must, within fourteen (14) calendar days of being notified of award, furnish a Performance/Payment containing all the provisions of the attached Performance/Payment forms.

The Performance and Payment Bonds ("Bonds") must be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract value guaranteeing to the Town the completion and performance of the Work covered in the Contract as well as full payment of all suppliers, laborers, or subcontractors employed pursuant to this Project(s). Each Bond must be with a Surety, which is qualified pursuant to Article C3.06, Surety Qualifications.

Each Bond must continue in effect for one year after Final Completion and acceptance of the Work with liability equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract value, or an additional bond must be conditioned that Contractor will, upon notification by Town, correct any defective or faulty work or materials which appear within one year after Final Completion of the Project.

The Town must be listed as an Obligee.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 255.05(1)(a), Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, Contractor must ensure that the bond(s) referenced above must be recorded in the public records and provide Town with evidence of such recording.

*Alternate Form of Security:*

In lieu of the Bonds, Contractor may furnish alternate forms of security, which may be in the form of cash, money order, certified check, cashier's check, or an unconditional letter of credit. Such alternate forms of security will be subject to the prior approval of Town and for same purpose and will be subject to the same conditions as those applicable above and will be held by Town for one year after completion and acceptance of the Work.

**C3.06 SURETY QUALIFICATIONS**

Each required Bond must be executed by a surety company of recognized standing, authorized to do business in the State of Florida as surety, having a resident agent in the State of Florida and having been in business with a record of successful continuous operation for at least five (5) years.

The Surety must hold a current certificate of authority as acceptable surety on federal bonds in accordance with United States Department of Treasury Circular 570, Current Revisions. If the amount of the Bond exceeds the underwriting limitation set forth in the circular, in order to qualify, the net retention of the Surety must not exceed the underwriting limitation in the circular, and the excess risks must be protected by coinsurance, reinsurance, or other methods in accordance with Treasury Circular 297, revised September 1, 1978 (31 DFR Section 223.10, Section 223.111). Further, the Surety must provide Town with evidence satisfactory to Town, that such excess risk has been protected in an acceptable manner.

The Town will accept a surety bond from a company with a rating of "B+" or better and a Financial Size Category of "Class II", provided, however, that if any surety company appears on the watch list that is published quarterly by Intercom of the Office of the Florida Insurance Commissioner, the Town will review and either accept or reject the surety company based on the financial information available to the Town. A surety company that is rejected by the Town may be substituted by the Bidder with a surety company acceptable to the Town, only if the Bid amount does not increase.

**C4 SITE ISSUES**

**C4.01 SITE INVESTIGATION AND REPRESENTATION**

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to satisfy itself as to the nature and location(s) of the Work prior to commencement of Work on the site, the general and local conditions, particularly those bearing upon availability of installation, transportation, disposal, handling and storage of materials, and all other matters which can in any way affect the Work or the cost thereof under the Contract Documents.

Work site(s) may have existing utilities, such as, but not limited to, irrigation, phone, water, and sewer, CATV, traffic signals, electrical, and storm sewer. Known utilities and structures adjacent to or encountered in the Work will be shown on the Drawings. The locations shown are taken from existing records and the best information available from existing plans and utility investigations; however, it is expected that there may be some discrepancies and omissions in the locations and quantities of utilities and structures shown. Those shown are for the convenience of the Contractor only, and no responsibility is assumed by the Town for their accuracy or completeness. No request for additional compensation or Contract time resulting from encountering utilities not shown will be considered.

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to verify the location of all such utilities, structures, etc., by hand excavation or other appropriate measures before performing any Work. The Contractor must call Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc., and other appropriate agencies, as applicable, prior to the commencement of any excavation or digging to determine the locations of existing utilities prior to the commencement of any Work. The Contractor is responsible for any and all claims resulting from the damage caused to any utilities, identified or not.

Should the Contractor identify any utilities, structures, etc., which will or may be encountered during the performance of the Work, the Town must be consulted immediately in order for a decision to be made on the potential relocation or other action(s) to be taken as it relates to the work.

Should the Town direct the Contractor to relocate any utilities that would be impacted by any Work then the Town will compensate the Contractor for such relocation in accordance with the Change Order provisions of the Contract.

The Contractor will not purposefully disrupt or disconnect any type of utility whatsoever without first obtaining the prior written approval of the Town or applicable utility owner. Requests for any disconnection, including those required of other utilities, must be in writing and received by the Town at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time of the requested interruption. The Town may require that the Contractor notify, in writing, any property owners to be impacted by service interruptions to their utilities.

Any failure by the Contractor to familiarize itself with any utilities that may impact the performance of the Work will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for properly estimating the difficulty or cost of performing the Work and will not entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation.

#### **C4.02 METHOD OF PERFORMING THE WORK**

The apparent silence of the Contract Documents as to any detail, or the apparent omission from them of a detailed description concerning any Work to be done and materials to be furnished, will be regarded as meaning that only the best general practice is to prevail and that only material and workmanship of the best quality is to be used, and interpretation of the Contract Documents will be made upon that basis.

The Contractor must comply with the manufacturer's requirements for the handling, delivery and storage of all equipment and materials. Contractor must inspect all equipment and materials immediately prior to installation and must not install any damaged or defective items.

Contractor must comply with the manufacturer's applicable instructions and recommendations for the performance of the Work, to the extent that these instructions and recommendations are more explicit or more stringent than requirements indicated in the Contract Documents.

The Contractor must familiarize itself with normal Town operations where the Work is to be performed so that it can conduct the Work in the best possible manner to the complete satisfaction of the Project Manager.

The Work to be performed must be done in such a manner so as not to interfere with the normal Town operations. The manner in which the Work is performed will be subject to the approval of the Project Manager, whom, if necessary, will have the authority to require changes in the manner in which the Work is performed. There must be no obstruction of Town services without the prior written approval of the Project Manager. All requests for such interruption or obstruction must be given in writing to the Project Manager twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the interruption of Town operations.

If the Project Manager reasonably determines the rate of progress of the Work is not such as to ensure its completion within the designated completion time, or if, in the opinion of the Project Manager, the

Contractor is not proceeding with the Work diligently or expeditiously or is not performing all or any part of the Work according to the Project schedule accepted by or determined by the Project Manager, the Project Manager will have the right to order the Contractor to do either or both of the following: (1) improve its work force; and/or (2) improve its performance in accordance with the schedule to ensure completion of the Project within the specified time. The Contractor must immediately comply with such orders at no additional cost to the Town. (3) The Town at its sole option may also have Work performed by a third-party contractor and deduct such cost from any monies due the Contractor.

Where materials are transported in the performance of the Work, vehicles must not be loaded beyond the capacity recommended by the vehicle manufacturer or permitted by Federal, State, or local law(s). When it is necessary to cross curbing or sidewalks, protection against damage must be provided by the Contractor and any damaged curbing, drainage, grass areas, sidewalks or other areas must be repaired at the expense of the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.

Contractor is responsible to control dust and preventing it from becoming a public nuisance or causing off-site damage. Contractor must take all necessary and prudent measure to control dust.

Depending on the nature of the Work the Project Manager may require a staging plan be submitted to and approved by the Project Manager prior to the start of construction and issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Such staging plan must be revised and resubmitted as necessary during construction.

#### **C4.03 DIFFERING SITE CONDITIONS**

In the event that during the course of the Work on a Project the Contractor encounters subsurface or concealed conditions at the Project site which differ materially from those shown in the Contract Documents, and from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character called for in the Contract Documents, Contractor, without disturbing the conditions and before performing any Work affected by such conditions, must, within twenty-four (24) hours of its discovery, notify the Project Manager in writing of the existence of the aforesaid conditions. Project Manager must, within two (2) business days after receipt of Contractor's written notice, investigate the site conditions identified by Contractor. If, in the sole opinion of Project Manager, the conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the Work, whether or not charged as a result of the conditions, Project Manager will recommend an equitable adjustment to cost of the Work or the time to complete the Work, or both. If the Project Manager and Contractor cannot agree on an adjustment in the Contract Price and/or Contract Time, the adjustment will be referred to the Town's Procurement Manager for determination. Should the Town's Procurement Manager determine that the conditions of the Project site are not so materially different to justify a change in the terms of the Contract Documents, the Procurement Manager will so notify the Project Manager, and Contractor in writing, stating the reasons, and such determination will be final and binding upon the parties hereto.

No request by Contractor for an equitable adjustment to the Contract Documents under this provision will be allowed unless Contractor has given written notice in strict accordance with the provisions of this Article. No request for an equitable adjustment or change to the Contract Price or Contract Time for differing site conditions will be allowed if made after the date certified by Project Manager as the date of substantial completion.

#### **C4.04 PROTECTION OF PROPERTY, UTILITIES, AND THE PUBLIC**

The Contractor must continuously maintain adequate protection of all its Work from all losses or damage and must protect public and private property, and utilities from injury or loss arising in connection with the Work, and take all necessary precautions to prevent accidents, injuries, or damage to persons or property on or near the Work.

Contractor is solely responsible to restore all areas impacted by the Work, including but not limited to swale areas, existing structures, driveways and approaches, landscaping, drainage, and lighting to pre-existing conditions to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.

#### **C4.05 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR UTILITY PROPERTIES AND SERVICE**

Where the Contractor's operations could cause damage or inconvenience to telephone, fiber optic, television, electrical power, oil, gas, water, sewer, or irrigation systems, the Contractor must make all arrangements necessary for the protection of these utilities and services or any other known utilities.

Notify all utility companies that are affected by the construction operation at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Under no circumstance will expose any utility without first obtaining permission from the appropriate agency. Once permission has been granted, locate, expose, and provide temporary support for all existing underground utilities and utility poles where necessary.

The Contractor and its Subcontractors will be solely and directly responsible to the owner and operators of such properties for any damage, injury, expense, loss, inconvenience, delay, suits, actions, or claims of any character brought because of any injuries or damage which may result from the construction operations under the Contract Documents.

Neither the Town nor its officers or agents will be responsible to the Contractor for damages as a result of the Contractor's failure to protect property encountered in the Work.

In the event of interruption to domestic water, sewer, storm drain, or other utility services as a result of accidental breakage due to construction operations, Contractor must promptly notify the owner, any required regulatory authority, and the Project Manager. Cooperate with said authority in restoration of service as promptly as possible and bear all costs of repair and any required interim measures to ensure safety. In no event will interruption of any utility service be allowed unless granted by the owner of the utility.

In the event water service lines that interfere with trenching are encountered, the Contractor may, by obtaining prior approval of the water utility, cut the service, dig through, and restore the service with similar and equal materials at the Contractor's expense and as approved by the Project Manager.

Replace, with material approved by the Project Manager, at Contractor's expense, any and all other laterals, existing utilities or structures removed or damaged during construction, unless otherwise provided for in the Contract Documents and as approved by the Project Manager.

Replace with material approved by the Project Manager, at Contractor's expense, any existing utilities damaged during the Work.

#### **C4.06 ACCESS TO WATER AND UTILITIES**

The Contractor is responsible for providing all water and power required for the performance of the Work, including the use of a generator. The use of a generator may be subject to the prior approval of the Town's representative should the Work be in a primarily residential neighborhood. Electrical power required during construction shall be installed by a qualified electrical contractor approved by the Project Manager.

The Town may at its sole discretion provide access to Town utilities or water should such be available at the Work site. However, the Contractor is responsible to ascertain the location and accessibility of any utilities and potable water sources necessary to perform the Work.

#### **C4.07 COORDINATION OF THE WORK**

Prior to the commencement of the Work, the Project Manager will make every effort, based on available information, to notify the Contractor of any ongoing or scheduled project(s) that will be ongoing or

commence during the Work on a Project that may require coordination. The Contractor will be solely responsible for coordinating the Work with any other project(s) to minimize any potential adverse impact. Contractor will not be entitled to any days of delay for failure to properly coordinate the Work. The Project Manager may assist the Contractor in coordinating the Work. However, any such assistance, or lack thereof will not form the basis for any claim for delay or increased cost.

If any part of Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of any other persons, Contractor must inspect and promptly report to Project Manager any defects in such work that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. Contractor's failure to so inspect and report will constitute an acceptance of the other person's work as fit and proper for the reception of Contractor's Work, except as to defects which may develop in other contractor's work after the execution of Contractor's Work.

Contractor must conduct its operations and take all reasonable steps to coordinate the prosecution of the Work so as to create no interference or impact on any other contractor on the site. Should such interference or impact occur, Contractor will be liable to the affected contractor for the cost of such interference or impact.

To ensure the proper execution of subsequent Work, Contractor must inspect the Work already in place and must at once report to Project Manager any discrepancy between the executed Work and the requirements of the Contract Documents.

#### **C4.08 ACCESS TO THE PROJECT SITE(S)**

Town will provide the lands upon which the Work is to be performed, rights-of-way and easements for access thereto and such other lands as are designated by Town for the use of Contractor.

Contractor must provide, at Contractor's own expense and without liability to the Town, any additional land and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities, or for storage of materials. Contractor must furnish to the Town copies of written permission obtained by Contractor from the owners of such facilities.

#### **C4.09 CLEANING UP; TOWN'S RIGHT TO CLEAN UP**

Contractor must at all times keep the Work site(s) free from accumulation of excess materials, waste materials or rubbish caused by its operations. At the completion of Work at a work site(s), Contractor must remove all its excess materials, waste materials and rubbish from and about the Project(s) as well as any tools, equipment, machinery and surplus materials or supplies. If Contractor fails to clean up during the performance of the Work or at the completion of the Work, Town may do so, and the cost incurred will be charged to the Contractor. Any combustible waste materials must be removed from the work site(s) at the end of each day.

Should the Contractor leave any open trenches at any time that Work is not being performed, the Town may have the open trenches covered and deduct any cost incurred from any outstanding payments due or to become due to the Contractor. The Town may also invoice the Contractor for all costs incurred in mitigating any open trenches.

#### **C4.10 SANITARY PROVISIONS**

The Contractor must provide on-site all necessary toilet conveniences, secluded from public observation, for use of all personnel on the Work, whether or not in its employ. Contractor must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and must comply with the requirements and regulations of the public authorities having jurisdiction. Contractor must commit no public nuisance. Sanitary facilities must be removed by the Contractor at its own expense upon completion of the Work, and the premises must be left clean.

#### **C4.11 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC**

Maintenance of Traffic ("MOT") must be performed in accordance with the applicable Department Index Numbers (600 Series) and as further stated herein. The manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (U.S. Department of Transportation, FHWA), must be followed in the design, application, installation, maintenance and removal of all traffic control devices, warning devices and barriers necessary to protect the public and workmen from hazards with the Project limits. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic must be maintained and protected at all times.

Prior to commencement of the Work Contractor must provide the Project Manager with the proposed MOT plan for review. The Project Manager may require revisions to the proposed MOT plan. The MOT plan must be updated by the Contractor every two weeks.

Failure by the Contractor to comply with the Maintenance of Traffic requirements will result in the Town issuing a stop work order until corrective action is taken. The Contractor will not be entitled to any additional time resulting in any delays due to issuance of a stop work order.

#### **C4.12 WORK IN STREET, HIGHWAY, & OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Excavation, grading, fill, storm drainage, paving and any other construction or installations in rights-of-way of streets, highways, public carrier lines, utility lines either aerial, surface, or subsurface, etc., must be done in accordance with requirements of the Contract Documents or, if not mentioned, must be restored to their original condition or better. All Work performed is subject to the approval of the Project Manager.

### **C5 SAFETY ISSUES**

#### **C5.01 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Contractor is solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Contractor must take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and must provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:

1. All employees on the Project site and other persons who may be affected thereby;
2. All the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Project site; and
3. Other property at the Project site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, and utilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.

The Contractor must take all necessary precautions for the safety of employees in the performance of the Work on, about or adjacent to the premises, and must comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State, and local laws, including, but not limited to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and amendments thereto, to prevent accidents or injury to persons on, about or adjacent to the premises where the Work is being performed. Contractor must notify owners of adjacent property and utilities when prosecution of the Work may affect them.

The Contractor must comply with the OSHA "Federal Right to Know" Regulation, 29 CFR 1910, 1915, 1917, 1918, and 1926, regarding informing employees of toxic substances in the workplace, providing training, and emergency procedures.

Contractor must adhere to applicable environmental protection guidelines for the duration of the Work. The Contractor must comply with all codes, ordinances, rules, orders, and other legal requirements of public authorities (including OSHA, EPA, DERM, the Town, Miami-Dade County, State of Florida), which bear on the performance of the Work

All open trenches or holes must be properly marked and barricaded to assure the safety of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. No open trenches or holes are to be left open during night-time or non-working hours without the prior written approval of the Project Manager.

The Contractor must provide such equipment and facilities as are necessary or required, in the case of accidents, for first aid service to person who may be injured during the Project(s) duration.

Contractor's duties and responsibilities for the safety and protection of the Work must continue until such time as all the completion of the Contract.

#### **C5.02 TRENCH SAFETY ACT**

Pursuant to Chapter 90-96 (CS/SB 2626), Laws of Florida, "Trench Safety Act", any person submitting a Bid is required to comply with the requirements of the **FLORIDA TRENCH SAFETY ACT (90-96, LAWS OF FLORIDA)**, Where a Project requires trenching the Contractor must complete the Trench Safety Act Form ("Form") and return the Form to the Project Manager before commencing any Work. Failure to submit said Form will result in the Contractor not being able to proceed with the Work and potentially be in default of its Contract.

Any costs identified on the Form are not a pay item. The purpose of this form is to gather information on the costs associated with trench safety measures and to ensure that the Bidder has considered these costs and included them in its Bid prices. Failure to complete this form may result in the Bid being declared non-responsive.

#### **C5.03 MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS**

In compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes, any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a part of the Project must be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) which must be obtained from the manufacturer. The MSDS must include the following information:

1. The chemical name and the common name of the substance.
2. The hazards or other risks in the use of the substance, including:
  - a. The potential for fire, explosion, corrosion, and reaction;
  - b. The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by exposure to the substance; and
  - c. The primary routes of entry and symptoms of overexposure.
3. The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protective equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the substances, including appropriate emergency treatment in case of overexposure.
4. The emergency procedure for spills, fire, disposal, and first aid.
5. A description in lay terms of the known specific potential health risks posed by the substance intended to alert any person reading this information.

The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled and the name, address, and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information.

### **C6 PLANS, DOCUMENTS & RECORDS**

#### **C6.01 CONTRACTOR TO CHECK PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DATA**

Contractor must verify all dimensions, quantities and details shown on any plans, specifications or other data received from Project Manager and must notify the Project Manager of all errors, omissions and discrepancies found therein within three (3) calendar days of discovery. Contractor will not be allowed

to take advantage of any error, omission or discrepancy, as full instructions will be furnished to the Project Manager. Contractor will not be liable for damages resulting from errors, omissions, or discrepancies in the Contract Documents unless Contractor recognized such error, omission or discrepancy and knowingly failed to report it to Project Manager.

#### **C6.02 SHOP DRAWINGS AND SUBMITTALS**

Contractor is required to submit shop drawings, sketches, samples, or product data as required by the Contract Documents.

Contractor is responsible to submit such documents or samples in a timely manner for review by the Project Manager. Shop Drawings are to be complete in every detail and clearly identify any deviation from what is required by the Contract Documents. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to submit sufficient information to allow the Project Manager to properly evaluate and accept the submittal or shop drawing. Receipt of the shop drawings or submittals does not constitute acceptance

**Incomplete or partial submittals will not be reviewed. All shop drawings for components of a system must be submitted together for them to be reviewed.**

Where professional calculations or certification of performance criteria of materials, systems, and or equipment are required, the Project Manager is entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of such calculations and certifications submitted by the Contractor. Calculations, when required, must be submitted in a neat clear and easy format to follow.

Contractor is solely responsible for the accuracy of all shop drawings and submittals and any approval by Project Manager will in no way relieve the Contractor from said responsibility for full compliance with the Contract Documents.

#### **C6.03 TOWN FURNISHED DRAWINGS, SUPPLEMENTAL DRAWINGS, AND INSTRUCTIONS**

The Town, in its sole discretion, may furnish design drawings. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to bring to the immediate attention of the Project Manager any discrepancies between the drawings and existing conditions, excluding hidden or unforeseen conditions, discovered prior to commencing and during the Work. The Contractor is solely responsible for verifying the accuracy of the drawings prior to commencing the Work and is responsible for any errors or revisions of the Work, which might have been avoided by notifying the Town prior to commencement. This also applies to any revisions or omissions identified by the Contractor. The Contractor must submit all requests for information entitled Request for Information (RFI).

During the performance of the Work, should any errors, omissions, conflicts, ambiguities, or discrepancies be found in the drawings and/or specifications, the Project Manager will clarify in writing the intent of the drawings and the Contractor agrees to abide by the Project Manager's interpretation and perform the Work in accordance with the decision of the Project Manager. In such event, the Contractor will be held to have included in its Contract Price the best materials suitable for the purpose and methods of construction.

The Contractor will have no basis for any claim for additional costs resulting from their failure to identify any required revisions, omissions, or errors, not identified in writing to the Project Manager prior to commencing the Work.

The Project Manager has the right to approve and issue supplemental drawings and instructions setting forth written orders, instructions, or interpretations, provided such Supplemental drawings or instructions involve no change in the Contract price or this Contract time, unless a Change Order is issued in accordance with the Contract Documents.

#### C6.04 AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

During the Work, Contractor must maintain records of all deviations from the Drawings as approved by the Project Manager and prepare two copies of As-Built Record Drawings showing correctly and accurately all changes and deviations made during construction to reflect the Work as it was actually constructed. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to check the As-Built Drawings for errors and omissions prior to submittal to the Town and to certify in writing that the As-Built Record Drawings are correct and accurate, including the actual location of all internal piping, electrical/signal conduits in or below the concrete floor. Indicate the size, depth, and voltage in each conduit.

To record actual construction, Contractor must legibly mark on-site structures and site Work as follows:

1. Depths of various elements of foundation in relation to finish first floor datum.
2. All underground piping and ductwork with elevations and dimensions and locations of valves, pull boxes, etc. Changes in location. Horizontal and vertical locations of underground utilities and appurtenances, referenced to permanent surface improvements. Actual installed pipe material, class, etc.
3. Location of internal utilities and appurtenances concealed in the construction, referenced to visible and accessible features of the structure. Air conditioning ducts with locations of dampers, access doors, fans and other items needing periodic maintenance.
4. Field changes in dimensions and details.
5. Changes made by Project Manager's written instructions or by Change Order.
6. Details not on original Contract Drawings.
7. Equipment, conduit, electrical panel locations.
8. Project Manager's schedule changes according to Contractor's records and shop drawings.

Specifications and Addenda: Legibly mark each section to record:

1. Manufacturer, trade name, catalog number and Supplier of each product and item of equipment actually installed.
2. Changes made by Project Manager's written instructions or by Change Order.

Approved Shop Drawings: Provide record copies for each process, equipment, piping, electrical system, and instrumentation system.

As-built documents must be updated monthly as a condition precedent to payment. A final survey signed and sealed by a surveyor must be provided to the Town at no additional cost, including digital I (CAD and PDF) versions.

For construction of new building, or building additions, field improvements, and or roadway improvements as-built drawings must be signed and sealed by a Florida Licensed Registered Land Surveyor.

#### C6.05 RECORD SET

Contractor must maintain in a safe place one record copy and one permit set of the Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, all Drawings, Specifications, amendments, Change Orders, RFIs, and Field Directives, as well as all written interpretations and clarifications issued by the Project Manager, in good order and annotated to show all changes made during construction. The record documents must be continuously updated by Contractor throughout the prosecution of the Work to accurately reflect all field changes that are made to adapt the Work to field conditions, changes resulting from Change Orders, Construction Change Directives, and Field Directives as well as all written interpretations and clarifications, and all concealed and buried installations of piping, conduit, and utility services. Contractor must certify the accuracy of the updated record documents. The record documents must be clean, and all changes, corrections and dimensions must be given in a neat and legible manner in red.

Upon Final Completion and as a condition precedent to Contractor's entitlement to final payment, the Record Set must be delivered to the Project Manager by the Contractor. The Record Set of Drawing must be submitted in both hard copy and as electronic plot files.

#### **C6.06 ACCESS, REVIEW AND RELEASE OF RECORDS**

Town will have the right to inspect and copy, at Town's expense, the books, records, and accounts of Contractor which relate in any way to the Contract. The Contractor agrees to maintain an accounting system that provides for accounting records that are supported with adequate documentation and adequate procedures for determining allowable costs.

##### **C6.06(i) *Public Records***

Bidder affirms, by virtue of bidding, that its Bid is a public record, and the public will have access to all documents and information pertaining to the bid and the solicitation, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Bidder acknowledges that the Town may provide public access to or provide copies of all documents subject to disclosure under applicable law. If the Project is funded by grants, either partially or fully, records will be made available to the granting agency in accordance with that agency's requirements, when necessary.

Bidder is responsible for claiming applicable exemptions to disclosure as provided by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in its Bid by identifying the materials to be protected and providing a reason for why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary and legal.

##### **C6.06(ii) *Retention and Transfer of Public Records***

Upon termination by the Town or final completion of the Contract the Contractor must, in accordance with Section 119.0701 of the Florida Statutes, transfer to the Town, at no cost, all public records in possession of the Contractor and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All public record stored electronically must be provided in .pdf format or another format acceptable to the Town. Any payments due the Contractor will not be made until the Town receives the public records. Failure to return such documents will result in the documents being subject Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes

The Contractor must comply with the applicable provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and Town will have the right to immediately terminate this Contract for the refusal by the Contractor to comply with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Contractor must retain all other records associated with this Contract for a period of five (5) years from the date of termination.

**Should the Contractor have any questions related to the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the Contractor's duty to provide public records relating to this Contract, contact the Town's custodian of public records at the Office of the Town Clerk 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014 either in writing to by telephone at (305) 364-6100 or [clerk@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:clerk@miamilakes-fl.gov).**

#### **C7 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **C7.01 LABOR AND MATERIALS**

Unless otherwise provided herein, Contractor must provide and pay for all materials, labor, water, tools, equipment, light, power, transportation and other facilities and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work. All materials must be new unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.

The Contractor will provide competent, suitably qualified personnel to lay out the work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. He will at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site.

*C7.01(i) Minimal Disturbance*

All Work done by the Contractor, or any Subcontractor must be done with minimal disturbance to the residents of the Town. The noise level must be kept at reasonable levels. All Contractor personnel and Subcontractors must demonstrate and maintain a courteous and responsible demeanor toward all persons while conducting business in the Town. The Town reserves the right to require the Contractor to permanently remove personnel from Work under the Contract that fail to comply with the requirements of this section.

**C7.02 VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT**

Contractor must have on hand at all times clean and in good working order such vehicles, machinery, tools, accessories, and other items necessary to perform the Work under this Contract. The Town may require the repair or replacement of equipment as reasonably necessary.

**C7.03 SUPERVISION OF THE WORK**

Contractor is responsible for all Project management, including any and all subcontracts necessary to ensure that the Work is performed in accordance with the Contract. Project Management includes, but is not limited to: obtaining bids from subcontractors and suppliers; coordinating the securing of all permits; obtaining licenses and inspections; ensuring that subcontractors comply with the requirements of the Contract; performing the Work in accordance with the Contract to the satisfaction of the Project Manager; paying all subcontractors; obtaining release of liens/claims fees; and obtaining temporary and final Certificates of Occupancy or Completion, as applicable.

Contractor must have a competent English-speaking supervisor ("Supervisor") who will represent the Contractor in the field and all directions given to the Supervisor will be as binding as if given to Contractor. Contractor will provide properly licensed personnel where such personnel are required by any rule, regulations, or law. Contractor and the Supervisor will give efficient and sufficient supervision to the Work, using their best skill and attention to ensure the Work is performed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The Project Manager and the Contractor as necessary during the course of the Work to review and agree upon the Work performed and outstanding issues. The Contractor must publish, keep, and distribute minutes and any comments thereto of each such meeting.

**C7.04 TOWN LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES**

In accordance with the Public Bid Disclosure Act, 218.80, Florida Statutes, each license, permit, or fee the Contractor will have to pay the Town before or during the Work or the percentage method or unit method of all licenses, permits and fees required by the Town and payable to the Town by virtue of the Work as part of the Contract are as follows:

1. Contractor must have and maintain during the term of this Contract all appropriate Town licenses. Fees for which must be paid in full in accordance with the Town's Fee structure for such licenses. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PERCENTAGE REDUCTION OR WAIVING OF TOWN LICENSE FEES.
2. During the performance of this Contract there may be times when the Contractor will be required to obtain a Town permit for such Work. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that he has the appropriate Town permits to perform such work as may become necessary during

the performance of the Work. Any fees related to Town required permits in connection with this Contract will be the responsibility of the Contractor and will be reimbursed by the Town.

Licenses, permits, and fees that may be required by County, State or Federal entities are not included in the above list.

**C7.05 TAXES**

Contractor must pay all applicable sales, consumer, use, and other taxes required by law. Contractor is responsible for reviewing the pertinent state statutes involving state taxes and complying with all requirements.

Contractor shall include all sales and other taxes for which it is liable in its Bid price.

**C7.06 REMOVAL OF UNSATISFACTORY PERSONNEL**

Contractor must at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and subcontractors at the Project(s) site(s) and must not employ on any Work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the Work to which they are assigned.

The Town may make written request to the Contractor for the prompt removal and replacement of any personnel employed or retained by the Contractor, or any or Subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to provide and perform services or Work pursuant to the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Contractor must respond to the Town within five (5) calendar days of receipt of such request with either the removal and replacement of such personnel or written justification as to why that may not occur. The Town will make the final determination as to the removal of unsatisfactory personnel from the Work. The Contractor agrees that the removal of any of such individual(s) does not require the termination or demotion of said individual(s).

**C7.07 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS**

The Contractor must comply with the most recent editions and requirements of all applicable laws, rule, regulations, codes, and ordinances of the Federal government, the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, and the Town.

**C7.08 NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Contractor will not unlawfully discriminate against any person, will provide equal opportunities for employment, and comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act in its performance of the Work under the Contract. Contractor will comply with all applicable federal, State of Florida, Miami-Dade County, and Town rules regulations, laws, and ordinance as applicable.

**C7.09 RELEASE OF LIENS/SUBCONTRACTOR'S STATEMENT OF SATISFACTION**

The Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by an Invoice, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will pass to the Town upon the receipt of payment by the Contractor, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances and that no Work, materials or equipment will have been acquired by the Contractor or by any other person performing Work at the site or furnishing materials and equipment for the Project, subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or an encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the Contractor by a Subcontractor or supplier or any other interested party.

The Contractor must, starting with the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Invoice, provide the Project Manager with completed Partial or Final Releases of Lien/Subcontractor's Statement of Satisfaction Form for the Project. As an option the Contractor may also submit a Consent of Surety if a payment bond has been provided, authorizing the release of payment by the Surety. Failure to submit such documentation will result in

rejection of the Invoice. The Contractor must use the Town's forms, which are available on the Town's website.

Conditional Release of Liens are not accepted by the Town.

**C7.10 PURCHASE AND DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND INSTALLATION**

All materials must be F.O.B. delivered and included in the cost of the Work. The Contractor is solely responsible for the purchase, delivery, off-loading and installation of all equipment and material(s). Contractor must make all arrangement for delivery. Contractor is liable for replacing and damaged equipment or material(s) and filing any and all claims with suppliers. All transportation must comply with all federal, the Department, Miami-Dade County, and Town rules and regulations.

Contractor is responsible for the protection of all equipment and material(s) from adverse weather conditions, damage, deterioration, and theft until the Work has been accepted by the Town.

No materials will be stored on site without the prior written approval, using the appropriate Town form, by the Project Manager. The Town's Forms are available at the website address identified in Article C8.01.

**C7.11 E-VERIFY**

The Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract and shall expressly require any Subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Subcontractor during the Contract term.

**C8 PAYMENT PROCESS**

**C8.01 COMPENSATION**

Contractor can submit an invoice for payment for Work performed once per month for work completed and acceptance by the Project Manager. Contractor may not invoice more than once per month.

Contractor must use the Town's Contractor Payment Application ("Invoice") for all payment requests. Failure to use the Invoice form and fully complete the required information will delay payment. Payments will not be made based on statements of accounts.

The Invoice Form is available on the Town's website at [http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=149&itemid=358](http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=149&itemid=358).

The Town will take action to pay, reject or make partial payment on an Invoice in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act. No payments will be due or payable for Work not performed or materials not furnished or where the Work has not been accepted by the Town. If there is a dispute with regard to an invoice, the Town will pay the amount not in dispute and reject the remainder that is in dispute. Contractor is responsible for paying its Subcontractors and suppliers in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

The Contractor will be compensated based on actual Work performed at the prices specified in the Contract.

The acceptance of final payment for a Project constitutes a waiver of all claims by Contractor related to that Project, except those previously made in strict accordance with the provisions of the Contract and identified by Contractor as unsettled at the time of the application for payment.

#### C8.02 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

The stated quantities do not reflect the actual quantities to be ordered and the Town has not established any minimum quantities and no guarantee is expressed or implied as to the total quantity of Work to be issued to a Contractor. The Town reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make adjustment to the number and/or location of the Bid items. The failure of the Town to order any minimum quantities does not form any basis for a claim by the Contractor for lost work or profits.

#### C8.03 LINE-ITEM PRICING

Line-item pricing must include all costs, both direct and indirect to perform the Work except for those costs specifically identified as reimbursable costs as stated in Article C8.06. This includes any incidental costs associated with the Work not specifically stated, i.e., the installation of drainage may require backfill and patching, whether permanent or temporary.

The Bid Form contains line-item prices, and the Bidder is required to Bid on all line items. Where a Bidder fails to provide line-item prices for all line items the Bid will be rejected as non-responsive.

#### C8.04 LINE-ITEM QUANTITIES

The estimated quantities will be used solely for bid comparison purposes for the Town to determine the lowest responsive and responsible. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to the total quantity of Work to be issued to a Contractor.

#### C8.05 ADDITIONAL LINE-ITEM PRICING

The Town reserves the right to request price quotes for additional items not contained in the initial award. Should the Town add any additional line items the Town will do so through the Change Order process.

#### C8.06 REIMBURSIBLE EXPENSES

Certain Project expenses may or will not be known at the time of award of a Project. The Town will reimburse the Contractor for such costs, which includes:

1. Permits
2. Police Officer costs when not provided by the Town
3. WASD fees
4. DERM fees

Where a permit or the Town requires the Contractor to use a police officer(s) during the performance of the Work the Town will make every effort to furnish police officers at no cost to the Contractor. Where the Town is not able to provide the required police officers the Town will reimburse the Contractor based on the actual cost to the Contractor and the cost is not include in the unit price per item. To be reimbursed the Contractor must submit a copy of documentation substantiating both the cost as well as proof of payment.

Contractor will only be reimbursed for the actual direct cost, without any mark-up.

#### C8.07 PARTIAL PAYMENTS

##### C8.07(i) *General*

The Engineer will make partial payments on monthly estimates based on the amount of work that the Contractor completes during the month (including delivery of certain materials, as specified herein below). The Engineer will make approximate monthly payments, and the Department will correct all partial estimates and payments in the subsequent estimates and in the final estimate and payment.

The Department will base the amount of such payments on the total value of the work that the Contractor has performed to the date of the estimate, based on the quantities completed and the Contract prices, less payments previously made and less any retainage withheld.

Retainage will not be withheld until the percentage of Contract Time used exceeds 75%. From that time forward, the Department will withhold retainage of 10% of the amount due on the current estimate as retainage when the percentage of Contract Time used exceeds the percent of Contract amount earned by more than 15%.

Contract amount is defined as the original Contract amount adjusted by approved supplemental agreements.

Retainage will be determined for each job on multiple job Contracts. The Department will not accept Securities, Certificates of Deposit, or letters of credit as a replacement for retainage. Amounts withheld will not be released until payment of the final estimate.

#### *C8.07(ii) Unsatisfactory Payment Record*

In accordance with Sections 255.05 and 337.16 of the Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Department, the Department may disqualify the Contractor from bidding on future Department contracts if the Contractor's payment record in connection with contract work becomes unsatisfactory.

#### *C8.07(iii) Withholding Payment*

##### *(a) Withholding Payment for Defective Work*

If the Department discovers any defective work or material prior to the final acceptance, or if the Department has a reasonable doubt as to the integrity of any part of the completed work prior to final acceptance, then the Department will not allow payment for such defective or questioned work until the Contractor has remedied the defect and removed any causes of doubt.

##### *(b) Withholding Payment for Failure to Comply*

The Department will withhold progress payments from the Contractor if he fails to comply with any or all of the following within 60 days after beginning work:

1. comply with and submit required paperwork relating to prevailing wage rate provisions, Equal Employment Opportunity, On-The-Job Training, and Affirmative Action;
2. comply with the requirement to all necessary information, including actual payments to DBEs, all other subcontractors and major suppliers, through the Internet based Equal Opportunity Reporting System;
3. comply with or make a good faith effort to ensure employment opportunity for minorities and females in accordance with the required contract provisions for Federal Aid Construction Contracts, and
4. comply with or make a good faith effort to meet On-The-Job Training goals.

The Department will withhold progress payments until the Contractor has satisfied the above conditions.

#### *C8.07(iv) Release of Retainage After Acceptance*

When the Contractor has furnished the Department with all submittals required by the Contract, such as invoices, EEO reports, materials certifications, certification of materials procured, etc., (excluding Contractor's letter of acceptance of final amount due and Form 21-A release) and the Engineer has determined that the measurement and computation of pay quantities is correct, the Department may

reduce the retainage to \$1,000 plus any amount that the Department elects to deduct for defective work as provided in 9-5.3.

The Department may deduct from payment estimates any sums that the Contractor owes to the Department on any account. Where more than one project or job (separate job number) is included in the Contract, the Department will distribute the reduced retainage as provided in the first paragraph of this Sub article to each separate project or job in the ratio that the Contract value of the work for the particular job bears to the total Contract amount.

*C8.07(v) Partial Payment for Delivery of Certain Materials*

*(a) General*

The Department will allow partial payments for new materials that will be permanently incorporated into the project and are stockpiled in approved locations in the project vicinity. Stockpile materials so that they will not be damaged by the elements and in a manner that identifies the project on which they are to be used.

The following conditions apply to all payments for stockpiled materials

1. There must be reasonable assurance that the stockpiled material will be incorporated into the specific project on which partial payment is made.
2. The stockpiled material must be approved as meeting applicable specifications.
3. The total quantity for which partial payment is made shall not exceed the estimated total quantity required to complete the project.
4. The Contractor shall furnish the Engineer with copies of certified invoices to document the value of the materials received. The amount of the partial payment will be determined from invoices for the material up to the unit price in the Contract.
5. Delivery charges for materials delivered to the jobsite will be included in partial payments if properly documented.
6. Partial payments will not be made for materials which were stockpiled prior to award of the Contract for a project.

*C8.07(vi) Partial Payment Amounts*

The following partial payment restrictions apply:

1. Partial payments less than \$5,000 for any one month will not be processed.
2. Partial payments for structural steel and precast prestressed items will not exceed 85% of the bid price for the item. Partial payments for all other items will not exceed 75% of the bid price of the item in which the material is to be used.
3. Partial payment will not be made for aggregate and base course material received after paving or base construction operations begin except when a construction sequence designated by the Department requires suspension of paving and base construction after the initial paving operations, partial payments will be reinstated until the paving and base construction resumes.

#### C8.07(vii) *Off Site Storage*

If the conditions of 9-5.5.1 are satisfied, partial payments will be allowed for materials stockpiled in approved in-state locations. Additionally, partial payments for materials stockpiled in approved out-of-state locations will be allowed if the conditions of 9-5.5.1 and the following conditions are met:

1. Furnish the Department a Materials Bond stating the supplier guarantees to furnish the material described in the Contract to the Contractor and Department. Under this bond, the Obligor shall be the material supplier and the Obligees shall be the Contractor and the Florida Department of Transportation. The bond shall be in the full dollar amount of the bid price for the materials described in the contract.
2. The following clauses must be added to the construction Contract between the Contractor and the supplier of the stockpiled materials:

“Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, <supplier> will be liable to the Contractor and the Florida Department of Transportation should <supplier> default in the performance of this agreement.”

“Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this agreement, and the performance bond issued pursuant to this agreement, does not alter, modify, or otherwise change the Contractor’s obligation to furnish the materials described in this agreement to the Florida Department of Transportation.”

3. The agreement between the Contractor and the supplier of the stockpiled materials must include provisions that the supplier will store the materials and that such materials are the property of the Contractor.

#### C8.07(viii) *Certification of Payment to Subcontractors*

The term “subcontractor,” as used herein, includes persons or firms furnishing materials or equipment incorporated into the work or stockpiled for which the Department has made partial payment and firms working under equipment-rental agreements. The Contractor is required to pay all subcontractors for satisfactory performance of their Contracts before the Department will make a further progress (partial) payment. The Contractor shall also return all retainage withheld to the subcontractors within 30 days after the subcontractor’s work is satisfactorily complete, as determined by the Department. Prior to receipt of any progress (partial) payment, the prime contractor shall certify that all subcontractors having an interest in the Contract were paid for satisfactory performance of their Contracts and that the retainage is returned to subcontractors within 30 days after satisfactory completion of the subcontractor’s work. Provide this certification in the form designated by the Department.

Within 30 days of the Contractor’s receipt of the final progress payment or any other payments thereafter, except the final payment, the Contractor shall pay all subcontractors and suppliers having an interest in the Contract for all work completed and materials furnished. The Department will honor an exception to the above when the Contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both the Department and the affected subcontractors or suppliers within said 30-day period.

The Contractor shall indemnify and provide defense for the Department when called upon to do so for all claims or suits against the Department, by third parties, pertaining to Contractor payment or performance issues arising out of the Contract. It is expressly understood that the monetary limitation on the extent of the indemnification shall be the approved Contract amount, which shall be the original Contract amount as may be increased by subsequent Supplemental Agreements.

## **C9 CONTRACTOR MODIFICATIONS & DISPUTE PROCESS**

### **C9.01 FIELD DIRECTIVE**

The Project Manager may at times issue Field Directives to the Contractor based on visits to the Project Site. Such Field Directive(s) will be issued in writing and the Contractor is required to comply with the directive. Where the Contractor believes that the directive is outside the scope of the Work, the Contractor must, within 48 hours, notify the Project Manager that the work covered by the Field Directive is outside the scope of the Work. At that time the Field Directive may be rescinded by the Project Manager, or the Contractor may be required to submit a request for a change to the Contract. Where the Contractor is notified of the Town's position that the Work is within the scope and the Contractor disagrees, the Contractor may notify the Project Manager that the Contractor reserves the right to make a claim for the time and monies based on the Field Directive, in accordance with the requirements of Article C8.06. At no time will the Contractor refuse to comply with the Field Directive. Failure to comply with the Field Directive may result in a determination that the Contractor is in default of the Contract.

### **C9.02 ALTERATION OF PLANS OR OF CHARACTER OF WORK**

#### **C9.02(i) *General***

The Engineer reserves the right to make, at any time prior to or during the progress of the work, such increases or decreases in quantities, whether a significant change or not, and such alterations in the details of construction, whether a substantial change or not, including but not limited to alterations in the grade or alignment of the road or structure or both, as may be found necessary or desirable by the Engineer. Such increases, decreases or alterations shall not constitute a breach of Contract, shall not invalidate the Contract, nor release the Surety from any liability arising out of this Contract or the Surety bond. The Contractor agrees to perform the work, as altered, the same as if it had been a part of the original Contract.

The term "significant change" applies only when:

1. The Engineer determines that the character of the work as altered differs materially in kind or nature from that involved or included in the original proposed construction, or
2. A major item of work, as defined in 1-3, is increased in exceed of 125% or decreased below 75% of the original Contract quantity. The Department will apply any price adjustment for an increase in quantity only to that portion in exceed of 125% of the original Contract item quantity in accordance with 4-3.2 below. In the case of a decrease below 75% the Department will only apply a price adjustment for the additional costs that are a direct result of the reduction in quantity.

In (1) above, the determination by the Engineer shall be conclusive. If the determination is challenged by the Contractor in any proceeding, the Contractor must establish by clear and convincing proof that the determination by the Engineer was without any reasonable basis.

#### **C9.02(ii) *Increase, Decrease or Alteration in the Work***

The Engineer reserves the right to make alterations in the character of the work which involve a substantial change in the nature of the design or in the type of construction or which materially increases or decreases the cost or time of performance. Such alteration shall not constitute a breach of Contract, shall not invalidate the Contract, or release the Surety.

Notwithstanding that the Contractor shall have no formal right whatsoever to any extra compensation or time extension deemed due by the Contractor for any cause unless and until the Contractor follows the procedures set forth in 5-12.2 for preservation, presentation and resolution of the claim, the

Contractor may at any time, after having otherwise timely submitted a notice of intent to claim or preliminary time extension request pursuant to 5-12.2 and 8-7.3.2, submit to the Department a request for equitable adjustment of compensation or time or other dispute resolution proposal. The Contractor shall in any request for equitable adjustment of compensation, time, or other dispute resolution proposal certify under oath and in writing, in accordance with the formalities required by Florida law, that the request is made in good faith, that any supportive data submitted is accurate and complete to the Contractor's best knowledge and belief, and that the amount of the request accurately reflects what the Contractor in good faith believes to be the Department's responsibility. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with the authority to bind the Contractor. Any such certified statements of entitlement and costs shall be subject to the audit provisions set forth in 5-12.14. While the submittal or review of a duly certified request for equitable adjustment shall neither create, modify, nor activate any legal rights or obligations as to the Contractor or the Department, the Department will review the content of any duly certified request for equitable adjustment or other dispute resolution proposal, with any further action or inaction by the Department thereafter being in its sole discretion. Any request for equitable adjustment that fails to fully comply with the certification requirements will not be reviewed by the Department.

The monetary compensation provided for below constitutes full and complete payment for such additional work and the Contractor shall have no right to any additional monetary compensation for any direct or indirect costs or profit for any such additional work beyond that expressly provided below. The Contractor shall be entitled to a time extension only to the extent that the performance of any portion of the additional work is a controlling work item and the performance of such controlling work item actually extends completion of the project due to no fault of the Contractor. All time-related costs for actual performance of such additional work are included in the compensation already provided below and any time extension entitlement hereunder will be without additional monetary compensation. The Contractor shall have no right to any monetary compensation or damages whatsoever for any direct or indirect delay to a controlling work item arising out of or in any way related to the circumstances leading up to or resulting from additional work (but not relating to the actual performance of the additional work, which is paid for as otherwise provided herein), except only as provided for under 5-12.6.2.1.

**C9.02(iii) Allowable Costs for Extra Work**

The Engineer may direct in writing that extra work be done, and, at the Engineer's sole discretion, the Contractor will be paid pursuant to an agreed Supplemental Agreement or in the following manner:

1. Labor and Burden: The Contractor will receive payment for actual costs of direct labor and burden for the additional or unforeseen work. Labor includes foremen actually engaged in the work; and will not include project supervisory personnel nor necessary on-site clerical staff, except when the additional or unforeseen work is a controlling work item, and the performance of such controlling work item actually extends completion of the project due to no fault of the Contractor. Compensation for project supervisory personnel, but in no case higher than the Project Manager's position, shall only be for the pro-rata time such supervisory personnel spent on the contract. In no case shall an officer or director of the Company, nor those persons who own more than 1% of the Company, be considered as project supervisory personnel, direct labor, or foremen hereunder.

Payment for burden shall be limited solely to the following:

| Table 4-1 |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Item      | Rate                    |
| FICA      | Rate established by Law |

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| FUTA/SUTA                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Rate established by Law                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Medical Insurance                                                                                                                                                                                          | Actual                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Holidays, Sick & Vacation benefits                                                                                                                                                                         | Actual                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Retirement benefits                                                                                                                                                                                        | Actual                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Workers Compensation                                                                                                                                                                                       | Rates based on the National Council on Compensation Insurance basic rate tables adjusted by Contractor's actual experience modification factor in effect at the time of the additional work or unforeseen work. |
| Per Diem                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Actual but not to exceed State of Florida's rate                                                                                                                                                                |
| Insurance*                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Actual                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| *Compensation for Insurance is limited solely to General Liability Coverage and does not include any other insurance coverage (such as, but not limited to, Umbrella Coverage, Automobile Insurance, etc.) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

At the Pre-construction conference, certify to the Engineer the following:

- a. A listing of on-site clerical staff, supervisory personnel and their pro-rated time assigned to the contract,
- b. Actual Rate for items listed in Table 4-1,
- c. Existence of employee benefit plan for Holiday, Sick and Vacation benefits, and a Retirement Plan, and,
- d. Payment of Per Diem is a company practice for instances when compensation for Per Diem is requested.

Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the Contractor with authority to bind the Contractor. Timely certification is a condition precedent to any right of the Contractor to recover compensations for such costs, and failure to timely submit the certification will constitute a full, complete, absolute, and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to recover such costs. Any subsequent changes shall be certified to the Engineer as part of the cost proposal or seven calendar days in advance of performing such extra work.

2. Materials and Supplies: For materials accepted by the Engineer and used on the project, the Contractor will receive the actual cost of such materials incorporated into the work, including Contractor paid transportation charges (exclusive of equipment as hereinafter set forth). For supplies reasonably needed for performing the work, the Contractor will receive the actual cost of such supplies.

3. Equipment: For any machinery or special equipment (other than small tools), including fuel and lubricant, the Contractor will receive 100% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the actual time that such equipment is in operation on the work, and 50% of the "Rental Rate Blue Book" for the time the equipment is directed to standby and remain on the project site, to be calculated as indicated below. The equipment rates will be based on the latest edition (as of the date the work to be performed begins) of the "Rental Rate Blue Book for Construction Equipment" as published by EquipmentWatch, a division of Informa Business Media, Inc., using all instructions and adjustments contained therein and as modified below. On all projects, the Engineer will adjust the rates using regional adjustments and Rate Adjustment Tables according to the instructions in the "Rental Rate Blue Book."

At the Pre-construction conference, certify to the Engineer the following:

- a. Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate = Monthly Rate/176 x Adjustment Factors x 100%.

- b. Allowable Hourly Operating Cost = Hourly Operating Cost x 100%.
- c. Allowable Rate Per Hour = Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate + Allowable Hourly Operating Cost.
- d. Standby Rate = Allowable Hourly Equipment Rate x 50%.

The Monthly Rate is The Basic Machine Rate Plus Any Attachments. Standby rates will apply when equipment is not in operation and is directed by the Engineer to standby at the project site when needed again to complete work and the cost of moving the equipment will exceed the accumulated standby cost. Standby rates will not apply on any day the equipment operates for eight or more hours. Standby payment will be limited to only the number of hours which, when added to the operating time for that day equals eight hours. Standby payment will not be made on days that are not normally considered workdays on the project.

The Department will allow for the cost of transporting the equipment to and from the location at which it will be used. If the equipment requires assembly or disassembly for transport, the Department will pay for the time to perform this work at the rate for standby equipment.

Equipment may include vehicles utilized only by Labor, as defined above.

4. Indirect Costs, Expenses, and Profit: Compensation for all indirect costs, expenses, and profit of the Contractor, including but not limited to overhead of any kind, whether jobsite, field office, division office, regional office, home office, or otherwise, is expressly limited to the greater of either (a) or (b) below:

- a. Solely a mark-up of 17.5% on the payments in (1) through (3), above.

- 1. Bond: The Contractor will receive compensation for any premium for acquiring a bond for such additional or unforeseen work at the original Contract bond rate paid by the Contractor. No compensation for bond premium will be allowed for additional or unforeseen work paid by the Department via initial contingency pay item.

- 2. The Contractor will be allowed a markup of 10% on the first \$50,000 and a markup of 5% on any amount over \$50,000 on any subcontract directly related to the additional or unforeseen work. Any such subcontractor mark-up will be allowed only by the prime Contractor and a first-tier subcontractor, and the Contractor must elect the markup for any eligible first tier subcontractor to do so.

- b. Solely the formula set forth below and only as applied solely as to such number of calendar days of entitlement that are in excess of ten cumulative calendar days as defined below.

$$D = \frac{A \times C}{B}$$

Where A = Original Contract Amount

B = Original Contract Time

C = 8%

D = Average Overhead Per Day

Cumulative Calendar Days is defined as the combined total number of calendar days granted as time extensions due to either extra work, excluding overruns to existing contract items, that extend the duration of the project or delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department, or the combined total number of calendar days for which a claim of entitlement to a time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is otherwise ultimately determined to be in favor of the Contractor.

No compensation, whatsoever, will be paid to the Contractor for any jobsite overhead and other indirect impacts when the total number of calendar days granted for time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is, or the total number of calendar days for which entitlement to a time extension due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department is otherwise ultimately determined in favor of the Contractor to be, equal to or less than ten calendar days and the Contractor also fully assumes all monetary risk of any and all partial or single calendar day delay periods, due to delay of a controlling work item caused solely by the Department, that when combined together are equal to or less than ten calendar days and regardless of whether monetary compensation is otherwise provided for hereunder for one or more calendar days of time extension entitlement for each calendar day exceeding ten calendar days. All calculations under this provision shall exclude weather days, Holidays, and Special Events.

Further, for (a) or (b) above, in the event there are concurrent delays to one or more controlling work items, one or more being caused by the Department and one or more being caused by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be entitled to a time extension for each day that a controlling work item is delayed by the Department but shall have no right to nor receive any monetary compensation for any indirect costs for any days of concurrent delay.

#### *C9.02(iv) Subcontracted Work*

Compensation for the additional or unforeseen work performed by a subcontractor shall be limited solely to that provided for in 4-3.2.1 (1), (2), (3) and (4)(a). In addition, the Contractor compensation is expressly limited to the greater of the total provided in either 4-3.2.1(4)(a) or (4)(b), except that the Average Overhead Per-Day calculation is as follows:

$$Ds = \frac{As \times C}{B}$$

Where As = Original Contract Amount minus Original Subcontract amounts(s)\*

B = Original Contract Time

C = 8%

Ds = Average Overhead Per-Day

\*deduct Original Subcontract Amount(s) of subcontractor(s) performing the work

The subcontractor may receive compensation for any premium for acquiring a bond for the additional or unforeseen work; provided, however, that such payment for additional subcontractor bond will only be paid upon presentment to the Department of clear and convincing proof that the subcontractor has actually submitted and paid for separate bond premiums for such additional or unforeseen work in such amount and that the subcontractor was required by the Contractor to acquire a bond.

The Contractor shall require the subcontractor to submit a certification, in accordance with 4-3.2.1 (1), as part of the cost proposal and submit such to the Engineer. Such certification must be made by an officer or director of the subcontractor with authority to bind the subcontractor. Timely certification is a condition precedent to any right of the Contractor to recover compensation for such subcontractor costs, and failure to timely submit the certification will constitute a full, complete, absolute and irrevocable waiver by the Contractor of any right to recover such subcontractor costs.

*C9.02(v) No Waiver of Contract*

Changes made by the Engineer will not be considered to waive any of the provisions of the Contract, nor may the Contractor make any claim for loss of anticipated profits because of the changes, or by reason of any variation between the approximate quantities and the quantities of work actually performed. All work shall be performed as directed by the Engineer and in accordance with the Contract Documents.

*C9.02(vi) Conditions Requirement a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment*

A Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment will be used to clarify the Plans and Specifications of the Contract; to provide for unforeseen work, grade changes, or alterations in the Plans which could not reasonably have been contemplated or foreseen in the original Plans and Specifications; to change the limits of construction to meet field conditions; to provide a safe and functional connection to an existing pavement; to settle documented Contract claims; to make the project functionally operational in accordance with the intent of the original Contract and subsequent amendments thereto.

A Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment may be used to expand the physical limits of the project only to the extent necessary to make the project functionally operational in accordance with the intent of the original Contract. The cost of any such agreement extending the physical limits of the project shall not exceed \$100,000 or 10% of the original Contract price, whichever is greater.

Perform no work to be covered by a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment before written authorization is received from the Engineer. The Engineer's written authorization will set forth sufficient work information to allow the work to begin. The work activities, terms and conditions will be reduced to written Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment form promptly thereafter. No payment will be made on a Supplemental Agreement or Unilateral Payment prior to the Department's approval of the document.

*C9.02(vii) Extra Work*

Extra work authorized in writing by the Engineer will be paid in accordance with the formula in 4-3.2. Such payment will be the full extent of all monetary compensation entitlement due to the Contractor for such extra work. Any entitlement to a time extension due to extra work will be limited solely to that provided for in 4-3.2 for additional work.

*C9.02(viii) Connections to Existing Pavement, Drives and Walks*

Generally, adhere to the limits of construction at the beginning and end of the project as detailed in the Plans. However, if the Engineer determines that it is necessary to extend the construction in order to make suitable connections to existing pavement, the Engineer will authorize such a change in writing.

For necessary connections to existing walks and drives that are not indicated in the Plans, the Engineer will submit direction regarding the proper connections in accordance with the Standard Plans.

#### *C9.02(ix) Differing Site Conditions:*

During the progress of the work, if subsurface or latent physical conditions are encountered at the site differing materially from those indicated in the Contract, or if unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work provided for in the Contract are encountered at the site, the party discovering such conditions shall promptly notify the other party in writing of the specific differing conditions before the Contractor disturbs the conditions or performs the affected work.

Upon receipt of written notification of differing site conditions from the Contractor, the Engineer will investigate the conditions, and if it is determined that the conditions materially differ and cause an increase or decrease in the cost or time required for the performance of any work under the Contract, an adjustment will be made, excluding loss of anticipated profits, and the Contract will be modified in writing accordingly.

The Engineer will notify the Contractor whether or not an adjustment of the Contract is warranted. The Engineer will not allow a Contract adjustment for a differing site condition unless the Contractor has submitted the required written notice.

The Engineer will not allow a Contract adjustment under this clause for any effects caused to any other Department or non-Department projects on which the Contractor may be working.

#### *C9.02(x) Changes Affecting Utilities*

The Contractor shall be responsible for identifying and assessing any potential impacts to a utility that may be caused by the changes proposed by the Contractor, and the Contractor shall at the time of making the request for a change notify the Department in writing of any such potential impacts to utilities.

Department approval of a Contractor proposed change does not relieve the Contractor of sole responsibility for all utility impacts, costs, delays or damages, whether direct or indirect, resulting from Contractor initiated changes in the design or construction activities from those in the original Contract Specifications, Design Plans (including Traffic Control Plans) or other Contract Documents and which effect a change in utility work different from that shown in the Utility Plans, joint project agreements or utility relocation schedules.

### **C9.03 COST SAVINGS INITIATIVE PROPOSAL**

#### *C9.03(i) Intent and Objective*

1. This Sub article applies to any cost reduction proposal (hereinafter referred to as a Proposal) that the Contractor initiates and develops for the purpose of refining the Contract to increase cost effectiveness or significantly improve the quality of the end result. A mandatory Cost Savings Initiative Workshop will be held prior to Contract Time beginning for the Contractor and Department to discuss potential Proposals. This mandatory workshop can only be eliminated if agreed to in writing by both the Contractor and Department. This Sub article does not, however, apply to any such proposal unless the Contractor identifies it at the time of its submission to the Department as a proposal submitted pursuant to this Sub article
2. The Department will consider Proposals that would result in net savings to the Department by providing a decrease in the cost of the Contract. Proposals must result

in savings without impairing essential functions and characteristics such as safety, service, life, reliability, economy of operation, ease of maintenance, aesthetics, and necessary standard design features. The Department will not recognize the Contractor's correction of plan errors that result in a cost reduction, as a Proposal. Deletions of work, approved by the Engineer which are not directly associated with or integral to a Proposal will be handled as full credits to the Department for the work deleted.

3. The Department shall have the right to reject, at its discretion, any Proposal submitted that proposes a change in the design of the pavement system or that would require additional right-of-way. Pending the Department's execution of a formal supplemental agreement implementing an approved Proposal, the Contractor shall remain obligated to perform the work in accordance with the terms of the existing Contract. The Department may grant time extensions to allow for the time required to develop and review a Proposal.
4. For potential Proposals not discussed at the Cost Savings Initiative Workshop, a mandatory concept meeting will be held for the Contractor and Department to discuss the potential Proposal prior to development of the Proposal. This mandatory meeting can only be eliminated if agreed to in writing by both the Contractor and Department.

#### *C9.03(ii) Subcontractors*

The Department encourages the Contractor to include the provisions of this Sub article in Contracts with subcontractors and to encourage submission of Proposals from subcontractors. However, it is not mandatory to submit Proposals to the Department or to accept or transmit subcontractor proposed Proposals to the Department.

#### *C9.03(iii) Data Requirements*

As a minimum, submit the following information with each Proposal:

1. a description of the difference between the existing Contract requirement, including any time extension request, and the proposed change, and the comparative advantages and disadvantages.
2. Separate detailed cost estimates for both the existing Contract requirement and the proposed change. Break down the cost estimates by pay item numbers indicating quantity increases or decreases and deleted pay items. Identify additional proposed work not covered by pay items within the Contract, by using pay item numbers in the Basis of Estimates Manual. In preparing the estimates, include overhead, profit, and bond within pay items in the Contract. Separate pay item(s) for the cost of overhead, profit, and bond will not be allowed.
3. an itemization of the changes, deletions or additions to plan details, plan sheets, Standard Plans and Specifications that are required to implement the Proposal if the Department adopts it. Submit preliminary plan drawings sufficient to describe the proposed changes.
4. engineering or other analysis in sufficient detail to identify and describe specific features of the Contract that must be changed if the Department accepts the Proposal with a proposal as to how these changes can be accomplished and an assessment of their

effect on other project elements. The Department may require that engineering analyses be performed by a prequalified consultant in the applicable class of work. Support all design changes that result from the Proposal with drawings and computations signed and sealed by the Contractor's Engineer of Record. Written documentation or drawings will be submitted clearly delineating the responsibility of the Contractor's Engineer of Record.

5. The date by which the Department must approve the Proposal to obtain the total estimated cost reduction during the remainder of the Contract, noting any effect on the Contract completion time or delivery schedule.
6. a revised project schedule that would be followed upon approval of the Proposal. This schedule would include submittal dates and review time for the Department and Peer reviews.

#### *C9.03(iv) Processing Procedures*

Submit Proposals to the Engineer or his duly authorized representative. The Department will process Proposals expeditiously; however, the Department is not liable for any delay in acting upon a Proposal submitted pursuant to this Sub article. The Contractor may withdraw, in whole or in part, a Proposal not accepted by the Department within the period specified in the Proposal. The Department is not liable for any Proposal development cost in the case where the Department rejects, or the Contractor withdraws the Proposal.

The Engineer is the sole judge of the acceptability of a Proposal and of the estimated net savings in construction costs from the adoption of all or any part of such proposal. In determining the estimated net savings, the Department reserves the right to disregard the Contract bid prices if, in the judgment of the Engineer, such prices do not represent a fair measure of the value of work to be performed or to be deleted.

Prior to approval, the Engineer may modify a Proposal, with the concurrence of the Contractor, to make it acceptable. If any modification increases or decreases the net savings resulting from the Proposal, the Department will determine the Contractor's fair share upon the basis of the Proposal as modified and upon the final quantities. The Department will compute the net savings by subtracting the revised total cost of all bid items affected by the Proposal from the total cost of the same bid items as represented in the original Contract.

Prior to approval of the Proposal that initiates the supplemental agreement, submit acceptable Contract-quality plan sheets revised to show all details consistent with the Proposal design.

#### *C9.03(v) Computations for Change in Contract Cost of Performance*

If the Proposal is adopted, the Contractor's share of the net savings as defined hereinafter represents full compensation to the Contractor for the Proposal.

The Department will not include its costs to process and implement a Proposal in the estimate. However, the Department reserves the right, where it deems such action appropriate, to require the Contractor to pay the Department's cost of investigating and implementing a Proposal as a condition of considering such proposal. When the Department imposes such a condition, the Contractor shall accept this condition in writing, authorizing the Department to deduct amounts payable to the Department from any monies due or that may become due to the Contractor under the Contract.

*C9.03(vi) Conditions of Acceptance for Major Design Modifications of Category 2 Bridges*

A Proposal that proposes major design modifications of a category 2 bridge, as determined by the Engineer, shall have the following conditions of acceptance:

All bridge Plans relating to the Proposal shall undergo an independent peer review conducted by a single independent engineering firm referred to for the purposes of this article as the Independent Review Engineer who is not the originator of the Proposal design and is pre-qualified by the Department in accordance with Rule 14-75, Florida Administrative Code. The independent peer review is intended to be a comprehensive, thorough verification of the original work, giving assurance that the design is in compliance with all Department requirements. The Independent Review Engineer's comments, along with the resolution of each comment, shall be submitted to the Department. The Independent Review Engineer shall sign and seal the submittal cover letter stating that all comments have been adequately addressed and the design is in compliance with the Department requirements. If there are any unresolved comments the Independent Review Engineer shall specifically list all unresolved issues in the signed and sealed cover letter.

The Contractor shall designate a primary engineer responsible for the Proposal design and as such will be designated as the Contractor's Engineer of Record for the Proposal design. The Department reserves the right to require the Contractor's Engineer of Record to assume responsibility for design of the entire structure.

New designs and independent peer reviews shall be in compliance with all applicable Department, FHWA and AASHTO criteria requirements including bridge load ratings.

*C9.03(vii) Sharing Arrangements*

If the Department approves a Proposal, the Contractor shall receive 50% of the net reduction in the cost of performance of the Contract as determined by the final negotiated agreement between the Contractor and the Department. The net reduction will be determined by subtracting from the savings of the construction costs the reasonable documented engineering costs incurred by the contractor to design and develop a Proposal. The reasonable documented engineering costs will be paid by the Department. Engineering costs will be based on the consultant's certified invoice and may include the costs of the Independent Review Engineer in 4-3.9.6. The total engineering costs to be subtracted from the savings to determine the net reduction will be limited to 25% of the construction savings and shall not include any markup by the Contractor or the costs for engineering services performed by the Contractor.

**C9.04 NOTICE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INTEREST AND DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE RIGHTS TO A PROPOSAL**

*C9.04(i) Notice of Intellectual Property Interests*

The Contractor's Proposal submittal shall identify with specificity any and all forms of intellectual property rights that either the Contractor or any officer, shareholder, employee, consultant, or affiliate, of the Contractor, or any other entity who contributed in any measure to the substance of the Contractor's Proposal development, have or may have that are in whole or in part implicated in the Proposal. Such required intellectual property rights notice includes, but is not limited to, disclosure of any issued patents, copyrights, or licenses; pending patent, copyright, or license applications; and any intellectual property rights that though not yet issued, applied for or intended to be pursued, could nevertheless otherwise be subsequently the subject of patent, copyright or license protection by the Contractor or others in the future. This notice requirement does not extend to intellectual property rights as to stand-alone or integral components of the Proposal that are already on the Department's

Approved Product List (APL) or Standard Plans or are otherwise generally known in the industry as being subject to patent or copyright protection.

**C9.04(ii) *Department's Future Rights to a Proposal***

Notwithstanding 7-3 nor any other provision of the Standard Specifications, upon acceptance of a Proposal, the Contractor hereby grants to the Department and its contractors (such grant being expressly limited solely to any and all existing or future Department construction projects and any other Department projects that are partially or wholly funded by or for the Department) a royalty-free and perpetual license under all forms of intellectual property rights to manufacture, to use, to design, to construct, to disclose, to reproduce, to prepare and fully utilize derivative works, to distribute, display and publish, in whole or in part, and to permit others to do any of the above, and to otherwise in any manner and for any purpose whatsoever do anything reasonably necessary to fully utilize any and all aspects of such Proposal on any and all existing and future construction projects and any other Department projects.

Contractor shall hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Department and its contractors and others in privity therewith from and against any and all claims, liabilities, other obligations or losses, and reasonable expenses related thereto (including reasonable attorneys' fees), which are incurred or are suffered by any breach of the foregoing grants, and regardless of whether such intellectual property rights were or were not disclosed by the Contractor pursuant to 4-3.9.8.1, unless the Department has by express written exception in the Proposal acceptance process specifically released the Contractor from such obligation to hold harmless, indemnify and defend as to one or more disclosed intellectual property rights.

**C9.05 FORCE MAJEURE**

Should any failure to perform on the part of Contractor be due to a condition of Force Majeure as that term is interpreted under Florida law, then, the Town may allow an extension of time reasonably commensurate with the cause of such failure to perform or cure.

If the Contractor is delayed in performing any obligation under the Contract Documents due to a force majeure condition, the Contractor must request a time extension from the Town within two (2) working days of said Force Majeure occurrence. Any time extension will be subject to mutual agreement and will not be cause for any claim by the Contractor for extra compensation unless additional services are required by the Town. Inclement weather, except for significant weather events that adversely impact the critical path of the Project Schedule or completion of the work, and the acts or omissions of Subcontractors or suppliers are not a sufficient basis to request an extension of time under this provision.

**C9.06 EXTENSION OF TIME**

Any reference in this Article to the Contractor will be deemed to include suppliers, and permitted Subcontractors, whether or not in privity of contract with the Contractor for the purpose of this Article.

If the Contractor is delayed at any time during the progress of the Work beyond the time frame or date of completion under the Contract by the neglect or failure of the Town or by a Force Majeure, then the Contract Time set forth in the Contract will be extended by the Town subject to the following conditions:

1. The cause of the delay arises after issuance of the NTP and could not have been anticipated by the Contractor by reasonable investigation before proceeding with the Work;
2. The Contractor demonstrates that the completion of the Work will be actually and necessarily delayed;

3. The effect of such cause cannot be avoided or mitigated by the exercise of all reasonable precautions, efforts, and measures whether before or after the occurrence of the cause of delay.

A delay meeting all the conditions of the above will be deemed an Excusable Delay.

The Town reserves the right to rescind or shorten any extension previously granted if subsequently, the Project Manager determines that any information provided by the Contractor in support of a request for an extension of time was erroneous; provided however, that such information or facts, if known, would have resulted in a denial of the request for an Excusable Delay. Notwithstanding the above, the Project Manager will not rescind or shorten any extension previously granted if the Contractor acted in reliance upon the granting of such extension and such extension was based on information which, although later found to have been erroneous, was submitted in good faith by the Contractor.

The request for an Excusable Delay must be made within five (5) calendar days after the time when the Contractor knows or should have known of any cause for a specific event, for which it may claim an extension of time and must provide any actual or potential basis for an extension of time, identifying such causes and describing, as fully as practicable at that time, the nature and expected duration of the delay and its effect on the completion of that part of the Work identified in the request. The Project Manager may require the Contractor to furnish such additional information or documentation, as the Project Manager will reasonably deem necessary or helpful in considering the requested extension.

The Contractor will not be entitled to an extension of time unless the Contractor affirmatively demonstrates that it is entitled to such extension.

The Project Manager will endeavor to review and respond to the Contractor's request for Excusable Delays in a reasonable period of time; however, the Contractor is obligated to continue to perform the Work required regardless of whether the Project Manager has issued a decision or whether the Contractor agrees or disagrees with that decision.

With regard to an injunction, strike or interference of public origin which may delay the Project, the Contractor must promptly give the Project Manager a copy of the injunction or other orders and copies of the papers upon which the same was granted. The Town must be afforded the right to intervene and become a party to any suit or proceeding in which any such injunction has been obtained and move to dissolve the same or otherwise, as the Town may deem proper.

Where the Contractor is delayed for any period of time by two or more of the causes mentioned in Article C9.05, Excusable Delay, Non-Compensable, the Contractor will not be entitled to a separate extension for each one of the causes, only one period of extension will be granted for the delay.

Any extension of time granted by the Town will be processed through the Change Order provisions of the Contract.

The permitting of the Contractor to proceed with the Work subsequent to the date specified in the Contract (as such date may have been extended by a change order), the making of any payment to the Contractor, the issuance of any Change Order, will not waive the Town's rights under the Contract, including but not limited to the assessment of liquidated damages or declaring Contractor in default.

#### **C9.07 EXCUSABLE DELAY, NON-COMPENSABLE**

Excusable Delay is either (i) caused by circumstances that could not be foreseen and are beyond the control of Contractor, its subcontractors, or suppliers, or is (ii) caused jointly or concurrently by Contractor or its subcontractors, suppliers, or vendors and by the Town. Then Contractor will be entitled only to a time extension and no compensation for the delay.

Contractor is entitled to a time extension of the Contract time for each day the Work is delayed due to Excusable Delay. Contractor must document its claim for any time extension as provided in Article C9.04.

Failure of Contractor to comply with Articles C9.04, as to any particular event of delay will be deemed conclusively to constitute a waiver, abandonment or relinquishment of any and all claims resulting from that particular event of delay.

#### C9.08 CLAIMS

Contractor will only be entitled to submit a claim after submitting its request for additional compensation or time in accordance with Articles C9.02 and C9.04 of the Contract and the request(s) have been denied or the Contractor does not agree with the decision of the Town.

Any claim for a change in the Contract time for completion of any Work, the Contract Term, or Contract price must be made by written notice by Contractor to the Town representatives identified in Article C11 within the timeframe established in Article C9.04, effective with the commencement of the event giving rise to the claim stating the general nature and cause of the claim. Thereafter, within twenty (20) calendar days of the termination of the event giving rise to the claim, written notice of the extent of the claim with supporting information and documentation must be provided unless the Procurement Manager allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate right in support of the claim. The written notice must be accompanied by Contractor's written notarized statement that the adjustment(s) claimed is the entire adjustment to which the Contractor has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. All claims and disputes will be determined in accordance with the Contract. It is expressly and specifically agreed that any and all claims for changes to the Contract will be waived if not submitted in strict accordance with the requirements of this Article.

The Town may require the Contractor to submit its claim utilizing a specific format or forms to facilitate the Town's evaluation of the claim. The Town at its sole discretion may require that additional documentation or information be provided by the Contractor to assist in its review and evaluation of the claim.

The Contract time will be extended in an amount equal to time lost on critical Work items due to delays beyond the control of and through no fault or negligence of Contractor if a claim is made as provided in this Article. Such delays include, but are not to be limited to, acts or neglect by any separate contractor employed by Town, fires, floods, labor disputes beyond the control of the Contractor, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions (if applicable), or acts of God.

The Contractor will not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment or compensation of any kind from the Town 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, whether such delay, disruption, interference or hindrance be it reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or unforeseeable, avoidable or unavoidable. Contractor will only be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time for completion of the Work, as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting excusable delay.

The Contractor agrees to make no claim for damages for delay of any kind in the performance of the Contract Documents whether occasioned by any act or omission of the Town or any of its representatives and the Contractor agrees that any such claim will be compensated solely by an extension of time to complete performance of the Work due to an Excusable Delay as defined in Articles C9.03, and C9.05. The Contractor alone specifically assumes the risk of such delays, including, without limitation: delays in processing or approving any submittals to the Town or by the Town, or the failure to render determinations, approvals, replies, inspections, in a timely manner. Contractor will not receive monetary compensation for Town delay(s).

Failure of Contractor to comply with this Article as to any particular event of claim will be deemed conclusively to constitute a waiver of any and all claims resulting from that particular event.

#### **C9.09 DISPUTES AND MEDIATION**

Contractor understands and agrees that all disputes between it and the Town upon an alleged violation of the terms of this Contract by the Town must be submitted for resolution in the following manner.

Initial effort(s) should be made by the Contractor to resolve any issues with the Project Manager or other Town representative(s) it works within in the coordination and performance of the Work.

Should the initial efforts of mediation not end in a mutual resolution then the Contractor must notify in writing the Town Manager as identified in Article C11, Notices, of the claim or dispute. The Contractor must submit its dispute in writing, with all supporting documentation, to the Town's Procurement Manager. Upon receipt of said notification the Procurement Manager will review the issues relative to the claim or dispute and issue a written finding.

Should the Contractor and the Procurement Manager fail to resolve the claim or dispute the Contractor must submit their dispute in writing within five (5) calendar days of the written finding being issued by the Procurement Manager to the Town Manager. Failure to submit such appeal in the stated timeframe of the written finding will constitute acceptance of the finding by the Contractor. Upon receipt of said notification the Town Manager will review the issues relative to the claim or dispute and issue a written finding.

Appeal to the Town Manager for resolution is required prior to Contractor being entitled to seek judicial relief in connection therewith. Should the Contractor be entitled to compensation hereunder, the Town Manager's decision may be subject to approval by the Town Council. Contractor will not be entitled to seek judicial relief unless:

1. it has first received Town Manager's written decision, approved by the Town Council if applicable, or
2. a period of sixty (60) days has expired after submitting to the Town Manager a detailed statement of the dispute, accompanied by all supporting documentation, or a period of (90) days has expired in an instance where Town Manager's decision is subject to Town Council for approval; or
3. Town has waived compliance with the procedure set forth in this Article by written instrument(s) signed by the Town Manager.

In the event the determination of a dispute under this Article is unacceptable to either party hereto, the party objecting to the determination must notify the other party in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the written determination. The notice must state the basis of the objection and must be accompanied by a statement that any Contract price or Contract time adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the objecting party has reason to believe it is entitled to as a result of the determination. Within sixty (60) calendar days after completion of the Work or expiration of the Contract Term, the parties will participate in mediation to address all objections to any determinations hereunder and to attempt to prevent litigation. A certified Mediator, who the parties find mutually acceptable, will conduct any mediation proceedings in Miami-Dade County, State of Florida. The costs of a certified Mediator will be shared on a 50/50 basis. Should the claim or dispute not be resolved in mediation, the parties retain all their legal rights and remedies provided under State law. A party objecting to a determination specifically waives all of its rights provided hereunder, including its rights and remedies under State law, if said party fails to comply in strict accordance with the requirements of this Article.

**C9.10 CONTINUING THE WORK**

Contractor must continue to perform all Work under the Contract Documents during all disputes or disagreements with Town, including disputes or disagreements concerning a request for a Change Order and no Work must not be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements.

**C9.11 FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION**

The Town may terminate this Contract or any other contracts with the Town with any person, individual, corporation, entity, or affiliate that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the Town through fraud, misrepresentation, or material misstatement. Such person, individual, corporation, entity, or affiliate will be responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation.

**C9.12 STOP WORK ORDER**

The Town may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all, or any part, of the Work for a period of up to ninety (90) days (or any lesser period), commencing no sooner than the date the order is delivered to the Contractor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. Any such order will be specifically identified as a "Stop Work Order" issued pursuant to this paragraph. Within the period of ninety (90) days (or the lesser period specified) after a Stop Work Order is delivered to the Contractor, or within any extension to which the parties have agreed the Town will either:

1. Cancel the Stop Work Order; or
2. Terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in Article C10.03, Termination for Convenience.

If a Stop Work Order issued under this Article is canceled or the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, the Contractor must resume the Work without compensation to the Contractor for such suspension other than extending the time to complete any Work under the Contract or extending the Contract Term to the extent that, in the opinion of the Project Manager, the Contractor may have been delayed by such suspension. In the event the Project Manager determines that the suspension of Work was necessary due to Contractor's defective or incorrect Work, unsafe Work conditions caused by the Contractor, or any other reason caused by Contractor's fault or omission, the Contractor will not be entitled to an extension of time or Contract Term or (Time) as a result of the issuance of a Stop Work Order.

Suspension of the Work caused by a threatened or actual storm event, regardless of whether the Town has directed such suspension, will entitle the Contractor to additional Contract time as non-compensable, Excusable Delay, and will not give rise to a claim for compensable delay.

**C9.13 MATERIALITY AND WAIVER OF BREACH**

Town and Contractor agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth in the Contract Documents is substantial and important to the formation of the Contract Documents and, therefore, is a material term hereof. The Town's failure to enforce any provision of the Contract Documents will not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of the Contract Documents. A waiver of any breach of a provision of the Contract Documents will not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and will not be construed to be a modification of the terms of the Contract Documents.

**C9.14 TIME IN WHICH TO BRING ACTION AGAINST THE TOWN**

In the event the Contractor may be deemed to have a cause of action against the Town, no action will lie or be maintained by the Contractor against the Town upon any claim arising out of or based upon the Contract Documents by reason of any act or omission or requirement of the Town or its agents, unless such action is commenced within six (6) months after the date of issuance of a final payment under the

Contract, or if the Contract is terminated under the provisions of the Contract, unless such action is commenced within six (6) months after the date of such termination by the Town.

**C9.15 CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The Town reserves the right to extend the Contract for up to ninety (90) calendar days beyond the original Contract period, inclusive of any Options to Renew exercised by the Town. In such event, the Town will notify the Contractor in writing of such extensions.

**C10 EARLY TERMINATION & DEFAULT**

**C10.01 SET-OFFS, WITHHOLDING, AND DEDUCTIONS**

The Town may set-off, deduct or withhold from any payment due the Contractor, such sums as may be specifically allowed in the Contract or by applicable law including, without limitation, the following:

1. Any amount of any claim by a third party;
2. Any Liquidated Damages, and/or;
3. Any unpaid legally enforceable debt owed by the Contractor to the Town.

The Town will notify the Contractor in writing of any such withholdings.

Any withholding, which is ultimately held to have been wrongful, will be paid to the Contractor in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act

**C10.02 CONTRACTOR DEFAULT**

*Event of Default*

An event of default means a breach of the Contract by the Contractor. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to those instances referred to herein as a breach, an Event of Default, includes but is not limited to, the following:

1. The Contractor has not performed the Work in a timely manner;
2. The Contractor has refused or failed to supply properly skilled staff or provided sufficient quantities of staff to perform the Work;
3. The Contractor has failed to make prompt payment to Subcontractors or suppliers for any services, materials, or supplies provided to Contractor;
4. The Contractor has become insolvent or has assigned the proceeds received for the benefit of the Contractor's creditors, or the Contractor has taken advantage of any insolvency statute or debtor/creditor law or if the Contractor's affairs have been put in the hands of a receiver;
5. The Contractor has failed to obtain the approval of the Town where required by the Contract Documents;
6. The Contractor has failed in the representation of any warranties stated herein;
7. When, in the opinion of the Town, reasonable grounds for uncertainty exist with respect to the Contractor's ability to perform the Work.

**C10.02(ii) *Notice of Default-Opportunity to Cure***

Where an Event of Default ("Default") occurs under the Contract, the Town may at its sole discretion notify the Contractor, specifying the basis for such Default, and advising the Contractor that such Default must be cured within a time frame specified by the Town; or the Contract with the Town may be terminated. The Town is under no obligation to issue such notification. The Town may grant an extension to the cure period if the Town deems it appropriate and in the best interest of the Town, without waiver of any of the Town's rights hereunder. The Town, at its sole discretion,

may have a default corrected by its own forces or another contractor and any such costs incurred will be deducted from any sums due the Contractor under any contract with the Town.

The Town Manager or designee may also suspend any payment or part thereof or order a Work stoppage until such time as the issue(s) concerning compliance are resolved.

#### *C10.02(iii) Termination for Default*

Where a Default is not cured within the time specified to cure the Default, the Town Manager in addition to all remedies available by law, may immediately, upon written notice to Contractor, terminate this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees that termination of this Contract under this Article will not release Contractor from any obligation accruing prior to the effective date of termination.

In the event of termination by the Town Manager or designee, the Town Manager or designee may immediately take possession of all applicable documentation and data, material, equipment, and supplies to which it is entitled to under the Contract or by law.

Where the Town erroneously terminates the Contract for default, the terminations will be converted to a Termination for Convenience, and the Contractor will have no further recourse of any nature for wrongful termination.

#### **C10.03 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

In addition to cancellation or termination as otherwise provided for in the Contract, the Town may at any time, in its sole discretion, with or without cause, terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. Such Written Notice will state the date upon which Contractor must cease all Work under the Contract, and if applicable vacate the Project(s) site(s).

Upon receipt of such notice, unless otherwise directed by the Town, the Contractor must Stop all Work on the date specified in the notice ("the Effective Date");

1. Take such action as may be necessary for the protection and preservation of the Town's materials and property;
2. Cancel all cancelable orders for materials and equipment;
3. Remove all materials, supplies or equipment that may be used by the Contractor on other work;
4. Assign to the Town and deliver to the Town, at a site(s) specified by the Town, any non-cancelable orders for materials and equipment that can not otherwise be used by the Contractor on other work;
5. Take no action that will increase the amounts payable by the Town under the Contract Documents; and take reasonable measures to mitigate the Town's liability under the Contract Documents; and
6. All documents, including electronic documents, related to Work authorized under the Contract, whether finished or not, must be turned over to the Town. Failure to timely deliver the documentation will be cause to withhold any payments due without recourse by Contractor until all documentation is delivered to the Town.

In the event that the Town exercises its right to terminate the Contract pursuant to the Contract Documents, the Town will pay the Contractor for the actual cost, or the fair and reasonable value, as substantiated by invoice documentation, of any non-cancelable material(s) and equipment that cannot be used elsewhere by the Contractor in the performance of its work.

In no event, will any payments under this Paragraph exceed the maximum cost set forth in the Contract and the amount due hereunder may be offset by payments made to the Contractor or any claims made against the Contractor. Contractor will not be entitled to lost profits, overhead or consequential damages as a result of a Termination for Convenience.

#### **C10.04 FUNDS AVAILABILITY**

Funding for this Contract is contingent on the availability of funds and the Contract is subject to amendment or termination due to lack of funds, reduction of funds and/or change in regulations, upon thirty (30) days' notice.

#### **C10.05 REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE TOWN**

The Town may avail itself of each and every remedy stated in the Contract Documents or existing at law or in equity. The exercise or the beginning of the exercise of one remedy will not be deemed a waiver of the right to exercise, at the same time or thereafter, of any other remedy.

### **C11 NOTICES**

Whenever either party desires to give written notice to the other relating to the Contract, such must be addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place specified below; and the place for giving the notice will remain until it has been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this Article. Notice will be deemed given on the date received or within 3 days of mailing, if mailed through the United States Postal Service. Notice will be deemed given on the date sent via e-mail or facsimile. Notice will be deemed given via courier/delivery service upon the initial delivery date by the courier/delivery service. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

For Town:

Mr. Edward Pidermann  
Town Manager  
Town of Miami Lakes  
6601 Main Street  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014  
[pidermanne@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:pidermanne@miamilakes-fl.gov)

Procurement Department  
Town of Miami Lakes  
6601 Main Street  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014  
[procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:procurement@miamilakes-fl.gov)

Mr. Lorenzo Cobiella  
Deputy Town Attorney  
Town of Miami Lakes  
6601 Main Street  
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014  
[cobiellal@miamilakes-fl.gov](mailto:cobiellal@miamilakes-fl.gov)

For Contractor:

Homestead Concrete & Drainage  
221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Homestead, FL 33030  
[Bids@homesteadconcrete.com](mailto:Bids@homesteadconcrete.com)

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During the Work the Contractor must maintain continuing communications with designated Town representative(s). The Contractor must keep the Town fully informed as to the progress of the Work under the Contract.

## **C12 PRIORITY OF PROVISIONS**

If there is a conflict or inconsistency between any term, statement requirement, or provision of any exhibit attached hereto, any document or events referred to herein, or any document incorporated into the Contract Documents by reference and a term, statement, requirement, the specifications or any plans, or provision of the Contract Documents the following order of precedence will apply:

In the event of conflicts in the Contract Documents the priorities stated below will govern;

- 1.Revisions and Change Orders to the Contract will govern over the Contract
- 2.The Contract Documents will govern over the Contract
- 3.The Special Conditions will govern over the General Conditions of the Contract
- 4.Addendum to an ITB will govern over the ITB

In the event that Drawings and specifications are provided with the Contract Documents the priorities stated below will govern:

- 1.Scope of Work and Specifications will govern over Plans and Drawings
- 2.Schedules, when identified as such will govern over all other portions of the Plans
- 3.Specific notes will govern over all other notes, and all other portions of the Plans, unless specifically stated otherwise
- 4.Larger scale drawings will govern over smaller scale drawings
- 5.Figured or numerical dimensions will govern over dimensions obtained by scaling
- 6.Where provisions of codes, manufacturer's specifications or industry standards are in conflict, the more restrictive, strict, or higher quality will govern

## **C13 ISSUES RELATING TO THE WORK**

### **C13.01 SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitution of any specified material or equipment requires the prior written acceptance of the Project Manager. It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to provide sufficient information and documentation to the Project Manager to allow for a thorough review and determination on the acceptability of the substitution. Approval of a substitution does not waive or mitigate the Contractor's sole responsibility to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Town may require an adjustment in price based on any proposed substitution.

The Contractor may request the Town to approve substitution where the specified materials are not available. Such requests must be submitted in writing to the Project Manager in advance with sufficient information to evaluate the substitution. The Contractor must provide the substitute materials plant designation, type, grade, quality, and size. Acceptance of substitutions will be at the sole discretion of the Town. The Town may require an adjustment in price based on any proposed substitution.

### **C13.02 INSPECTION OF THE WORK**

The Project Manager, other Town representatives, and inspectors representing the Town and other public entities having jurisdiction over the Work must at all times have access to the Work.

Should the Contract Documents, or any laws, ordinances, or any public authority require any of the Work to be tested, Contractor must provide timely notice of readiness of the Work for testing and timely notice must be given of the date fixed for such testing so that the appropriate representatives of the Town, DERM, or other entities can be present for such testing. Contractor will be responsible for making

arrangements for all tests and for all associated costs for all required testing. The original copies of all testing reports are to be sent directly to the Project Manager by the testing firm, with a copy to the Contractor.

The Town, at its sole discretion may conduct testing in addition to the required testing. In such instances the Town will pay all testing costs unless the tests determine that the material, Work, or equipment is not compliant with the requirements of the Contract Documents. In such instances the Contractor must reimburse the Town for all incurred testing costs and the Contractor will be responsible for any costs associated with re-testing to ensure compliance.

Inspectors have no authority to permit deviations from, or to relax any of the provisions of the Contract Documents or to delay the Work by failure to inspect the materials and Work with reasonable promptness without the written permission or instruction of Project Manager.

#### **C13.03 UNCOVERING FINISHED WORK**

The Project Manager's right to make inspections includes the right to order the Contractor to uncover or take down portions of finished Work. The Project Manager will notify the Contractor in writing concerning all uncovered finished Work. Should the Work prove to be in accordance with the Contract, the uncovering or taking down and the replacing and the restoration of the parts removed will be treated as additional Work for the purpose of computing additional compensation and an extension of time. Should the Work examined prove unsatisfactory, such uncovering, taking down, replacing and restoration will be at the expense of the Contractor. Such expenses will also include repayment to the Town for any and all expenses or costs incurred by it, including employee salaries or related cost, in connection with such uncovering, taking down, replacing and restoration at the Project site.

#### **C13.04 DEFECTIVE OR NON-COMPLIANT WORK**

The Project Manager has the authority to reject or disapprove Work that is found to be defective or not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract. If required, the Contractor will promptly either correct all defective or non-compliant Work or remove such defective Work and replace it with non-defective/non-compliant Work. Contractor will bear all direct, indirect, and consequential costs of such removal or corrections.

Re-examination of any of the Work may be ordered by the Project Manager and if so ordered, the Work must be uncovered by Contractor. If such Work is found to be in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Town will pay the cost of reexamination and replacement by means of a Change Order. If such Work is not in accordance with the Contract Documents, Contractor will pay such cost.

Should Contractor fail or refuse to remove or correct any defective or non-compliant Work or to make any necessary repairs in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents within the time indicated in writing by the Project Manager, the Project Manager has the authority to cause the defective/non-compliant Work to be removed or corrected or make such repairs or corrections as may be necessary at Contractor's expense. Any expense incurred by the Town in making such removals, corrections, or repairs, will be paid for out of any monies due or which may become due the Contractor. In the event of failure of the Contractor to make all necessary repairs promptly and fully, the Town Manager or designee may declare the Contractor in default.

If, within the warranty period required by the Contract Documents, or by any specific provision of the Contract, any of the Work is found to be defective or not in accordance with the Contract Documents, Contractor, after receipt of written notice from Town, must promptly correct such defective or nonconforming Work within the time specified by Town, without cost to Town. Should the Contractor fail to take such action the Town may take any necessary and appropriate action and hold the Contractor liable and responsible for all costs. The Town may take any action allowed under this Contract or in law

to recover all such costs. Nothing contained herein will be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to any other obligation which Contractor might have under the Contract Documents, including but not limited to, any claim regarding latent defects.

Failure to reject any defective Work or material does not, in any way, prevent later rejection when such defect is discovered, or obligate the Town to accept the defective Work.

#### C13.05 NON-APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

The following items will not be allowed in this contract:

##### C13.05(i) *Contractor Purchased Equipment for State or Local Ownership*

Per 23 CFR 140 / 2 CFR 200.313 and 23 U.S.C. 302.

##### C13.05(ii) *State of Florida or Other Locally Produced Materials*

Preference program mandating materials purchasing requirements or restrictions are not allowed. Per 23 CFR 635.409.

##### C13.05(iii) *Public Agencies in Competition with the Private Sector*

Per 23 CFR 635.112(e)

##### C13.05(iv) *Publicly Owned Equipment*

Per 23 CFR 635.106.

##### C13.05(v) *State/Local Owned/Furnished Designated Materials Per 23 CFR 635.407*

##### C13.05(vi) *Local/State Hiring Preferences*

Per 23 CFR 635.117) and 23 CFR 635.112(d). No Preference programs. Examples include in-state or local business; location of contractor; limitations in business enterprises; local economic development hiring practices or programs; targeted hiring practices or programs (e.g., homeless, welfare-to-work, veterans); or exclusionary business preferences not based on federal sanctions.

##### C13.05(vii) *Patented/Proprietary/Sole Sources Materials*

Patented/Proprietary/Sole Sources Materials will not be allowed on this contract. 337.02 F.S.

##### C13.05(viii) *Incentive/Disincentive Clauses*

The Town has elected not to use incentive/disincentive clauses in this Contract. Per 23 CFR 635.127 (d &f).

##### C13.05(ix) *Indian Preference*

Indian Preference on Federal Aid Projects (Labor & Employment) is not allowed on this contract. Per 23 CFR 635.117(e).

##### C13.05(x) *Owner Force Account Contracting*

Per 23 CFR 635 Subpart B and 255.20 F.S.

### **END OF SECTION**

## SECTION D. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### D1 SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor must furnish all labor, materials, supplies, tools, equipment, supervision and services necessary to construct a shared use path at the project location per the attached project plans and in accordance with all applicable FDOT Design Standards, FDOT Standard Specifications, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Contractor must furnish, install, construct, and deliver a complete project with the required maintenance and quality assurance testing as applicable to the project.

The Work includes, but is not limited to, the resurfacing and restriping of NW 146th Street from NW 89th Avenue to NW 87th Avenue to accommodate new curb and gutter and a 10-foot-wide shared use path in the center of the corridor, installation of new upgraded signing and pavement markings as required in the project plans and modifying pedestrian curb ramps to meet ADA requirements.

Location: NW 146th Street from NW 89th Avenue to NW 87th Avenue

### D2 CONTRACT TERM

The Contract will become effective on the date it is executed by both parties and shall remain in effect until the expiration of the Warranty period(s). The Contractor shall obtain Substantial Completion of the Work within one hundred eighty (180) Days of the Notice to Proceed being issued by the Town. Contractor must obtain Final Completion within fourteen (30) Days after obtaining Substantial Completion.

### D3 DEPARTMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The Department specifications apply in the performance of the Work and all applicable specifications are hereby incorporated by reference. Any earthwork, concrete, asphalt, or landscaping Work to be performed under this Contract must be completed in a manner consistent with the Department's Local Agency Program Big 3 Specifications ("Big 3"). The LAP Big 3 Specifications can be found as an attachment to this Agreement. The Town may, at its sole discretion, make changes to the Department specification and the Contractor will be advised of any such changes.

#### D3.01 PRODUCTS AND SOURCE OF SUPPLY

##### D3.01(i) *Source of Supply- Convict Labor (Federal-Aid Contracts Only)*"

Do not use materials that were produced after July 1, 1991, by convict labor for Federal-aid highway construction projects unless the prison facility has been producing convict-made materials for Federal-aid highway construction projects before July 1, 1987.

Use materials that were produced prior to July 2, 1991, by convicts on Federal-aid highway construction projects free from the restrictions placed on the use of these materials by 23 U.S.C. 114. The Department will limit the use of materials produced by convict labor for use in Federal-aid highway construction projects to:

1. Materials produced by convicts on parole, supervised release, or probation from a prison or,
2. Materials produced in a qualified prison facility.

The amount of such materials produced for Federal-aid highway construction during any 12-month period shall not exceed the amount produced in such facility for use in such construction during the 12-month period ending July 1, 1987.

#### D3.01(ii) *Source of Supply- Steel*

Use steel and iron manufactured in the United States, in accordance with the Buy America provisions of 23 CFR 635.410, as amended. Ensure that all manufacturing processes for this material occur in the United States. As used in this specification, a manufacturing process is any process that modifies the chemical content, physical shape or size, or final finish of a product, beginning with the initial melting and continuing through the final shaping and coating. If a steel or iron product is taken outside the United States for any manufacturing process, it becomes foreign source material. When using steel or iron materials as a component of any manufactured product (e.g., concrete pipe, prestressed beams, corrugated steel pipe, etc.), these same provisions apply. Foreign steel and iron may be used when the total actual cost of such foreign materials does not exceed 0.1% of the total Contract amount or \$2,500, whichever is greater. These requirements are applicable to all steel and iron materials incorporated into the finished work but are not applicable to steel and iron items that the Contractor uses but does not incorporate into the finished work. Submit a certification from the manufacturer of steel or iron, or any product containing steel or iron, stating that all steel or iron furnished or incorporated into the furnished product was produced and manufactured in the United States or a statement that the product was produced within the United States except for minimal quantities of foreign steel and iron valued at \$ (actual cost). Submit each such certification to the Engineer prior to incorporating the material or product into the project. Prior to the use of foreign steel or iron materials on a project, submit invoices to document the actual cost of such material, and obtain the Engineer's written approval prior to incorporating the material into the project.

#### D3.01(iii) *Contaminated, Unfit, Hazardous, and Dangerous Materials*

Do not use any material that, after approval and/or placement, has in any way become unfit for use. Do not use materials containing any substance that has been determined to be hazardous by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Provide workplaces free from serious recognized hazards and to comply with occupational safety and health standards, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

#### D3.01(iv) *State Produced Materials*

No preference for State (Florida or otherwise) produced materials shall apply to this Contract.

#### D3.01(v) *Publicly Owned Equipment*

Contractor must not use publicly owned equipment in the performance of the Work required under this Contract.

### D3.02 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ASSURANCE

The Contractor, sub-recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of Department-assisted Contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to,

1. Withholding monthly progress payments;
2. Assessing sanctions;
3. Liquidated damages; and/or
4. Disqualifying the Contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

### D3.03 TITLE VI ASSURANCE - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### D3.03(i) *Appendix A*

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the US Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "USDOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.
2. **Nondiscrimination:** The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the Contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the selection and retention of sub-contractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the Contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
3. **Solicitations for subcontractors, including procurements of materials and equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex.
4. **Information and Reports:** The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by the Florida Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, order and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Contractor shall so certify to the Florida Department of Transportation, or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, the Florida Department of Transportation shall impose such Contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the Contract until the Contractor complies, or
  - b. cancellation, termination, or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The Contractor shall include the provisions of C2.03(i) and (ii) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Florida Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration,

Federal Aviation Administration, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance, provided, however, that, in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the Florida Department of Transportation to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Florida Department of Transportation, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### D3.03(ii) *Appendix E*

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21;
2. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
3. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
5. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
6. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color national origins or sex);
7. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
8. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38.

#### D3.04 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

The Federal Endangered Species Act requires that the Department investigate the potential impact to a threatened or endangered species prior to initiating an activity performed in conjunction with a highway construction project. If the Department’s investigation determines that there is a potential impact to a protected, threatened or an endangered species, the Department will conduct an evaluation to determine what measures may be necessary to mitigate such impact. When mitigation measures and/or special conditions are necessary, these measures and conditions will be addressed in the Contract Documents or in permits as identified in 7-2.1.

In addition, in cases where certain protected, threatened, or endangered species are found or appear within close proximity to the project boundaries, the Department has established guidelines that will

apply when interaction with certain species occurs, absent of any special mitigation measures or permit conditions otherwise identified for the project.

These guidelines are posted at the following URL address:  
[https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/72itefinity/docs/defaultsource/programmanagement/implemented/urlinspecs/files/endangeredwildlifeguidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=e27baf3f\\_2](https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/72itefinity/docs/defaultsource/programmanagement/implemented/urlinspecs/files/endangeredwildlifeguidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=e27baf3f_2).

Take responsibility to obtain this information and take all actions and precautions necessary to comply with the conditions of these guidelines during all project activities.

Prior to establishing any off-project activity in conjunction with a project, notify the Engineer of the proposed activity. Covered activities include but are not necessarily limited to borrow pits, concrete or asphalt plant sites, disposal sites, field offices, and material or equipment storage sites. Include in the notification the Financial Project ID, a description of the activity, the location of the site by township, range, section, county, and city, a site location map including the access route, the name of the property owner, and a person to contact to arrange a site inspection. Submit this notification at least 30 days in advance of planned commencement of the off-site activity, to allow for the Department to conduct an investigation without delaying job progress.

Do not perform any off-project activity without obtaining written clearance from the Engineer. In the event the Department's investigation determines a potential impact to a protected, threatened, or endangered species and mitigation measures or permits are necessary, coordinate with the appropriate resource agencies for clearance, obtain permits and perform mitigation measures as necessary. Immediately notify the Engineer in writing of the results of this coordination with the appropriate resource agencies. Additional compensation or time will not be allowed for permitting or mitigation, associated with Contractor initiated off-project activities.

#### **D3.05 COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4(F) OF THE USDOT ACT**

Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act prohibits the U. S. Secretary of Transportation from approving a project which requires the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area or a wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or of any historic site of national, state, or local significance unless there is no prudent or feasible alternative to using that land and the program or project includes all possible planning to minimize the harm to the site resulting from the use.

Before undertaking any off-project activity associated with any federally assisted undertaking, Contractor must ensure that the proposed site does not represent a public park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or a historic site (according to the results of the Cultural Resources Survey discussed in 120 6.2). If such a site is proposed, Contractor will notify the Project Manager and provide a description of the proposed off-site activity, the Financial Project ID, the location of the site by township, range, section, a county, or city map showing the site location, including the access route and the name of the property. It is the Contractor's responsibility to submit justification for use of Section 4(f) property that is sufficient for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to make a Section 4(f) determination. Submit this notification sufficiently in advance of planned commencement of the off-site activity to allow a reasonable time for the Project Manager to conduct an investigation without delaying job progress. Do not begin any off-project activity without obtaining written clearance from the Engineer.

#### **D3.06 PREVAILING WAGES**

Payment of predetermined minimum wages applies for this contract.

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Wage Rates applicable to this Contract are listed in table below, as modified up through ten days prior to the opening of bids.

| Wage Rate Decision Number | Associated Work |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| FL20230178                | Highway         |

The most recent General Decision Wage Table at the time of this writing can be found in Section I, Attachments, and is provided for informational purposes only. It is the Contractor's responsibility to obtain and comply with the most recent, applicable General Decision(s) (Wage Tables) issued at the time of Contract execution. Contractor must ensure that employees receive at least the minimum compensation applicable. Contractor must review the General Decisions for all classifications necessary to complete the project. General Decision(s) (Wage Tables) can be found through the Department's Office of Construction website.

For guidance on the requirements for the payment of wages and benefits and the submittal of certified payrolls, and for general guidance and examples of multiple wage rates when assigned to a Contract, refer to the Department's Office of Construction website.

#### **D3.07 COMPLIANCE WITH FHWA 1273**

Bidder must comply with the provisions contained in FHWA 1273. Said provisions are attached to this Contract in Section I, Attachments, and are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. For Contractor's convenience, an electronic version of FHWA 1273 can be found at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/1273/1273.pdf>. It is the Bidder's responsibility to familiarize itself and comply with FHWA 1273.

The provisions contained in FHWA 1273 must be physically included in every contract that Bidder enters into with any subcontractor in connection with this Project.

#### **D3.08 COMPLIANCE FLORIDA STATUTE, SECTION 20.055(5)**

As per Florida Statute, Section 20.055(5) it is the duty of every state officer, employee, agency, special district, board, commission, contractor, and subcontractor to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to this section. Contractor understands and will comply with this Section.

### **D4 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

The Contractor is obligated and guarantees to obtain Substantial and Final Completions of the Project within the timeframes established in the Contract or any approved extension of time the Contractor may be granted by the Town. In the event of a delay in completion beyond the date established in the Contract, the Contractor must pay to the Town for each and every calendar day of unexcused delay, according to the amounts established in the schedule below, which is hereby agreed upon not as a penalty but as liquidated damages.

| <b>Original Contract Amount</b>           | <b>Daily Charge Per Calendar Day</b>                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • \$50,000 and under                      | \$868                                                                                |
| • Over \$50,000 but less than \$250,000   | \$882                                                                                |
| • \$250,000 but less than \$500,000       | \$1,197                                                                              |
| • \$500,000 but less than \$2,500,000     | \$1,694                                                                              |
| • \$2,500,000 but less than \$5,000,000   | \$2,592                                                                              |
| • \$5,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000  | \$3,786                                                                              |
| • \$10,000,000 but less than \$15,000,000 | \$4,769                                                                              |
| • \$15,000,000 but less than \$20,000,000 | \$5,855                                                                              |
| • \$20,000,000 and over                   | \$9,214 plus 0.00005 of any amount over \$20 million (Round to nearest whole dollar) |

The Engineer may approve adjustments to the liquidated damages amounts in accordance with the Construction Project Administration Manual (CPAM) provided all contract work is complete.

The Town has the right to deduct liquidated damages assessments from any payment due or which may thereafter become due to the Contractor under any contract the Contractor has with the Town. In case the amount available under contracts the Contractor has with the Town is less than the amount of liquidated damages due the Town, the Contractor must pay the difference upon demand by the Town. Should the Contractor fail to compensate the Town for any liquidated damages, the Town will consider this as a form of indebtedness and may deny any future Work under the Contract or any other Town contract until such indebtedness is paid in full to the Town.

The Town will notify the Contractor in writing that it is incurring liquidated damages.

#### **D5 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The Contractor must submit a Request for Information (“RFI”) where the Contractor believes that the Contract Document’s specifications are unclear or conflict. All requests must be submitted in a manner that clearly identifies the specification section or drawing detail, if furnished, where clarification or interpretation is being requested. As part of the RFI, Contractor must include its recommendation for resolution. The Town must respond in writing.

The RFI process is not intended to be used to correct defective Work performed by the Contractor. Solutions to correct defective Work, including means and methods are the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Should the RFI process be utilized to correct defective Work, the Contractor may be required to reimburse the Town for any costs incurred by the Town in responding to the RFI. Such reimbursements will be taken as a deduction against any payments due the Contractor.

#### **D6 WARRANTY**

Contractor warrants to the Town that all materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be new unless otherwise specified and that all of the Work will be of good quality, free from faults and defects and in conformance with the Contract Documents. All Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective. If required by the Project Manager, the Contractor must furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment. This warranty is not limited by any other provisions within the Contract Documents.

All Work must have a one (1) year warranty on labor from the date of acceptance of the Work by the Town. Contractor must provide a minimum written warranty of one (1) year on all equipment, parts, or material unless the manufacturer provides a longer warranty. Where the manufacturer of the equipment, parts, or material provides a warranty greater than one (1) year, or the time frame stipulated, then the manufacturer’s warranty term will take precedence. Contractor will be required to provide the Project Manager with a copy of the manufacturer’s warranty prior to the Town issuing final payment. Manufacturer’s warranties will become effective upon Final Completion of the Project.

All material and equipment furnished must be fully guaranteed by the Contractor against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the Town, the Contractor will correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer’s standard warranty. The Contract Documents may supersede the manufacturer’s standard warranty. Manufacturer’s warranties will become effective upon Final Completion of the Project.

Should the Contractor fail to perform any required warranty work the Town, at its sole discretion, may have the work performed by others, and deduct such costs from any monies due the Contractor from the Town. Where such funds are not available, the Town will bill the Contractor and Contractor will reimburse the Town within thirty (30) calendar days. The Town may take any necessary and appropriate action provided under this Contract or with law to collect such payment due the Town.

## **D7 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION, PUNCHLIST & FINAL COMPLETION**

The Work will be substantially complete when the Project Manager, in the reasonable exercise of his/her discretion determines that the Work is complete and there are no material or substantial variations from the Contract and the Work is fit for its intended purpose. Upon Substantial Completion, the Project Manager and the Contractor will sign the Substantial Completion Inspection Form. The signing of this form does not relieve the Contractor from its obligation to complete the Project.

When the Contractor believes that the Work is substantially complete, the Contractor must request in writing that the Project Manager inspect the Work to determine if Substantial Completion has been achieved. Where the Work requires the Contractor to obtain a Certificate of Completion no request for Substantial Completion inspection is to be submitted until the Contractor has obtained the Certificate(s) of Completion. The Project Manager will schedule the date and time for any inspection and notify the Contractor and any other parties deemed necessary. During this inspection, the Project Substantial Completion Inspection Form will be completed as necessary. Any remaining Construction Work must be identified on this form, and it will be known as Punch List Work. The Punch List must be signed by the Project Manager and the Contractor confirming that the Punch List contains the item(s) necessary to complete the Work. The failure or refusal of the Contractor to sign the Project Substantial Completion Inspection Form or Punch List will not relieve the Contractor from complying with the findings of the Project Substantial Completion Inspection and completing the Project to the satisfaction of the Town.

The Project Manager and the Contractor will agree on the time reasonably required to complete all remaining Work included in the Punch List.

Upon Substantial Completion and the receipt and acceptance of any required documentation, including warranty documents, the Project Manager will determine that a Project has achieved Final Completion and authorize final payment.

The acceptance of final payment will constitute a waiver of all claims by Contractor, except those previously made in strict accordance with the provisions of the Contract and identified by Contractor as unsettled at the time of the application for final payment.

## **D8 ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT**

Upon receipt of written notice from Contractor that the Work is ready for final inspection and acceptance, Project Manager will, within ten (10) calendar days, make an inspection thereof. If Project Manager find the Work acceptable, the requisite documents have been submitted and the requirements of the Contract fully satisfied, and all conditions of the permits and regulatory agencies have been met, a Final Certificate for Payment will be issued by Project Manager, stating that the requirements of the Contract have been performed and the Work is ready for acceptance under the terms and conditions thereof.

Before issuance of the Final Certificate for Payment, Contractor must deliver to the Project Manager a final release of all liens arising out of the Contract, receipts in full in lieu thereof; an affidavit certifying that all suppliers and subcontractors have been paid in full and that all other indebtedness connected with the Work has been paid, and a consent of the surety to final payment; the final corrected as-built drawings; operations and maintenance data, and the final bill of materials, if required, and payment application. Contractor must deliver the written Contractor's and all Manufacturer's warranties prior to issuance of the final invoice.

If, after the Work has been substantially completed, full completion thereof is materially delayed through no fault of Contractor, and Project Manager so certifies, Town will, upon such certification of the Project Manager, and without terminating the Contract, make payment of the balance due for

that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. Such payment will be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it will not constitute a waiver of claims.

The acceptance of final payment will constitute a waiver of all claims by Contractor, except those previously made in strict accordance with the provisions of the Contract and identified by Contractor as unsettled at the time of the application for final payment.

**D9 NDPES REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor must comply with the State of Florida rules and regulations for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) including but not limited to all permitting, Notices of Intent, and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). All costs for NPDES and SWPPP must be included in the Bid price. For further information on compliance requirements for NPDES and SWPPP visit the State of Florida website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater/npdes/>. Contractor is responsible for obtaining, completing, and paying for any required NPDES application or permits that may be required.

**D10 OWNERSHIP OF THE WORK**

The Contractor is solely responsible for all Work, until Final Completion of the Work. Contractor is liable for all damage, theft, maintenance, and safety until such time as the Town issues a notice of Final Completion.

**D11 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

After Final Completion, the Town will engage in a performance evaluation of the Contractor, taking into consideration Contractor's work quality, adherence to project schedules, submission of change orders, responsiveness, and any other relevant factors. For purposes of this evaluation, Contractor must cooperate with the Town and provide any information requested by the Town's Project Manager in connection with the performance evaluation.

**END OF SECTION**

## CONTRACT EXECUTION FORM

This Contract **2023-17R** made this 14 day of May in the year 2024 in the amount of \$ 680,856.26 by and between the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida, hereinafter called the "Town," and Homestead Concrete & Drainage, Inc. hereinafter called the "Contractor".

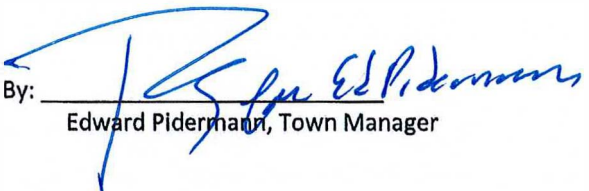
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

Attest:

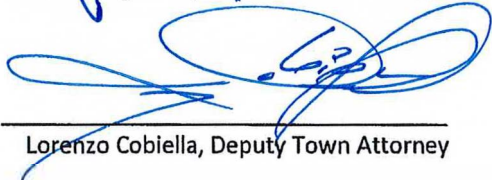
TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

By: 

Gina M. Inganzo, Town Clerk

By: 

Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

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Lorenzo Cobiella, Deputy Town Attorney

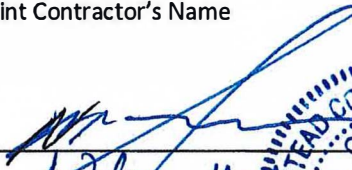
Signed, sealed, and witnessed in the presence of:

As to the Contractor:

Homestead Concrete & Drainage, Inc.

Print Contractor's Name

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: 

Name: Nelson Apalancini

Title: Vice President

