

WAKULLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



INTENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

**INVITATION TO BID NO: 2024-11
WAKULLA COUNTY LAWN MAINTENANCE AND MOWING**

BID ADVERTISE DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2024
BID RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2024
RESPONSE DUE DATE AND TIME: MARCH 25, 2024 @ 3:30 PM EST

MAIL OR HAND DELIVER RESPONSE TO:

Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners
ATTN: ITB 2024-11
3093 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Contact:

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Wakulla County, Florida through Invitation to Bid No. **2024-11** is soliciting bids from qualified businesses registered to do business in the State of Florida to provide lawn mowing and maintenance to approximately 31.50 acres of the County's lawn areas as defined in the Scope of Services which shall include Grass Cutting, Weed Eating, Hedge Trimming, and any other required maintenance as specified in the Scope of Services herein referred to as "the Services".

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for February 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. EST at the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners Administration Office located at 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Florida 32327. The pre-bid meeting is **MANDATORY for all contractors who plan to submit bids**. Attendees must sign in at the pre-bid conference in order to be authorized to bid on the project. All question(s) asked at the pre-bid meeting will not be formally addressed via addendum unless provided to the County in writing.

It is the intent of this ITB to enter into a Contract with the successful Bidder to begin upon approval of the Board of County Commissioners and the issuance of a Notice to Proceed (NTP), for the Work.

Firms interested in preparing a bid for this ITB must complete the requirements set forth in this ITB, its attached documents and documents incorporated by reference (collectively referred to as the "ITB"). Under the bid process of Wakulla County, the conditions set forth herein are binding on the Bidder as confirmed by the signature of a person with legal authority to bind the Bidder on the cover letter transmitting its Bid to the County in response to this ITB.

If this ITB is amended, the County Procurement Office will issue an appropriate addendum to the ITB. Any addendums will be posted on the county website. If an addendum is issued, all terms and conditions of this ITB that are not specifically modified in the addendum shall remain unchanged. An addendum to this ITB will be issued if any of the date and/or time change unless the date(s) fall after the date the ITB Bid(s) are due. Specific dates/time will be determined at each phase.

It is understood and the Bidder hereby agrees to be solely responsible for obtaining all materials and determining the best methods that will be utilized to meet the intent of the specifications of this ITB. Failure by the Bidder to acquaint themselves with the available information will not relieve them from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work. Bidders are expected to examine the specifications and all instructions pertaining to the required commodities/services. Failure to do so will be at Bidder's risk.

The County reserves the right to reject any Bid found to be non-responsive, vague, or non-conforming. The County also reserves the right at any time to withdraw all or part of this ITB in order to protect its best interests. The County is not liable for any costs incurred by the Bidder in preparing its response, nor is a response an offer to contract with any Bidder. Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (FS), all responses are subject to Florida's public records laws.

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of information in the ITB, it is recognized that the information may not be complete in every detail and that all work may not

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be expressly mentioned in the ITB. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to include in its Proposal all pertinent information in accordance with the objectives of the ITB.

- **Wakulla County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
- **MBE/WBE businesses are encouraged to participate.**
- **Wakulla County strictly enforces open and fair competition.**
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ADA – Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the County due to a disability should call the Purchasing Office at 850-926-0919 at least five (5) working days prior to any pre-response Conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County Purchasing Office by the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

The ITB and any addenda issued are available on the Wakulla County website at <http://www.mywakulla.com> or by contacting the County at 850-926-0919. All questions pertaining to this ITB should be submitted in writing in accordance with the ITB instructions set forth in Section 1.0 of the ITB.

SECTION 1.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Failure to comply with this or any other paragraph of this ITB shall be sufficient reason for rejection of the bid.

All times listed in the Schedule of Events are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>
Bid Advertisement Date	February 22, 2024
Release of Invitation to Bid	February 22, 2024
Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit	February 28, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M.
Bid Questions Due from Prospective Bidder	March 6, 2024 by 5:00 P.M.
Responses to bid questions due	March 13, 2024
BIDS DUE TO BOCC	March 25, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M.
Posting of Intended Award	April 2, 2024
Board Consideration of Intended Award	April 22, 2024
Posting of Notice of Award	April 23, 2024

SECTION 2.0 BID QUESTIONS

2.1 All inquiries and questions concerning this ITB, must be in writing (e-mail is acceptable), received in accordance with Section 1.0 Schedule of Events, and must be directed to: Patty Taylor, ptaylor@mywakulla.com or mailed to 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Questions and responses will be posted on the County's Website and, if necessary, an Addendum(s) will be issued.

SECTION 3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 **Scope of Service.** This section contains the Scope of Service that will be required in any contract that may be executed because of this bid. By submitting a reply, each Bidder

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specifically acknowledges and agrees that in addition to all requirements noted elsewhere in this Bid, all requirements referencing “Contractor” contained within the Scope of Service below will be applicable to the Bidder should they be deemed the successful Bidder.

All services to be performed by, or under the direction of the successful Bidder under any resultant contract, shall meet or exceed the minimum requirement outlined in this Bid. Under no circumstances shall services meeting less than the minimum services requirements be permitted without the prior written approval of the County; otherwise, it shall be considered that services proposed will be performed in strict compliance with requirement and rules, regulations and governance contained in this Bid and successful Bidder shall be held responsible, therefore.

3.2 **General Information.** The successful contractor will be responsible for a scheduled maintenance at the following sites:

Site 1 - Azalea Park – 6.5 acres

Site 2 - Hudson Park – 4.5 acres

Site 3 – Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, and Tax Collector Complex -
2 acres

Site 4 - Board of County Commissioners Complex – 1.5 acres

Site 5 - Community Center – 14 acres

Site 6 – Extension Office – 5 acres

Please note these are approximate sizes and site visits are strongly encouraged. You may contact the Parks and Facilities Management Director to schedule a site visit.

Cody Solburg
Parks and Facilities Director
(850) 509-3513
csolburg@mywakulla.com

3.3 **Maintenance Schedule.** The successful contractor will be responsible for scheduled mowing and general maintenance at a minimum of once per month from November through February and a minimum of four times per month (weekly) from March through October for the following sites: Azalea Park, Hudson Park, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and Tax Collector Complex, Board of County Commissioners Complex, Extension Office and Community Center.

Maintenance requirements for each location are as follows:

- The selected Bidder shall supply the necessary equipment, labor, and materials to comply with the requirements of the technical specifications.
- All equipment used by the Contractor shall be operated in compliance with all Federal, State and manufacturers’ safety requirements.
- The Contractor shall notify the County immediately of any damage to Wakulla County property resulting from mowing and other landscape services.
- Pick up and disposal of litter and/or debris prior and post each maintenance.

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- All areas shall be mowed with a power lawn mower with sufficient horsepower to leave a neat, clean, and uncluttered appearance.
- Turf areas inaccessible by mowers will be maintained by manual means (weed eaters)
- All curbs, walkways, parking lots and planter beds shall be edged **twice** per month or as directed by the County
- All planter beds shall be cleared of all weeds and debris once per month.
- Trees and shrubs at each location shall be pruned and shaped at a minimum of twice a year or as directed by the County
- All overhanging branches or foliage that would obstruct and hinder pedestrian traffic will be pruned and removed.
- All shrubs and branches will be pruned in such a manner that they will not have contact with a County facility.
- Each scheduled Service Maintenance will require the area to be cleared with a power blower.

3.4 The County shall notify the Contractor when additional mowing or general maintenance is needed and may modify the proposed schedules because of weather conditions. Mowing may be postponed during dry periods that do not promote ample growth of vegetation and additional mowing may be requested during seasonal rainy periods.

3.5 Wakulla County reserves the right to increase or reduce the number of cuts at any or all the sites in any month due to rain, drought, storm damage, lack of available funding or any other reason. The Contractor will be notified in writing of the need for additional or fewer mowing events or general maintenance events and the contractor will be paid for the actual number of mowing events during a given month.

3.6 The County reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of acreage to be mowed and/or trimmed as necessary, at any of the areas shown in effect at the time of the change, as funding allows. Any change in the area will require advance written notice to the contractor by the County. Any change in area resulting in an increase in maximum compensation shall require an amendment to the contract. The Contractor shall be held to the bid prices cited in the original signed contract with Wakulla County.

SECTION 4.0 RECEIPT AND OPENING OF THE BID

4.1 All Bids received will be recorded and date stamped at the Wakulla County office located at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida. The responsibility for submitting the Bid to the County Procurement Office no later than the specified time and date is solely that of the Bidder. The County will in no way be responsible for delays in mail delivery or delays caused for any other occurrence.

4.2 Submission of Bids by fax or other electronic means will not be accepted. Late Bids will not be accepted, i.e., any Bid submitted/received after **3:00 P.M. on March 25, 2024**, unless otherwise changed through the issuance of an addendum to this ITB.

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- 4.3 Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. Late bids shall not be opened at the public opening. Arrangements may be made for the unopened bid to be returned at the Bidder's request and expense.
- 4.4 A Bid may be withdrawn or modified only by written notification from the Bidder prior to the time fixed for the opening of Bids. Negligence on the part of the Bidder in preparing the Bid confers no right for withdrawal of the Bid after it has been opened
- 4.5 All bids will be opened on the date and time indicated in Section 1.0, Schedule of Events (i.e., date Bids are due) or as modified by addendum.
- 4.6 Pricing shall be valid for a period of **ninety (90)** days from opening of bid or until award is made, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 5.0 CONE OF SILENCE

- 5.1. This solicitation falls under the Wakulla County Procurement Ordinance 2015-2, Article VI. A Cone of Silence will be in effect for this ITB beginning with the advertisement date of **February 22, 2024** and will terminate upon issuance of Notice of Award. A violation of the "Cone of Silence" renders any award voidable at the sole discretion of the County Administrator with approval from the Board of County Commissioners and may subject the potential Respondent/Consultant or representative to debarment.
- 5.2 A prospective Respondent shall not have any communication with any of the Board of County Commissioners nor candidates for County Commission, nor any employees from the Wakulla County Government, which includes the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, nor any members of the Evaluation Committee, either individually or collectively, concerning this project. Contractor/Respondent or representative who intend to submit qualifications, or have submitted qualifications, for this project are hereby placed on formal notice that they are not to contact County personnel for such purposes as holding meetings of introduction, meals, or meetings relating to the selection process outside of those specifically scheduled by the County. Any such lobbying activities may cause immediate disqualification for this project.
- 5.3 All requests for interpretations or clarifications shall be in writing, addressed to the contact person as shown in Section 2.0, Bid Questions. All such request for interpretations or clarifications must be received in writing in accordance with Section 1.0, Schedule of Events. Any and all such interpretations and supplemental instructions shall be in the form of a written addendum which, if issued, shall be posted on the County's website on the date indicated in Section 1.0, Schedule of Events. Such written addenda shall be binding on the Bidder and shall become a part of the ITB Document(s).
- 5.4 The Cone of Silence shall not apply to:
 - a) Communications at the pre-bid meeting.
 - b) Communications during contract negotiations between designated County employees and the intended Vendor.

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- c) Communication with a Vendor by a Procurement Department employee following Competitive Procurement opening to clarify the Vendor's Response.
- d) Communication following the filing of a challenge to a Competitive Procurement between the protesting Vendor or the selected Vendor and the Procurement Department, County Administrator's Office, and County Attorney's Office concerning the challenge.

SECTION 6.0 BID RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 The County has established certain mandatory requirements that must be included as part of any Bid. The use of the terms “shall,” “must,” or “will” (except to indicate simple futurity) in this ITB indicates a mandatory requirement or condition. The words “should” or “may” in this ITB indicate desirable attributes or conditions but are permissive in nature. Deviation from, or omission of, such a desirable feature will not by itself cause rejection of a Bid.
- 6.2 Bids not meeting all material requirements of this request, or which fail to provide all required information, documents, or materials such as required forms, bonds, etc., will be rejected as non-responsive. Material requirements of the bid are those set forth as mandatory, or without which an adequate analysis and comparison of replies is impossible, or those which affect the competitiveness of replies or the cost to the County.
- 6.3 The County reserves the right to determine which Bids meet the material requirements of the ITB and which Bids are responsible and/or responsive. Further, the Board of County Commissioners may reject any and all Bids and seek new Bids when it is in the best interest of the County to do so.
- 6.4 A Bid by a corporation shall be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice-president or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The corporate seal shall be affixed and attested by the secretary or an assistant secretary. The corporate address and state of incorporation shall be provided on the Bid Form, for a Bid by a/an:
 - a. Partnership shall be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner (whose title must appear under the signature), accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The official address of the partnership shall be provided on the Bid Form.
 - b. Limited liability company shall be executed in the name of the firm by a member and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The state of formation of the firm and the official address of the firm shall be shown.
 - c. Individual shall show the Bidder's name and business address.
 - d. Bid by a joint venture shall be executed by each joint venture member in the manner indicated on the Bid form. The official address of the joint venture must be provided on the Bid Form.
- 6.5 All names shall be printed in ink below the signatures.

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- 6.6 The Bid shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda, the numbers, and dates of which shall be filled in on the Bid form.
- 6.7 The postal and email addresses and telephone number for communication regarding the Bid shall be shown.
- 6.8 A Bidder seeking to do business with the County shall, at the time of submitting a Bid, be appropriately registered with the Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 605, 607, 617, or 620 Florida Statutes, as applicable. For further information on required filing and forms, please go to the following sites: <http://sunbiz.org/index.html> or <https://www.dos.myflorida.com/>.
- The Bid shall contain evidence of Bidder's authority and qualification to do business in the state or locality where the Project is located, or Bidder shall covenant in writing to obtain such qualification prior to award of the Contract and attach such covenant to the Bid. Bidder's state contractor license number, if any, shall also be shown on Proposal Transmittal Form (Bid Form 1).
- 6.9 The Bid should address the requirements in a clear and concise manner in the order stated herein.
- 6.10 Bids must include the information/documents specified in the Bid Proposal Forms, 1 thru 5. Bids that do not adhere to the format or include the requested information/documents may be considered incomplete and therefore unresponsive by the County.
- 6.11 The County reserves the right to seek additional/supplemental representation on specific issues as needed.
- 6.12 Bids should be typed or clearly written. No changes in or corrections to Bids will be allowed after the Bids are opened.
- 6.13 The signer of the Bid must declare that the Bid in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud and that the signer of the Bid has the authority to bind the principal Bidder.
- 6.14 The County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Bidder prior to entering into a contract. Therefore, all Bidders are encouraged to provide a simple, straightforward, and concise description of their ability to meet the ITB requirements.

SECTION 7.0 EVALUATION OF BIDS AND SELECTION PROCESS

- 7.1 Bidders who satisfy the required qualifications and are deemed responsible Bidders and who timely submit a responsive Bid will be considered by the County. Bids received from prospective Bidders who have been suspended or debarred pursuant to Section 2.258 of the Wakulla County Code will not be accepted or considered. A Bidder whose Bid, past performance, or current status that does not reflect the capability, integrity, or reliability to perform fully and in good faith the requirements of the Contract may be rejected as non-responsible in accordance with Sec. 2.255(c) of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances.

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- 7.2 As provided in Section 2.255 of the Wakulla County Code, the county may consider the following factors in addition to price when determining whether a Bidder is responsive and responsible:
- a. Ability, capacity, and skill of the Bidder to perform the contract.
 - b. Whether the Bidder can perform the contract within the time specified, without delay, interference, or conflict with current workload.
 - c. Character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the Bidder.
 - d. Quality of performance of previous contracts.
 - e. Previous and existing compliance by the vendor with laws and regulations relating to the contract.
 - f. Sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the vendor to perform the contract or provide the Work.
 - g. Quality, availability and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required.
 - h. Ability of the Bidder to provide further maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract, if applicable.
 - i. Number and scope of conditions attached to the bid or quote.
 - j. Qualifications of personnel, licensing, and corporate qualifications.
 - k. Evidence of improper litigation.
 - l. Use of one or more subcontractors with a record of inferior performance.
- 7.2.1 For the purposes of this section, the county may consider evidence from the ten-year period preceding the subject bid.
- 7.2.2 In the event the lowest, responsive, responsible bid for a construction project exceeds the architectural or engineering cost estimates, the county administrator or designee is authorized, when time or economic considerations preclude rebidding of work of a reduced scope, to negotiate an adjustment of the scope of work with the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in order to bring the bid within the amount of available funds. After award of this Bid the County reserves the right to add or delete items/services at prices to be negotiated at the time of addition or deletion. At Contract renewal time(s) or in the event of significant industry wide market changes, the County may negotiate justified adjustments such as price, terms, etc., if in its sole judgment, the County considers such adjustments to be in its best interest.
- 7.3 The County reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids. The County further reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to be non-responsible. The County also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder.

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- 7.3.1 More than one Bid for the same Work from an individual or entity under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Bidder has an interest in more than one Bid for the Work may be cause for disqualification of that Bidder and the rejection of all Bids in which that Bidder has an interest.
- 7.3.2 In evaluating Bids, the County will consider whether or not the Bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternates, unit prices and other data, as may be requested in the Bid Form or prior to the Notice of Award.
- 7.3.3 In evaluating Bidders, the County will consider the qualifications of Bidders and may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities proposed for those portions of the Work for which the identity of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities must be submitted as provided in the Supplementary Conditions. The apparent low, responsible, responsive bidder will be required to provide a list of similar projects completed in the last five years including the project description, location, dates, and team members, an organizational profile of the company with a list of professional staff, years with the company, a statement of qualifications and copies of professional certifications and licenses held prior to any Board of County Commissioners consideration of an award. Failure to provide this information will result in the Bidder being designated not responsible.
- 7.3.4 The County may conduct such investigations as the County deems necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of Bidders, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities to perform the Work in accordance with the contract Documents. Any Bidder or sub-contractor that will have access to County facilities or property may be required to be screened to a level that may include but is not limited to fingerprinting and a statewide criminal background check. There may be fees associated with these procedures. These costs are the responsibility of the Bidder or sub-contractor.
- 7.3.5 If the Contract is to be awarded, the County will award the Contract to the responsible Bidder who's Bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the Instructions to Bidders, is lowest, price and other factors considered. If detailed in the bid form, factors such as discounts, transportation costs, and life cycle costs may be used to determine which bidder, if any, is to offer the award.
- 7.4 Responses to this ITB not meeting the requirements specified herein will be considered non-responsive or not responsible, as applicable. In the best interest of the County, the Wakulla Board of County Commissioners' reserve the right to reject any and all responses or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in responses received. Respondents are cautioned to make no assumptions unless their response has been deemed responsive.
- 7.5 Whenever two or more Bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received for procurement of commodities or contractual services, from responsive and responsible Bidders the following steps will be taken to establish the award to the lowest Bidder. This method shall be used for all ties.

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Step 1 - Local Business:

Between a Local Business and a Non-Local Business, a Contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Local Business.

Step 2 Drug Free Workplace:

At the conclusion of step 1 if all is equal, the Bidder with a Drug Free Workplace program shall be given preference, over a Bidder with no Drug Free Workplace program. The Contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Bidder with the Drug Free Workplace program. In order to have a drug free workplace program, a business shall comply with the requirements of § 287.087, F.S.

Step 3 Coin Flip:

At the conclusion of Step 1, and Step 2 if all is equal, the Contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be determined by the flip of a coin to determine final outcome.

- 7.5.1 When the tie has been broken pursuant to the above procedures, the Contract award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made.
- 7.5.2 If an award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the initial Bidder, award or negotiations may commence with the next highest Bidder, utilizing the tiebreaker steps above to make the determination of next lowest Bidder if necessary.
- 7.6 When the County gives a Notice of Award to the Successful Bidder, it shall be accompanied by the required number of unsigned counterparts of the Contract with the other Contract Documents which are identified in the Contract as attached thereto. Within ten (10) days thereafter, Successful Bidder shall sign and deliver the required number of counterparts of the Contract and attached documents to the County. The County shall deliver one fully signed counterpart to Successful Bidder.

SECTION 8.0 INTENT TO AWARD AND CONTRACT EXECUTION

- 8.1 The County reserves the right to incorporate the successful Bid into the Contract. Failure of a Bidder to accept this obligation may result in the cancellation of the award. The Contract document and its exhibits are included as Appendix B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 8.2 The construction, interpretation, and performance of this ITB, and all transactions under it shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and Wakulla County. The Contract shall include all terms and conditions of this ITB, any addenda, response, and the County's contract issued as a result of this ITB.
- 8.3 The County reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any minor irregularity or technicality in the bids received. Award will be made to

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the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder(s) within the category chosen for basis of award. The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple Bidders at its discretion.

- 8.4 The Successful Bidder will be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in the Bid. The County will consider the Successful Bidder to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment on any or all charges.
- 8.5 After successful posting of the award for 72 hours, the Successful Bidder will be required to enter into the Contract with the County.

SECTION 9.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS (STAC)

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9.1 Definitions

General terms used throughout this ITB are provided below. Additional definitions may be provided as applicable to a specific section or subject matter.

Award means the determination of a successful Bidder(s) in response to this ITB, resulting in an offer of a Contract to perform the services pursuant to the ITB and their bid.

Bid Bond means an insurance agreement in which a third party agrees to be liable to pay a certain amount of money in the event that a selected vendor fails to accept the contract as bid. If required, a bid bond/deposit shall be for 5% of the amount of the bid.

Bidder means any firm, individual or organization submitting a Bid in response to this ITB.

Cone of Silence is the prohibition of any communication between a Vendor and a County officer, employee, or agent regarding a pending Competitive Procurement, except for such communications at a duly noticed Pre-Proposal Conference or oral presentation, or with the County's designated representative noted in the Competitive Procurement documents.

Contract means the legally enforceable document agreed to and signed by the County and successful Bidder(s) (collectively referred to as the "Parties"), a draft Contract is attached hereto as Appendix B and incorporated herein.

County means the Wakulla Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and its employees.

ITB means this document, its attachments and any document hereinafter incorporated by reference.

Local Business means a business that has a current business tax receipt issued by Wakulla County, if required, and has its principal office located within Wakulla County currently and for the six (6) month period immediately preceding submission of a response to a Competitive Procurement.

Notice to Proceed (NTP) Authorization/letter that will inform the Contractor of the date

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that Contractor can start work. NTP start date will be calculated Fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of the Notice to Award.

Payment Bond means a bond which assures that the subcontractors, laborers, and material suppliers will receive payment for the services and products used to fulfill the contract and is due Fifteen (15) days after execution of Contract by the Board of County Commissioners for Wakulla County.

Performance Bond means a bond to assure satisfactory performance of the terms of the contract and is due Fifteen (15) days after execution of Contract by the Board of County Commissioners for Wakulla County.

Successful Bidder means a Bidder who is Awarded a Contract as result of the Bid submitted in response to this ITB.

Work or SOW means the scope of work and/or services.

9.2 Florida Public Records Law and Confidentiality

- 9.2.1. By submitting a Bid in response to this ITB, a Bidder acknowledges that the County is a governmental entity subject to the Florida Public Records Law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes). The Bidder further acknowledges that any materials or documents provided to the County may be “public records” and, as such, may be subject to disclosure to, and copying by, the public unless otherwise specifically exempt by Law.
- 9.2.2 Should the Bidder provide the County with any materials which it believes, in good faith, contain information that would be exempt from disclosure or copying under Florida Law; the Bidder shall indicate that belief by typing or printing, in bold letters, the phrase “PROPRIETARY INFORMATION” on the face of each affected page of such materials. The Bidder shall submit to the County both a complete copy of such material and a redacted copy in which the exempt information on each affected page, and only such exempt information, has been rendered unreadable. In the event a Bidder fails to submit both copies of such material, the copy submitted will be deemed a public record subject to disclosure and copying regardless of any annotations to the contrary on the face of such document or any page(s) thereof.
- 9.2.3 Should any person request to examine or copy any material so designated and provided the affected Bidder has otherwise fully complied with this provision, the County, in reliance on the representations of the Bidder, will produce for that person only the redacted version of the affected materials. If the person requests to examine or copy the complete version of the affected material, the County shall notify the Bidder of that request, and the Bidder shall reply to such notification, in writing that must be received by the County no later than 4:00 p.m., EST, of the County business day following Bidder’s receipt of such notification, either permitting or refusing to permit such disclosure or copying.
- 9.2.4 Failure to provide a timely written reply shall be deemed consent to disclosure and copying of the complete copy of such material. If the Bidder refuses to permit disclosure or copying, the Bidder agrees to, and shall, hold harmless and indemnify the County for all expenses, costs, damages, and penalties of any kind whatsoever which may be incurred by the County, or assessed or awarded against the County, in regard to the County’s refusal to permit disclosure or copying of such material. If litigation is filed in relation to such request

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and the Bidder is not initially named as a party, the Bidder shall promptly seek to intervene as a defendant in such litigation to defend its claim regarding the confidentiality of such material. This provision shall take precedence over any provisions or conditions of any Bid submitted by a Bidder in response to this ITB and shall constitute the County's sole obligation with regard to maintaining confidentiality of any document, material, or information submitted to the County.

9.3 Procurement Challenges

Any Bidder who desires to formally protest shall follow the procedures outlined in the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 –Administration, Article VI – Section 2.255(f) – Competitive Procurements, which is incorporated by reference.

9.4 Construction and Venue

The validity, construction, and effect of this ITB and subsequent Contract shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Florida. The provisions of the ITB, Successful Bidder's Bid and subsequent Contract shall be complied with by the Parties, but only to the extent they are consistent with applicable law and the Contract. In the event of an inconsistency, the Order of Precedence shall be followed:

- a. Laws of Florida and Contract
- b. ITB and all of its addendums and attachments
- c. Successful firm's Bid

Venue for all actions arising under the ITB and subsequent Contract shall lie in Wakulla County, Florida, United States.

9.5 Contract

9.5.1 The Successful Bidder will be required to enter into the Contract with the County and will be required to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract terms and conditions. The Draft Contract is attached hereto as Appendix B and incorporated herein by reference.

9.5.2 Any exceptions to the proposed Contract must be noted in Bid Proposal Form 4. The County is under no obligation to modify the proposed Contract to conform to the Successful Bidder's Contract exceptions. Contingent Bids will not be accepted. If acceptance of the Contract Award is contingent on an exception and modification to the Contract, the Bidder must provide this information to the County at the time of submission of bid questions, as outlined in the Schedule of Events in order to obtain a determination from the County regarding the proposed exception. If a Bidder's exception and modification are rejected by the County during the bid question portion of the Bid process and the Bidder later submits a Bid, Bidder shall be deemed to have accepted this Contract provision.

9.6 Insurance Requirements

9.6.1 **Insurance Verification Requirements – See Appendix B, Section 4.**

9.6.2 **Performance and Payment Bond Requirements – the successful bidder must provide Performance and Payment bonds in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount within**

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fifteen (15) calendar days after notification by the County of the County's intent to award the Contract. See Appendix B, Section 4 of the Construction Agreement and Exhibits D and E of Construction Agreement.

9.6.3 Bid Bond Requirements – A 5% bid bond is required for a bid that exceed \$250,000 and must be included with the Basis of bid.

9.8 Non-Appropriation of Funds

In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted by the County or are otherwise unavailable for fulfilling the requirements of the Contract, the obligations of the County shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations are received, without penalty or expense to the County of any kind whatsoever. County will immediately notify the Contractor or its assignee of such occurrence. In the event of such termination, the County agrees to peaceably surrender possession of the equipment to the Contractor or its assignee on the date of such termination to the extent that such equipment has not been paid for by the County. The Contractor will be responsible for packing all equipment and any freight charges.

The County will not cancel if any funds are appropriated to it, or by it, for the acquisition, retention or operation of the equipment or other equipment performing similar functions for the current fiscal period in which the termination occurs or the next succeeding fiscal period thereafter and that it will not, during the funding period, give priority to other functionally similar equipment or services.

The Contractor shall covenant and agree to indemnify and hold County harmless against any loss, damage liability, cost, penalty or expense, including attorney's fees, which it is not otherwise agreed to by the County in the equipment Contract and which is incurred and arises upon a failure of the County to appropriate funds in the manner described herein for a continuation of the Contract or exercise of the option to purchase the equipment.

Appendix A

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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APPENDIX "A"



LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**WAKULLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INVITATION TO BID No. ITB 2024-11**

WAKULLA COUNTY LAWN MAINTENANCE AND MOWING

ADVERTISEMENT BEGIN DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2024
RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2024
BIDS DUE TO BOCC: MARCH 25, 2024 @ 3:00 PM EST

Sealed bids to provide lawn mowing and maintenance to approximately 31.50 acres of the County's lawn areas will be received at the office of the Board of County Commissioners, 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; until **3:00 P.M.**, Local Time, on **Monday, March 25, 2024**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The principal feature of this procurement by the County is known as Wakulla County Lawn Maintenance and Mowing. The specifications of this procurement are stated in the **ITB 2024-11**.

The ITB and any addenda issued will be posted to the County's Website at www.mywakulla.com or can be obtained by contacting the County Purchasing Office at 850-926-0919 or ptaylor@mywakulla.com.

All technical inquiries and clarification requests shall be submitted in writing to Patty Taylor, Procurement and Contracts Coordinator, ptaylor@mywakulla.com in accordance with the ITB. Verbal clarifications will not be provided.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on February 28, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at the Wakulla County Administration Office located at 3093 Crawfordville Hwy., Crawfordville, Florida 32327.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, 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 of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

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The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. In accepting a bid, Wakulla County may award a contract based only on the base bid, the base bid plus all alternates, or the base bid plus any alternates which Wakulla County selects -- with all decisions being made based upon what Wakulla County believes to be the best interests of its ratepayers, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion. Wakulla County further reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as may be required to meet the needs of Wakulla County, at the unit price which was bid.

Wakulla County does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status and disability/handicapped status in employment or provision of service.

- *Wakulla County is an Equal Opportunity Employer*
- *MBE/WBE businesses are encouraged to participate*
- *Wakulla County strictly enforces open and fair competition*

ADA – Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the County due to a disability should call the Purchasing Office at 850-926-0919 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County Purchasing Office by the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Appendix B

DRAFT AGREEMENT

CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, between WAKULLA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, situated at 3093 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and _____ a _____, headquartered at _____, hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR.

WHEREAS, COUNTY requires certain professional services in connection with the provision of lawn mowing and maintenance to approximately 31.50 acres of the County's lawn areas; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY issued Invitation to Bid # 2024-11 on February 22, 2024 seeking interested firms for the provision of lawn mowing and maintenance to approximately 31.50 acres of the County's lawn areas which is included by reference as to the scope of services contained therein; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR was selected pursuant to this ITB #2024-11, which response is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and represents it is capable and prepared to provide such Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1.0 Term

1.1 This Agreement shall take effect on the date of its execution by the Chairman of Board of County Commissioners.

1.2 The term of this Agreement shall commence on date of its execution by the Chairman of Board of County Commissioners and continue for a period of three (3) years, unless otherwise terminated as provided herein.

1.3 Upon agreement of both Parties, this term may be extended for two (2) additional one-year periods under the same terms and conditions outlined herein.

2.0 Scope of Services to Be Performed by CONTRACTOR, Performance Schedule

2.1 CONTRACTOR shall perform the following services as generally described in the Scope of Services Exhibit A, which is the initial Consultant Services Authorization (“CSA”) and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

2.2 CONTRACTOR shall also perform additional services as may be further specifically designated and authorized by the COUNTY, in writing. Such authorizations for additional services will be outlined in a Supplemental Agreement (“SA”) and all provisions of this Agreement apply to the SA with full force and effect as if appearing in full within each SA. Each SA will set forth a specific Scope of Services, maximum limit of compensation, schedule, liquidated damages and completion date, and shall become effective upon the due execution after approval by the Board.

2.3 The CONTRACTOR is not authorized to provide services or materials to the COUNTY or undertake any project or work provided for in this Agreement prior to the COUNTY having first issued a Purchase Order (“PO”) or Notice to Proceed. CONTRACTOR recognizes that the COUNTY may employ several different CONTRACTORs to perform the work described and that the CONTRACTOR has not been employed as the exclusive agent to perform any such services.

2.4 When the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY enter into an SA where the term of the SA expires on a date that is later than the date that this Agreement expires, the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY agree that the terms of this Agreement and any amendments, attachments or provisions thereof are automatically extended until the expiration or full completion of the requirements of the SA have been performed. Cancellation by the COUNTY of any remaining work prior to the full completion of the requirements of the SA shall cause the terms of this Agreement to terminate at the same time. This provision only applies when the expiration of the SA extends beyond the expiration of this Agreement. It does not apply when a SA expires or is cancelled prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

3.0 Compensation

3.1 General

3.1.1 COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR in accordance with the following Project Fee schedule: [insert fee schedule].

3.1.2 Invoices must reference the applicable Contract and PO number and should further include the task(s) performed in sufficient detail to conduct pre- and post-audits.

3.1.3 Each individual invoice shall be due and payable in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act. All invoices shall be delivered to:

Wakulla County Parks and Facilities Management
Attn: Cody Solburg
322 Shadeville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
e-mail: csolburg@mywakulla.com

3.1.4 In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the CONTRACTOR will clearly state "Final Invoice" on the CONTRACTOR's final/last billing to the COUNTY. This certifies that all services have been properly performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to the COUNTY. Since this account will thereupon be closed, and any other further charges if not properly included on this final invoice are waived by the CONTRACTOR.

3.1.5 Payment of the final invoice shall not constitute evidence of the COUNTY's acceptance of the work. For final acceptance of any services provided hereunder, the CONTRACTOR will submit an acceptance document to the COUNTY for approval.

3.1.6 If compensation is based upon time and materials, invoices shall be accompanied by time and task records for all billable hours appearing on the invoice. If compensation is based upon a lump sum price, invoices shall be accompanied by tasks and percentage of work. Additional documents may be requested by COUNTY and, if so requested, shall be furnished by CONTRACTOR to County Clerk's satisfaction.

3.1.7 Project manager or designated payroll officer shall, by affidavit, attest to the correctness and accuracy of time charges and requested reimbursements.

3.2 Reimbursables

3.2.1 All requests for payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement, if any, shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices or other documentation acceptable to the County Clerk. Such documentation shall be sufficient to establish

that the expense was actually incurred and necessary in the performance of the Scope of Services described in this Agreement.

3.2.2 Reimbursable Expenses are the actual, pre-approved, expenses incurred directly in connection with this Agreement (including any applicable SA), and include:

- Overnight Deliveries
- Reproduction
- Sub-Contractor
- Long Distance Telephone Calls (excluding Florida cities located outside the boundaries of Wakulla County)

3.2.3 Mileage shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S., and COUNTY policy for pre-approved out-of-county travel (excluding travel from home offices located outside of Wakulla County to the Wakulla County line).

3.2.4 All Reimbursable Expenses, including subcontractors, shall be reimbursed at cost.

3.2.5 Pre-approved travel costs shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S..

3.2.6 All assets, i.e. durable goods, purchased as reimbursable expenses become the property of the COUNTY upon completion of the work for which the asset was utilized. All such assets must be surrendered by delivery to the _____ offices upon demand, termination of the Agreement, or the conclusion of the project, whichever occurs first.

3.2.7 CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current inventory of all such assets.

4.0 Insurance

4.1 General Provisions

4.1.1 CONTRACTOR shall maintain, at all times, the following minimum levels of insurance and shall, without in any way altering their liability, obtain, pay for and maintain insurance for the coverages and amounts of coverage not less than those set forth below and provide the COUNTY with a Certificate of Insurance and an opportunity to inspect a certified copy of each policy applicable to this Agreement followed thereafter by an annual Certificate of Insurance satisfactory to the COUNTY to evidence such coverage before any work commences. Such certificates will provide that there shall be no

termination, non-renewal, modification or expiration of such coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the COUNTY.

4.1.2 The COUNTY shall be named as an additional insured on all CONTRACTOR policies related to the project, excluding professional liability and worker's compensation. The policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Wakulla County. All such policies shall be endorsed to provide defense coverage obligations.

All insurance coverage shall be written with an insurer having an A.M. Best Rating of a least the "A" category and size category of VIII.

4.1.3 The CONTRACTOR's self-insured retention or deductible per line of coverage shall not exceed \$10,000.00 without the permission of the COUNTY.

4.1.4 If there is any failure by the CONTRACTOR to comply with the provisions of this section, the COUNTY may, at its option, on notice to the CONTRACTOR, suspend the work for cause until there is full compliance.

4.1.5 COUNTY may, at its sole discretion, purchase such insurance at CONTRACTOR's expense provided that the COUNTY shall have no obligation to do so and if the COUNTY shall do so, it shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of its obligation to obtain insurance.

4.1.6 The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of or excused from the obligation to obtain and maintain such insurance amount and coverages.

4.1.7 All CONTRACTOR's sub-contractors shall be required to include COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as additional insured on their General Liability Insurance policies.

4.1.8 In the event that subcontractors used by the CONTRACTOR do not have insurance, or do not meet the insurance limits, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY for any claim in excess of the subcontractors' insurance coverage.

4.1.9 The CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Agreement until all insurance required as stated herein has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by the COUNTY.

4.2 Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. In the event CONTRACTOR travels in furtherance of the performance of the services required in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall obtain comprehensive automobile liability insurance with \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death and property damage resulting from any one occurrence, including all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles, as appropriate.

4.3 Commercial General Liability. \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death and property damage, and personal injury resulting from any one occurrence.

4.4 Umbrella (Excess) Liability Insurance. Umbrella Liability with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00, exclusive of defense costs, to be in excess of all other coverages. Such coverage shall be at least as broad as the primary coverages above, with any excess umbrella layers written on a strict following form basis over the primary coverage. All such policies shall be endorsed to provide defense coverage obligations.

4.5 Professional Liability Insurance. \$1,000,000.00 for design errors and omissions, exclusive of defense costs. CONTRACTOR shall be required to provide continuing Professional Liability Insurance to cover each project for a period of two (2) years after the project is completed. Insurance requirements may vary depending on projects as determined by the County Director of Risk Management and Insurance. The COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to provide a higher level of coverage for a specific project and time frame.

4.6 Performance, Payment and Other Bonds. – NOT APPLICABLE ~~CONTRACTOR shall furnish Performance and Payment Bonds specific to each project if required and agreed to under the CONTRACTOR Service Agreement for the project.~~

4.7 Workers' Compensation. The CONTRACTOR shall provide, pay for, and maintain workers' compensation insurance on all employees, its agents or subcontractors as required by Florida Statutes.

5.0 Standard of Care

5.1 CONTRACTOR has represented to the COUNTY that it has the personnel and experience necessary to perform the work in a professional and workmanlike manner.

5.2 CONTRACTOR shall exercise the same degree of care, skill, and diligence in the performance of the Services as is provided by a professional of like experience, knowledge and resources, under similar circumstances.

5.3 CONTRACTOR shall, at no additional cost to COUNTY, re-perform services which fail to satisfy the foregoing standard of care or otherwise fail to meet the requirement of this Agreement.

5.4 The CONTRACTOR warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the professional standards in the field.

6.0 Indemnification

6.1 General. Having considered the risks and potential liabilities that may exist during the performance of the Services and in consideration of the promises included herein, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree to allocate such liabilities in accordance with this Section.

6.2 Indemnification.

6.2.1 CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend (by counsel reasonably acceptable to COUNTY) protect and hold COUNTY, and its officers, employees and agents, free and harmless from and against any and all, including, but not limited to, any claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, penalties, forfeitures, damages, losses and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and costs during negotiation, through litigation and all appeals therefrom), or death of or injury to any person or damage to any property whatsoever, arising out of or resulting from (i) the failure of CONTRACTOR to comply with applicable non-conflicting laws, rules or regulations, (ii) the breach by CONTRACTOR of its obligations under this Agreement, (iii) any claim for trademark, patent or copyright infringement arising out of the scope of CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement, or (iv) the negligent act, errors or omissions, or intentional or willful misconduct, of CONTRACTOR, its sub-CONTRACTORS, agents, employees and invitees; provided, however, that CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the COUNTY with respect to any such claims or damages arising solely out of the COUNTY's negligence.

6.2.2 COUNTY review, comment and observation of the CONTRACTOR's work and performance of this Agreement shall in no manner constitute a waiver of the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

6.2.3 CONTRACTOR agrees that it bears sole legal responsibility for its work and work product, and the work and work product of subcontractors and their employees, and/or for CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement and its work product(s).

6.3 Survival. Upon completion of all Services, obligations and duties provided for in this Agreement, or in the event of termination of this Agreement for any reason, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive as if the Agreement were in full force and effect.

7.0 Independent Contractor

7.1 CONTRACTOR undertakes performance of the Services as an independent contractor and shall be wholly responsible for the methods of performance.

7.2 COUNTY shall have no right to supervise the methods used, but COUNTY shall have the right to observe such performance.

7.3 CONTRACTOR shall work closely with COUNTY in performing Services under this Agreement.

7.4 The CONTRACTOR shall not pledge the COUNTY's credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness and shall have no right to speak for or bind the COUNTY in any manner.

7.5 CONTRACTOR further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

8.0 Authority to Practice

8.1 The CONTRACTOR hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner.

9.0 Compliance with Laws

9.1 In performance of the Services, CONTRACTOR will comply with applicable regulatory requirements including federal, state, special district, and local laws, rules, regulations, orders, codes, criteria and standards.

10.0 Subcontracting

10.1 The COUNTY reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractor.

10.2 If a subcontractor fails to perform or make progress, as required by this Agreement, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the work in a timely fashion, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly do so, subject to acceptance of the new subcontractor by the COUNTY. Failure of a subcontractor to timely or properly perform its obligations shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of its obligations hereunder.

11.0 Federal and State Taxes

11.1 The COUNTY is exempt from Federal Tax and State Sales and Use Taxes. Upon request, the COUNTY will provide an exemption certificate to CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the COUNTY, nor shall the CONTRACTOR be authorized to use the COUNTY's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

12.0 Public Entity Crimes

12.1 The CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that this Agreement with the COUNTY will be void, in the event the conditions under Section 287.133, Florida Statutes applies to the CONTRACTOR, relating to conviction for a public entity crime.

13.0 COUNTY's Responsibilities

13.1 COUNTY shall be responsible for providing information in the COUNTY's possession that may reasonably be required by CONTRACTOR, including; existing reports, studies, financial information, and other required data that are available in the files of the COUNTY.

14.0 Termination of Agreement

14.1 This Agreement may be terminated by the CONTRACTOR upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the COUNTY in the event of substantial failure by the COUNTY to perform in accordance with the terms of the Agreement through no fault of the CONTRACTOR.

14.2 This Agreement may be terminated by the COUNTY with or without cause immediately upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR.

14.3 Unless the CONTRACTOR is in breach of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid for services rendered to the COUNTY's satisfaction through the date of termination.

14.4 After receipt of a Termination Notice and except as otherwise directed by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall:

14.4.1 Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.

14.4.2 Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.

14.4.3 Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other material related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.

14.4.4 Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

14.5 The CONTRACTOR shall be paid for services actually rendered to the date of termination.

15.0 Uncontrollable Forces (Force Majeure)

15.1 Neither the COUNTY nor CONTRACTOR shall be considered to be in default of this Agreement if delays in or failure of performance shall be due to Uncontrollable Forces, the effect of which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the non-performing party could not avoid. The term "Uncontrollable Forces" shall mean any event which results in the prevention or delay of performance by a party of its obligations under this Agreement and which is beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party. It includes, but is not limited to fire, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, and governmental actions.

15.2 Neither party shall, however, be excused from performance if nonperformance is due to forces which are preventable, removable, or remediable and which the nonperforming party could have, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, prevented, removed or remedied with reasonable dispatch.

15.3 The nonperforming party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented or delayed from performance by an Uncontrollable Force, give written notice to the other party describing the circumstances and Uncontrollable Forces preventing continued performance of the obligations of this Agreement.

16.0 Governing Law and Venue

16.1 This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Florida and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought only in the courts of Wakulla County, Florida or the United States District Court, Northern District of Florida located in Leon County, Florida.

17.0 Non-Discrimination

17.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age or national origin.

18.0 Waiver

18.1 A waiver by either COUNTY or CONTRACTOR of any breach of this Agreement shall not be binding upon the waiving party unless such waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, such a waiver shall not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach. The making or acceptance of a payment by either party with knowledge of the existence of a default or breach shall not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.

19.0 Severability

19.1 The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement, or the occurrence of any event rendering any portion or provision of this Agreement void, shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of the Agreement.

19.2 Any void provision shall be deemed severed from the Agreement and the balance of the Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void.

19.3 The parties further agree to reform the Agreement to replace any stricken provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the intent of the stricken provision.

19.4 The provisions of this section shall not prevent the entire Agreement from being void should a provision which is of the essence of the Agreement be determined to be void.

20.0 Entirety of Agreement

20.1 The COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree that this Agreement sets forth the entire Agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein.

20.2 This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, contracts, proposals, representations, negotiations, letters or other communications between the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR pertaining to the Services, whether written or oral.

20.3 None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

21.0 Modification

21.1 The Agreement may not be modified unless such modifications are evidenced in writing signed by both COUNTY and CONTRACTOR. Such modifications shall be in the form of a written Amendment executed by both parties.

22.0 Successors and Assigns

22.1 COUNTY and CONTRACTOR each binds itself and its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, assigns, and legal representatives.

22.2 CONTRACTOR shall not assign this Agreement without the express written approval of the COUNTY by executed amendment.

22.3 In the event of a merger, the surviving corporation shall be substituted for the contracting party to this agreement and such substitution shall be affirmed by the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners by executed amendment.

23.0 Contingent Fees

23.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than bona fide employee working solely for the CONTRACTOR, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

24.0 Truth-In-Negotiation Certificate

24.1 Execution of this Agreement by the CONTRACTOR shall act as the execution of a Truth-in-Negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates and costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of the Agreement.

24.2 The said rates and costs shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums should the COUNTY determine that the rates and costs were increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or noncurrent wage rates or due to inaccurate representations of fees paid to outside CONTRACTORS. The COUNTY shall exercise its rights under this "Certificate" within one (1) year following payment.

25.0 Ownership of Documents

25.1 CONTRACTOR shall be required to cooperate with the COUNTY and other CONTRACTORS relative to providing information requested in a timely manner and in the specified form. Any and all documents, records, disks, original drawings, or other information shall become the property of the COUNTY for its use and/or distribution as may be deemed appropriate by the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR is not liable for any damages, injury or costs associated with the COUNTY use or distribution of these documents for purposes other than those originally intended by CONTRACTOR.

25.2 CONTRACTOR shall comply with public records laws embodied in chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and specifically shall:

25.2.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the COUNTY in order to perform the Scope of Services described herein.

25.2.2. Upon request from the County provide the COUNTY with any requested public records or allow the requested records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time by the COUNTY.

25.2.3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term, and thereafter if the CONTRACTOR does not transfer all records to the COUNTY.

25.2.4. Transfer, at no cost, to COUNTY all public records in possession of the CONTRACTOR upon termination of this Agreement, and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the COUNTY, upon request from the COUNTY, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the COUNTY. If the CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains public records upon the conclusion of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records that would apply to the COUNTY.

25.2.5. If CONTRACTOR does not comply with a public records request, the COUNTY shall treat that omission as breach of this Agreement and enforce the contract provisions accordingly. Additionally, if the CONTRACTOR fails to provide records when requested, the CONTRACTOR may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, Florida Statutes and reasonable costs of enforcement, including attorney fees.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (850) 926-0919, JWELCH@MYWAKULLA.COM OR 3093 CRAWFORDVILLE HIGHWAY, CRAWFORDVILLE FL 32327.

26.0 Access and Audits

26.1 CONTRACTOR shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges and costs incurred in performing the work for at least five (5) years after completion of this Agreement. The COUNTY shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours at the CONTRACTOR's place of business.

26.2 Misrepresentations of billable time or reimbursable expenses as determined by the County Clerk or Auditor to the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners shall result in the recovery of any resulting overpayments. The COUNTY's cost of recovery shall be the sole expense of the CONTRACTOR, including accounting and legal fees, court costs and administrative expenses.

26.3 Intentional misrepresentations of billable hours and reimbursable expenses will be criminally prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

26.4 All invoices submitted are subject to audit and demand for refund of overpayment up to three (3) years following completion of all services related to this Agreement.

27.0 Notice

27.1 Any notice, demand, communication, or request required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and delivered in person or sent by Federal-Express or by Certified Mail, postage prepaid as follows:

As to County: J. David Edwards
County Administrator
3093 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

As to CONTRACTOR: [TO COME]

27.2 Notices shall be effective when received at the addresses as specified above. Changes in the respective addresses to which such notice is to be directed may be made from time to time by either party by written notice to the other party. Facsimile transmission is acceptable notice effective when received, however, facsimile transmissions received (i.e.; printed) after 5:00 p.m., or on weekends or holidays, will be deemed received on the next business day. The original of the notice must additionally be mailed as required herein.

27.3 Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.

28.0 Service of Process

As to County: Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
Wakulla County Florida
3093 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, Florida 32326

As to CONTRACTOR: [TO COME]

29.0 Contract Administration

29.1 Services of CONTRACTOR shall be under the general direction of the Wakulla County Parks and Facilities Management Director, or their successor, who shall act as the COUNTY's representative during the term of the Agreement.

30.0 Key Personnel

30.1 CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY in the event of key personnel changes, which might affect this Agreement. To the extent possible, notification shall be made within ten (10) days prior to changes. CONTRACTOR at COUNTY's request shall remove without consequence to the COUNTY any subcontractor or employee of the CONTRACTOR and replace him/her with another employee having the required skill and experience. COUNTY has the right to reject proposed changes in key personnel. The following personnel shall be considered key personnel:

Name: _____

Name: _____

31.0 Appropriations

31.1 CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the COUNTY, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any agreement which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any agreement, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such agreement. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of agreements for a period exceeding one year, but any agreement so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years. Accordingly, the COUNTY's performance and obligation to pay under this agreement is contingent upon annual appropriation.

32.0 Liquidated Damages

32.1 The parties hereto agree that liquidated damages will be assessed against the CONTRACTOR for CONTRACTOR's failure to meet the final deliverable date in the performance schedule in Section 2.0 of this Agreement at a rate of \$0.00 per day.

34.0 E-Verify.

34.1 As a condition precedent to entering into this Agreement and in compliance with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all employees.

34.1.1 Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of the subcontractor's affidavit as part of and pursuant to the records retention requirements of this Agreement.

34.1.2 The County, Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Fla. Stat. or the provisions of this section shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.

34.1.3 The County, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of this section, but Contractor otherwise complied, shall promptly notify Contractor and Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.

34.1.4 A contract terminated under the provisions of this section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered such. Any contract termination under the provisions of this section may be challenged pursuant to Section 448.095(5)(d), Fla. Stat. (2023). Contractor acknowledges that upon termination of this Agreement by the County for a violation of this section by Contractor, Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which the contract was terminated. Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is liable for any costs incurred by the County as a result of termination of any contract for a violation of this section.

34.1.5 Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section, including this subsection, requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this section.

35.0 Vendors on Scrutinized Companies Lists.

35.1 By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, certifies that it is not: (1) listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes,

(2) engaged in a boycott of Israel, (3) listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes, or (4) engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Pursuant to section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, the County may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as to the above or if the Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, is engaged in a boycott of Israel, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, during the term of the Agreement. If the County determines that the Contractor has submitted a false certification, the County will provide written notice to the Contractor. Unless the Contractor demonstrates in writing, within 90 calendar days of receipt of the notice, that the County's determination of false certification was made in error, the County shall bring a civil action against the Contractor. If the County's determination is upheld, a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Agreement shall be imposed on the Contractor, and the Contractor will be ineligible to bid on any Agreement with a Florida agency or local governmental entity for three years after the date of County's determination of false certification by Contractor. If federal law ceases to authorize the states to adopt and enforce the contracting prohibition identified in this Section 39, this Section 39 shall be null and void.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

Attest:
GREG JAMES
Clerk of the Board

WAKULLA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Quincee Messersmith, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Date Approved by Board: _____

Reviewed as to form:

County Attorney's Office Date _____

Attest:

COMPANY
a _____ Corporation

By: _____
Corporate Secretary

By: _____

[Print Name]

[Print Name]

DATE: _____

[Title]

SEAL

DATE: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRM, IF A CORPORATION

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instruments was acknowledged before me this

_____ By _____

(Date)

(Name of officer or agent, title of officer or agent)

on behalf of the corporation, pursuant to the powers conferred upon said officer or agent by the corporation. He/she personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and is personally known to me or has produced

_____ as identification and did certify to have knowledge of the matters stated

(Type of Identification)

in the foregoing instrument and certified the same to be true in all respects.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____

(Date)

_____ Commission Number _____

(Official Notary Signature and Notary Seal)

_____ Commission Expiration Date _____

(Name of Notary typed, printed or stamped)



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRM, IF A PARTNERSHIP

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this

_____ By _____

(Date)

(Name of acknowledging partner or agent)

on behalf of _____ a partnership. He/She personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and is personally known to me or has produced

_____ as identification and did certify to have knowledge of the matters

(Type of Identification)

in the foregoing instrument and certified the same to be true in all respects.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____

(Date)

_____ Commission Number _____

(Official Notary Signature and Notary Seal)

_____ Commission Expiration Date _____

(Name of Notary typed, printed or stamped)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRM, IF AN INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this

_____ By _____

(Date)

(Name of acknowledging)

who personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification and did certify to have knowledge of the matters

(Type of Identification)

in the foregoing instrument and certified the same to be true in all respects.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____

(Date)

_____ Commission Number _____

(Official Notary Signature and Notary Seal)

_____ Commission Expiration Date _____

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