



Lake County
WATER AUTHORITY

CONTRACT NO. 26-W701B

For

Arborist Services, On-Call

LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, through its Board of Lake County Water Authority Commissioners (hereinafter "LCWA") does hereby accept, with noted modifications, if any, the bid of **West Tree Service, LLC.** (hereinafter "Contractor") to supply **Arborist Services, On-Call** to the LCWA pursuant to LCWA Bid number 26-701, with an opening date of 10/23/2025, and Contractor's Bid response dated 9/26/2025, thereto with all LCWA Bid provisions governing.

A copy of the Contractor's signed Bid is attached hereto and incorporated herein, thus making it a part of this Contract except that any items not awarded have been struck through. The attachments noted below (if any) are attached hereto and are also made a part of this Contract.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Submittal Form with General Terms & Conditions acceptance signed by Contractor)

Attachment 2 – Pricing Sheet

Attachment 3 – Affidavit, Foreign Entities and Anti-Human Trafficking Laws

Addenda 1 dated 10/10/2025

Exhibit A – Scope of Work

Exhibit B – Insurance Requirements got LCWA

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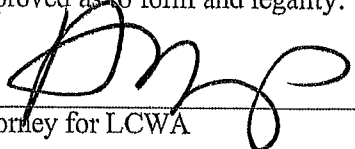
No financial obligation under this Contract shall accrue against the LCWA until a specific purchase transaction is completed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

The County's Procurement Services Director shall be the sole judge as to the fact of the fulfillment of this Contract, and upon any breach thereof, shall, at his option, declare this Contract terminated, and for any loss or damage by reason of such breach, whether this Contract is terminated or not, said Contractor and their surety for any required bond shall be liable.

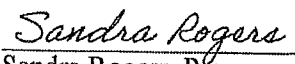
This Contract is effective from 2/1/2026 through 1/31/2027, except the LCWA reserves the right to terminate this Contract immediately for cause and/or lack of funds and with thirty (30) day written notice for the convenience of the LCWA. This Contract provides for two (2) two (2) year renewals at Lake County's sole option at the terms noted in the Bid.

Modifications to this Contract must be in writing signed by the County's Procurement Services Director.

Approved as to form and legality:


Attorney for LCWA

Lake County Water Authority


Sandra Rogers, Procurement Services
Manager

Date: 01/07/2026

The undersigned hereby declares that West Tree Service LLC has reviewed and accepts all specifications, terms, and conditions outlined in this Solicitation and affirms compliance with all legal requirements necessary to conduct business with the County, and to provide **ARBORIST SERVICES, ON-CALL** specified. Submittals were advertised to be submitted by 3:00 P.M. Eastern time on the date indicated in the Solicitation or any subsequent addenda. Furthermore, the undersigned confirms they are duly authorized to execute this document, as well as any related contracts or transactions resulting from the award of this Solicitation.

1.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

Contract will be awarded for an initial one (1) year term with the option for two (2) subsequent two (2) year renewals. Renewals are contingent upon mutual written agreement.

Contract will commence upon the first day of the next calendar month after approval by the authorized authority. The Contract shall remain in effect until completion of both the expressed and implied warranty periods. The County reserves the right to negotiate for additional services or items of a similar nature that were not known or anticipated at the time of solicitation.

2.0 PAYMENT

Contractor shall email LCWAinvoices@lakecountyfl.gov an accurate invoice within 30 calendar days after delivery. Invoices shall reference: Lake County BCC or LCWA, purchase/task order, delivery date, delivery location, and corresponding packing slip or delivery ticket signed by a County representative at the time of acceptance. Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment.

Payments will be tendered in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

All pricing will be FOB Destination unless otherwise specified in this solicitation document. Pricing submitted will remain valid for a ninety (90) day period.

The County's preferred method for invoice payment is electronic remittance via virtual credit card (eCard) payments rather than paper checks. Contractors are encouraged to adopt this electronic payment option. The eCard system is designed to expedite payables and improve efficiency compared to paper check payments. This procedure aligns with the County's responsibilities and objectives, reflecting a commitment to leveraging technology to deliver greater value to taxpayers.

Vendor requests more information about accepting eCard for payment: YES

Vendor accepts MasterCard for payment: YES

3.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING LAKE COUNTY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I certify that I have reviewed the [General Terms and Conditions for Lake County Florida](#) and accept the Lake County General Terms and Conditions dated 5/6/21 as written including the Proprietary/Confidential Information section. YES

I certify that I have reviewed the LCWA General Terms and Conditions and accept them as written including the Proprietary/Confidential Information section. YES

Failure to acknowledge may result in Submittal being deemed non-responsive.

4.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION

Has any officer, director, or an executive performing equivalent duties, of the bidding entity been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years? NO

5.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION

Except as listed below, no employee, officer, or agent of the firm has any conflicts of interest, real or apparent, due to ownership, other clients, contracts, or interests associated with this project; and, this Submittal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a proposal for the same services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. NA

6.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECKS

Under any County Contract involving Contractor or subcontractor personnel working in proximity to minors, the Vendor hereby confirms that all such personnel will have successfully completed an initial Certified Background Check, as well as subsequent annual checks, conducted by Contractor at no additional cost to County. The Vendor agrees to comply fully with all applicable Florida Statutes governing background investigations. The County reserves the right to request and review any related records, with or without cause, and to require the immediate replacement of any Contractor employee found to be in violation of these requirements. Furthermore, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold the County harmless from any liability arising from the actions of such personnel. Additional requirements may apply as specified within any particular contract award. YES

7.0 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The County does not set specific goals for minority set-asides; however, participation by both minority and non-minority qualified firms is strongly encouraged. If your firm is classified as a minority-owned business or holds certification from the State of Florida, Office of Supplier Diversity, (OSD) as a Certified Minority Business Enterprise (CMBE), please indicate the appropriate classification(s) not applicable not applicable

and enter OSD Certification Number Click or tap here to enter text.

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8.0 ANTITRUST VIOLATOR VENDOR LISTS

A person or affiliated entity listed on the antitrust violator vendor list due to a conviction or civil liability for an antitrust violation is prohibited from submitting bids, proposals, or responses for any new contracts to provide goods or services to a public entity. This restriction also applies to new contracts involving the construction or repair of a public building or public works, new leases of real property to a public entity, and includes being awarded or performing work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under any such new contract. Furthermore, such persons or affiliates are barred from transacting any new business with a public entity.

9.0 FEDERAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT

9.1. A contract award expected to equal or exceed \$25,000 or a contract award at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180. The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Recipients, contractors, and subcontractors (at any level) that enter into covered transactions are required to verify that the entity (as well as its principals and affiliates) with which they propose to contract or subcontract is not excluded or disqualified. This is done by: (a) checking the SAM exclusions; (b) collecting a certification from that person; or (c) adding a clause or condition to the contract or subcontract.

Registration or search can be conducted here: [SAM Directory and Registration website](#)

9.2. REQUIRED for this project – The System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Unique Entity ID [SAM.gov | Home](#): GNAGSUNVYM88

10.0 LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE – N/A

11.0 GENERAL VENDOR INFORMATION

Firm Name: West Tree service

Street Address: 155 West Oakland Avenue

City: Ocoee State and ZIP Code: FL 34761

Mailing Address (if different): Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: 4076241046

Purchase Order Email Address: westtreeservices@outlook.com

Federal Identification Number / TIN: 823033956

12.0 SUBMITTAL SIGNATURE

I hereby certify the information provided in this Submittal is true and accurate. I acknowledge that my electronic signature carries the same legal effect as a signature made under oath. I affirm that I am an authorized representative of the Vendor and have full authority to execute this Submittal on the Vendor's behalf. On behalf of myself and the Vendor, I acknowledge and agree to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in this Solicitation, including any attachments, exhibits, or addenda.

Name of Legal Representative Submitting this Proposal: *Thomas Scott West*

Date: 9/26/2025

Print Name: Thomas Scott West

Title: Owner

Primary E-mail Address: westtreeservices@outlook.com

Secondary E-mail Address: Stacy@tomwestblueberries.com

The individual signing this Submittal affirms that the facts stated herein are true and that the response to this Solicitation has been submitted on behalf of the aforementioned Vendor.

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<i>West Tree</i>		
SAVE AND SUBMIT AS AN EXCEL FILE		
Provide hourly rate of pricing to include all labor, materials, tools, transportation, equipment, and any incidentals necessary to provide on-call arborist services by an ISA Certified Arborist.		
ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	HOURLY RATE
1	Arborist Opinion – Non-Emergency Services	\$95.00
2	Arborist Opinion – Emergency Services (opinion provided outside normal business hours of 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM)	\$142.50
3	Arborist Training	\$75.00
4	Arborist Expert Witness Testimony (services provided only related to a specific lawsuit)	\$450.00

The following information is required for price redetermination consideration.

Assuming prices quoted include costs for vehicles, maintenance, repair, insurance, fuel, wages, insurances, other employee benefits, materials, overhead, operating expenses, etc., what percentage of the rate is directly attributed to the cost of fuel?	15.00%
Which does the firm use: Diesel fuel or Gasoline?	
Assuming prices quoted include costs for vehicles, maintenance, repair, insurance, fuel, wages, materials, overhead, operating expenses, etc., what percentage of the rate is directly attributed to the cost of wages?	80.00%
Assuming prices quoted include costs for vehicles, maintenance, fuel, wages, insurances, other employee benefits, materials, overhead, operating expenses, etc., what percentage of the rate is directly attributed to the cost of materials?	5.00%

Lake County will not accept nor authorize payment for travel time or expenses of service personnel to any of Lake County's facility locations. The hourly rate must commence on the job site. Billable time will be for service work performed.



**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH §§ 287.138, 288.0071, AND 787.06, FLA. STAT.
CONTRACTING WITH AND PROVIDING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO FOREIGN ENTITIES
OF CONCERN, AND COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared (Name of affiant) Scott West, who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says of his or her personal knowledge the following:

1. Affiant is the (Title) OWNER of
(Business Name) WEST TREE SERVICE
which is authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, hereinafter called the "Business."
2. *Prohibition on Providing Personal Identifying Information to Foreign Entities of Concern:* I affirm that Business is not owned by a foreign country of concern, a does a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in Business, and that Business is not organized under the laws of nor does it have its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern, as defined in Section 287.138, Florida Statutes.
3. *Prohibition on Providing Economic Incentives to Foreign Entities of Concern:* I affirm that Business is not a foreign entity, as defined in Section 288.0071, Florida Statutes.
4. *Compliance with Human Trafficking Laws:* I affirm that Business does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes, entitled "Human Trafficking."
5. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am duly authorized and empowered and have sufficient knowledge to execute and deliver this Affidavit and that I have read the foregoing Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signed and Delivered on the 23 day of September, 2025.

BY:

[Signature]
Signature of Affiant

Scott West
Printed Name

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Orange

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 23 day of September, 2025, by Scott West, who is ☒ personally known to me or ☐ has produced identification (type): _____.

[Signature]
(Notary Signature)

(SEAL)



SOPHIA L. DYAL
Notary Public
State of Florida
Comm# HH483518
Expires 1/22/2028



Office of Procurement Services

P.O. Box 7800 • 315 W. Main St., Suite 416 • Tavares, FL 32778

SOLICITATION: Arborist Services, On-Call

10/10/2025

Vendors are responsible for the receipt and acknowledgement of all solicitation addenda. Submit an electronically signed copy with solicitation submission. Failure to acknowledge an addendum may prevent the submission from being considered for award.

THIS ADDENDUM DOES NOT CHANGE THE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS.

QUESTIONS/RESPONSES

Q1. Will the arborist training service be all virtual?

A. Yes.

Q2. Will the expert witness service be all virtual?

A. No.

Q3. Are subconsultants/subcontractors allowed?

A. Refer to Exhibit C – General Terms and Conditions, Subconsultants.

Q4. What or who filled the needs as outlined in the Scope of Work in the past?

A. Previous contracts can be viewed on our website at the provided link: [Term and Supply Listing - Office of Procurement Services](#)

Q5. Has there been training in ANSI A 300 and ANSI Z133 for the tree crews?

A. It is unknown at this time. Training would be on an as needed basis for new road maintenance staff.

Q6. Is there a tree inventory?

A. Refer to Exhibit A – Scope of Work. Projects will be issued on an as needed basis and are project specific. There is no tree inventory.

Q7. What is envisioned for the number of hours or days for the part time Arborist on call?

A. Refer to Exhibit A – Scope of Work, Section 1. This solicitation is for as needed services and is project specific. This solicitation should not be considered a part time position of continuous employment.

Q8. What is the anticipated annual service volume?

A. This is an on-call/ as needed contract and the county is unable to anticipate service volume.

Q9. Average tree inspections per month/year?

A. Service is requested as needed

Q10. Training sessions per year and duration?

A. Ideally, training will be completed annually for maintenance staffing; duration TBD based on County needs

Q11. Historical frequency of expert witness requests (last 3–5 years)?

A. None in the past 5 years; future requests are expected to be minimal

Q12. What are the onsite response time expectations for non-emergency requests?

A. Non-emergency requests are scheduled with advance notice and agreed upon based on urgency of the request

Q13. What are the onsite response time expectations for emergency requests?

A. Communication response is expected within one hour of an emergency request and response times are expected to be rapid; specifics will depend on emergency context

Q14. Are there peak seasons for service requests? (e.g., storm season, budget planning, pre-hurricane assessments)

A. Historically, we do not experience a peak season for use of this contract. Storm season should be assumed as peak season

Q15. Are training sessions in-person, virtual, or hybrid delivery?

A. Training may be any of the three options based on County needs

Q16. What is the County's estimated annual budget and historical spending on similar services?

A. Annual Budget is \$3,000

Q17. What are the typical case contexts we should be prepared to support? (e.g., property damage, personal injury, tree ordinance violations, boundary disputes)

A. The County has not defined typical case contexts; services will be requested as needs arise.

Q18. Will expert witness services be scheduled in advance or require short-notice response?

A. The County will always try to schedule in advance however, short-notice responses may be required

Q19. Are depositions typically in-person or virtual?

A. There is a possibility for both

Q20. What is the County's emergency history and expectations?

A. This is a new service added to this contract. There is no available history for this service.

Q21. Frequency of declared emergencies requiring arborist services (last 3-5 years)?

A. Refer to Q20.

Q22. Duration and volume of work during the last major emergency?

A. Refer to Q20.

Q23. Are there pre-positioning requirements before hurricane season?

A. Pre-positioning before hurricane season may be required based on risk assessments.

Q24. Can services be provided by multiple ISA Certified Arborists in the company, or must it be a single designated individual?

A. Services may be provided by multiple ISA Certified Arborists within the company; a single designated individual is not required unless specified.

Q25. Are there any related bid tabs available for review?

A. Refer to Q4.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Firm Name: West Tree Service, LLC

I hereby certify that my electronic signature has the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am an authorized representative of this vendor and/or empowered to execute this submittal on behalf of the vendor.

Signature of Legal Representative Submitting this Bid: *John Schultz*

Date: 10/11/2025

Print Name: John Schultz

Title: Contract Manager

Primary E-mail Address: westtreeservice@outlook.com

Secondary E-mail Address: jschu226@gmail.com

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Provide for professional arborist services through an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified arborist, as needed. All services shall meet current ISA standards to perform tree inspections, provide training on ISA industry pruning standards, provide for expert witness testimony, and additional related services as needed.

The County does not guarantee a minimum or maximum dollar amount to be expended on any contract(s) resulting from this solicitation. Orders may be funded in whole or in part with federal funds and is subject to federal requirements including but not limited to those set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II. Work performed shall be in strict compliance with the latest codes, standards, and practices and in accordance with Federal, State, and Local laws.

2. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Contractor shall:

- 1.1. Provide an ISA Certified Arborist for consultation as needed.
- 1.2. Provide all labor, fuel, materials, equipment, storage, supplies, and incidental costs necessary to complete the tasks.
- 1.3. Provide a neat and clean in appearance dress code for Contractor's employees that consists of a shirt with company name, pants, and work shoes/boots.
- 1.4. Project a professional image, deal effectively with the public, and discharge duties in a courteous and efficient manner.
- 1.5. Providing subcontractors and day laborers to complete the assigned tasks shall not be accepted.

2. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

County will:

- 2.1. Reserve the right to award one or more vendors.
- 2.2. Reserve the right add or remove services in conjunction with the County's needs.
- 2.3. Reserve the right to inspect and approve all material, supplies, workmanship, and equipment for contract performance.
- 2.4. Reserve the right to dismiss Contractor's staff for disorderly conduct or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with contract specifications.

3. DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE**3.1. Tree Inspections**

- 3.1.1. Conduct inspections of trees within County rights of way to identify potential hazards, structural defects, disease, or pest infestations.
- 3.1.2. Provide written reports with findings, including digital photographs and location information as appropriate.
- 3.1.3. Recommend corrective actions such as pruning, removal, or treatments for diseased or hazardous trees.

- 3.1.4. Maintain accurate records of all site visits and services performed.
- 3.1.5. Submit all inspection forms, assessment reports, recommendations, and training materials in a timely manner as required by the County.

3.2. Tree Maintenance and Pruning Recommendations

- 3.2.1. Evaluate tree health and structure to determine pruning needs according to ISA standards.
- 3.2.2. Develop and document pruning and maintenance plans for County staff or designated contractors.

3.3. Training Services

- 3.3.1. Deliver training to County staff on ISA pruning standards, best management practices, inspection techniques, and updates on industry standards.
- 3.3.2. Prepare training materials, presentations, or demonstrations as needed.

3.4. Expert Witness Consultation

- 3.4.1. Serve as an expert witness in legal matters when requested by the County.
- 3.4.2. Prepare expert reports and provide testimony relating to arboricultural standards, practices, and conditions.

4. EMERGENCY SUPPORT AND STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

In the event of a declared emergency by the Federal Government, the State, or any Local Municipality (including but not limited to hurricanes, natural disasters, public health emergencies, and other major weather events), the Contractor shall provide full cooperation and timely assistance in satisfying all applicable federal, state, or local reimbursement requirements. The contractor shall prioritize all requests for goods and services required on a first priority basis and at the established contractual pricing.

- 4.1. Contractor shall provide a twenty-four (24) hour emergency contact phone number capable of receiving calls, texts, and emails. The contractor shall respond to such communications, either verbally or digitally, within one (1) hour of receipt of notification.
- 4.2. Upon notification of the required services, Contractor shall maintain operational readiness and remain on “standby” status for immediate response as soon as conditions are deemed safe for deployment.
- 4.3. The contractor shall comply with the following federal documentation requirements:
 - 4.3.1. Submit clear before and after photographs of all work areas. Photographs must contain intact and unaltered meta-data, including date and timestamp.
 - 4.3.2. Document the precise start and completion times corresponding to the meta-data in the before and after photographs.
 - 4.3.2. Document a comprehensive list of all equipment used on-site, identifying the type and quantity of equipment used.

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A. CONTRACTOR will purchase and maintain at all times during the term of this Contract, without cost or expense to the Lake County Water Authority (LCWA), policies of insurance as indicated below, with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and which are acceptable to the LCWA, insuring the CONTRACTOR against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, for injuries received or damage to property relating to the performance of duties, services, or obligations of the CONTRACTOR under the terms and provisions of the Contract. An original certificate of insurance, indicating that CONTRACTOR has coverage in accordance with the requirements of this section must be received and accepted by the LCWA prior to contract execution or before any work begins. It will be furnished by CONTRACTOR to the LCWA's Project Manager and County Procurement Services Director within five working days of such request. The parties agree that the policies of insurance and confirming certificates of insurance will insure the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the following minimum limits:

i. General Liability insurance on forms no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Occurrence Form Commercial General Liability policy (CG 00 01) of the Insurance Services Office or equivalent without restrictive endorsements, with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Occurrence/General Aggregate	\$500,000
Products-Completed Operations	\$500,000
Personal & Adv. Injury	\$500,000
Fire Damage	\$50,000
Medical Expense	\$5,000
Contractual Liability	Included

ii. Automobile liability insurance, including owned, non-owned, and hired autos with the minimum Combined Single Limit of \$300,000

iii. Workers' compensation insurance based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and any other applicable law requiring workers' compensation (Federal, maritime, etc.).

iv. Employers Liability with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Accident	\$100,000
Disease-Each Employer	\$100,000
Disease-Policy Limit	\$100,000

B. The LCWA and its Board, will be named as additional insured as their interest may appear all applicable policies. Certificates of insurance must identify the Solicitation/Contract number in the Description of Operations section on the Certificate.

C. CONTRACTOR must provide a minimum of 30 days prior written notice to the LCWA of any change, cancellation, or nonrenewal of the required insurance.

D. Certificates of insurance must evidence a waiver of subrogation in favor of the LCWA, that coverage must be primary and noncontributory, and that each evidenced policy includes a Cross Liability or Severability of Interests provision, with no requirement of premium by the LCWA.

E. CONTRACTOR must provide a copy of all policy endorsements, reflecting the required coverage, with the LCWA listed as an additional insured along with all required provisions to include waiver of subrogation. Contracts cannot be completed without this required insurance documentation. A certificate of insurance (COI) will not be accepted in lieu of the policy endorsements.

F. Certificate holders must be:

LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
27351 FL SR-19
TAVARES, FL 32778

G. All self-insured retentions will appear on the certificates and will be subject to approval by the LCWA. At the option of the LCWA, the insurer will reduce or eliminate such self-insured retentions; or CONTRACTOR will be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.

H. The LCWA will be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money, which may represent a deductible or self-insured retention in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible or self-insured retention will be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor providing such insurance.

I. CONTRACTOR will be responsible for subcontractors and their insurance. Subcontractors are to provide Certificates of Insurance to the LCWA evidencing coverage and terms in accordance with the CONTRACTOR'S requirements.

J. Failure to obtain and maintain such insurance as set out above will be considered a breach of contract and may result in termination of the contract for default.

K. Neither approval by the LCWA of any insurance supplied by CONTRACTOR, nor a failure to disapprove that insurance, will relieve CONTRACTOR of full responsibility of liability, damages, and accidents as set forth herein.

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DEFINITIONS

Contract: The agreement to perform the services set forth in a document signed by both parties with any attachments specifically incorporated.

Contractor: The Vendor to whom award has been made.

County: Lake County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

Department: State of Florida Department of Transportation

Lake County: Lake County Board of County Commissioners

LCWA: Lake County Water Authority, a dependent special taxing district of Lake County, Florida

Proposal: Any offer submitted in response to a solicitation.

Solicitation: The written document requesting bids, quotes, or proposals from the marketplace.

Vendor: Any entity responding to a solicitation or performing under any resulting contract.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VENDORS

- A. Vendor Qualification: The LCWA requires Vendors provide evidence of compliance with the requirements below upon request:
1. Disclosure of Employment.
 2. Disclosure of Ownership.
 3. Drug-Free Workplace.
 4. W-9 and 8109 Forms – as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
 5. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
 6. Conflict of Interest.
 7. Debarment Disclosure Affidavit.
 8. Compliance with Section 288.0071, Florida Statutes, Economic Incentives to Foreign Entities of Concern.
 9. Nondiscrimination.
 10. Family Leave.
 11. Antitrust Laws – By acceptance of any contract, the Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable antitrust laws.
- B. Public Entity Crimes: Pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction of a public entity crime may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or contractor under a contract with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- C. Contents of Solicitation and Vendors' Responsibilities: The Vendor shall be thoroughly familiar with the requirements of this solicitation. Ignorance of these matters by the Vendor will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the LCWA, or the compensation to be paid.
- E. Restricted Discussions: From the date of solicitation issuance until final LCWA action, Vendors will not discuss any part of the solicitation with any employee, agent, or other representative of the LCWA or Lake County except as expressly authorized by the designated procurement representative.

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The only communications that will be considered pertinent to a solicitation are appropriately signed written documents from the Vendor to the designated procurement representative and any relevant written document promulgated by the designated procurement representative.

- F. Changes to Proposal: Prior to the scheduled due date, a Vendor may change its Proposal by submitting a new proposal with a letter on the firm's letterhead, signed by an authorized agent stating that the new submittal replaces the original. The new submittal must contain the letter and all information as required in the solicitation.
- G. Withdrawal of Proposal: A Proposal will be irrevocable unless it is withdrawn as provided in a solicitation. A Proposal may be withdrawn, either physically or by written notice, at any time prior to solicitation award. If withdrawn by written notice, that notice must be addressed to, and received

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by, the designated procurement representative. The letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the Vendor.

- H. Conflicts within the Solicitation: Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Pricing Section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence will be: the last addendum issued, the Proposal Price Section, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions. It is incumbent upon the Vendor to identify such conflicts to the designated procurement representative prior to the Proposal due date.
- I. Prompt Payment Terms: Payment for all purchases by LCWA will be made in a timely manner and interest payments will be made on late payments in accordance with Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, known as the Florida Prompt Payment Act. The Vendor may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during Proposal evaluation.
- J. Improper Payment Requests and Invoice Disputes: Improper payment requests or invoices submitted by the CONTRACTOR shall be resolved as provided for in the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.76, Florida Statutes.

PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

- A. Any Vendor assisting in the development of a scope of work or services will not be allowed to participate in any solicitation.
- B. The pricing section of a solicitation defines requirements of items to be purchased and must be completed and submitted with the Proposal. Use of any other form or alteration of the form may result in rejection of the Proposal.
- C. The Proposal submitted must be legible. Vendors shall type or use an ink to complete the Proposal. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the bid to be rejected.
- D. An authorized agent of the Vendor's firm must sign the Proposal. The LCWA may reject any Proposal not signed by an authorized agent.
- E. The Vendor may submit alternate Proposals for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate Proposal must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted as a separate Proposal marked "Alternate Proposal."
- F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail. The LCWA reserves the right to allow for clarification of questionable entries and the correction of obvious mistakes.
- G. Any Proposal received after the designated receipt date will be considered late and will not be considered for award.
- H. A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity.

COLLUSION

Where two (2) or more related parties each submit a Proposal for the same contract, such Proposals will be presumed to be collusive. Furthermore, any prior understanding, agreement, or connection between

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two (2) or more corporations, firms, or persons submitting a Proposal for the same materials, supplies, services, or equipment will also be presumed to be collusive. Proposals found to be collusive will be rejected. Vendors which have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible and may be suspended or debarred. Any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Vendor warrants that they have not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor to solicit or secure the Contract and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor, any consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract.

CONTRACTING WITH LCWA EMPLOYEES

Any LCWA employee or immediate family member seeking to contract with the LCWA shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the LCWA Attorney prior to submittal of a Proposal. The affected employee shall disclose the employee's assigned function within the LCWA and interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed contract and the nature of the intended contract.

INCURRED EXPENSES

A solicitation does not commit the LCWA to make an award nor will the LCWA be responsible for any cost or expense which may be incurred by any Vendor in preparing and submitting a Proposal, or any cost or expense incurred by any Vendor prior to the execution of a purchase order or contract.

AWARD

- A. The Contract resulting from a solicitation may be awarded to the responsible Vendor which submits a Proposal determined to provide the best value to the LCWA with price, technical, and other applicable factors considered. The LCWA reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, to waive irregularities or technicalities, and to re-advertise for all or any part of this solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The LCWA will be the sole judge of its best interest.
- B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the LCWA reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid, or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the LCWA. This provision specifically supersedes any method of award criteria stated in the solicitation when such action is necessary to protect the best interests of the LCWA.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals if it is determined that prices are excessive or determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the LCWA's best interest to do so.
- D. The LCWA reserves the right to reject offers containing terms or conditions contradictory to the LCWA's.
- E. Award of a solicitation will be made to firms satisfying all necessary legal requirements to do business with the LCWA. The LCWA may conduct a pre-award inspection of the Vendor's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the Vendor can perform the requirements of a solicitation.
- F. The Vendor's performance as a Contractor or subcontractor on previous LCWA contracts will be considered in evaluating the responsibility of the Vendor.
- G. Any tie situations will be resolved in consonance with current written LCWA procedure.
- H. Award of the contract resulting from this solicitation may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the solicitation.
- I. A Vendor wishing to protest any award decision resulting from a solicitation may do so per the Lake County Protest Procedures.

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GRANT FUNDING

In the event any part of a Contract is to be funded by federal, state, or other local agency monies, the Vendor hereby agrees to comply with all requirements of the funding entity applicable to the use of the monies, including full application of requirements involving the use of minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Contractors are advised that payments under the Contract may be withheld pending completion and submission of all required forms and documents required of the Contractor pursuant to the grant funding requirements.

STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Any entity conducting business in Florida shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with Florida law, unless exempt from registration. A copy of the registration may be required prior to award of a Contract. Additional information is available by visiting the [Florida Department of State home page](#).

PRIME CONTRACTOR

The Vendor awarded a Contract shall act as the Prime Contractor and will assume full responsibility for the successful performance under the Contract. The Awarded Vendor (Contractor) will be considered the sole point of contact regarding meeting all requirements of the Contract. All subcontractors may be subject to advance review by the LCWA regarding competency and security concerns. No change in subcontractors may be made without the consent of the LCWA after the award of the Contract. Contractor will be responsible for all insurance, permits, licenses, and related matters for any and all subcontractors. LCWA may require the Contractor to provide any insurance certificates required by the work to be performed even if the subcontractor is self-insured.

SUBCONTRACTING

Unless otherwise stipulated in a solicitation, the Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the LCWA. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the LCWA may result in termination of the Contract for default.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

The LCWA has adopted policies which assure and encourage the full participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in the provision of goods and services. The LCWA encourages joint ventures between majority-owned firms and qualified disadvantaged/minority/women-owned firms.

GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

The Contract will be binding upon and will inure to the benefit of each of the parties and respective successors and permitted assigns. The Contract may not be amended, released, discharged, rescinded or abandoned, except by a written instrument duly executed by the parties. The failure of any party at any time to enforce any of the provisions of the Contract will in no way constitute or be construed as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision of the Contract, nor in any way affect the validity of, or the right to enforce, each and every provision of the Contract. Any dispute arising during Contract performance that is not readily rectified by coordination between the Contractor and the LCWA user department will be referred to Procurement Services.

GOVERNING LAW, VENUE, AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

Any contract will be made under, and in all respects shall be interpreted, construed, and governed by and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any legal action shall lie in Lake County, Florida. THE CONTRACTOR, KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY, HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT THEY MAY HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL IN ANY CIVIL LITIGATION MATTER ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

COMPLIANCE OF LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND LICENSES

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The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to provision of the goods or services specified in a solicitation. During the term of a Contract, the Contractor assures that it is in compliance with Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended, and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, in that the Contractor does not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or marital status, discriminate in any form or manner against its employees or applicants for employment. The Contractor understands that any Contract is conditioned upon the veracity of this statement.

CONTRACT EXTENSION

The LCWA has the unilateral option to extend a Contract for up to ninety (90) calendar days beyond the current Contract period. In such event, the LCWA will notify the Contractor in writing of such extensions. The Contract may be extended beyond the initial ninety (90) day extension upon mutual agreement between the LCWA and the Contractor. Exercise of the above options requires the prior approval of the Procurement Services Director.

MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

Any Contract resulting from a solicitation may be modified by mutual consent of duly authorized parties, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the Contract or purchase order as appropriate. This presumes the modification itself complies with all applicable LCWA procedures.

ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any Contract resulting from a solicitation, including any rights, title or interest in the Contract, or its power to execute such Contract to any entity without the prior written consent of the LCWA. The Contractor shall notify the LCWA thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the assignment and complete all necessary paperwork. This provision includes any acquisition or hostile takeover of the Contractor. Failure to submit a timely notification of an assignment to the LCWA may result in a material breach of the contract and termination by the LCWA or assessment of a processing fee.

NON-EXCLUSIVITY

It is the intent of the LCWA to enter into an agreement that will satisfy its needs as described within a solicitation. However, the LCWA reserves the right to perform, or cause to be performed, all or any of the work and services described in a solicitation in the manner deemed to represent its best interests. In no case will the LCWA be liable for billings in excess of the quantity of goods or services provided under the Contract.

OTHER AGENCIES

Other governmental agencies may make purchases in accordance with the Contract with Contractor consent. Purchases are governed by the Contract's terms and conditions except for the change in agency name. Each agency will be responsible and liable for its own purchases for materials or services received.

CONTINUATION OF WORK

Any work that commences prior to, and will extend, beyond the expiration date of any Contract period must, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the LCWA and the Contractor, continue until completion without change to the then current prices, terms and conditions.

WARRANTY

All warranties express and implied, must be made available to the LCWA for goods and services covered by a solicitation. All goods furnished must be fully guaranteed by the Contractor against factory defects and workmanship. They will be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty given for comparable quantities of products or services and the rights and remedies provided in the Contract will be in addition to the warranty and do not limit any right afforded to the LCWA by any other provision of

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a solicitation. Contractor shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty period at no expense to the LCWA. The special conditions of a solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

DEFICIENCIES IN WORK TO BE CORRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR

Contractor shall promptly correct all apparent and latent deficiencies or defects in work, or any work that fails to conform to the Contract documents regardless of project completion status. All corrections must be made within seven (7) calendar days after such rejected defects, deficiencies, or non-conformances are verbally reported to the Contractor by the LCWA's project administrator. Contractor must bear all costs of correcting such rejected work. If the Contractor fails to correct the work within the period specified, the LCWA may, at its discretion, notify the Contractor, in writing, that the Contractor is subject to contractual default provisions if the corrections are not completed to the satisfaction of the LCWA within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the notice. If the Contractor fails to correct the work within the period specified in the notice, the LCWA may place the Contractor in default, obtain the services of another Contractor to correct the deficiencies, and charge the incumbent Contractor for these costs, either through a deduction from the final payment owed to the Contractor or through invoicing. If the Contractor fails to honor this invoice or credit memo, the LCWA may terminate the contract for default.

LCWA IS TAX-EXEMPT

When purchasing on a direct basis, the LCWA is generally exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and all State of Florida sales and use taxes (85-8012646344C-7). Except for items specifically identified by the Contractor and accepted by the LCWA for direct LCWA purchase under the Sales Tax Recovery Program, Contractors doing business with the LCWA are not exempt from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the LCWA, nor will any Contractor be authorized to use any of the LCWA's Tax Exemptions in securing such materials.

SHIPPING TERMS, F.O.B. DESTINATION

The F.O.B. point for any product ordered will be F.O.B.: DESTINATION – Inside Delivery, FREIGHT ALLOWED. The LCWA will not consider any Proposal showing a F.O.B. point other than F.O.B.: Destination – Inside Delivery.

ACCEPTANCE OF GOODS OR SERVICES

The products delivered as a result of a solicitation will remain the property of the Contractor, and services rendered under the Contract will not be deemed complete, until a physical inspection and actual usage of the products or services is accepted by the LCWA and is in compliance with the terms in the contract.

Any goods or services purchased as a result of a solicitation or Contract may be tested/inspected for compliance with specifications. In the event that any aspect of the goods or services provided is found to be defective or does not conform to the specifications, the LCWA reserves the right to terminate the Contract or initiate corrective action on the part of the Contractor, to include return of any non-compliant goods to the Contractor at the Contractor's expense, requiring the Contractor to either provide a direct replacement for the item, or a full credit for the returned item. The Contractor shall not assess any additional charges for any conforming action taken by the LCWA under this clause. The LCWA will not be responsible to pay for any product or service that does not conform to the Contract specifications.

In addition, any defective product or service or any product or service not delivered or performed by the date specified in a purchase order or Contract, may be procured by the LCWA on the open market, and any increase in cost may be charged against the Contractor. Any cost incurred by the LCWA in any re-procurement plus any increased product or service cost will be withheld from any monies owed to the Contractor by the LCWA for any Contract or financial obligation.

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

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Estimated quantities or dollars are for the Vendor's guidance only and may be used in the award evaluation process. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollar value that will be used during the Contract period. The LCWA is not obligated to place any order for a given amount subsequent to the award of a solicitation. In no event will the LCWA be liable for payments in excess of the amount due for quantities of goods or services actually ordered.

PURCHASE OF OTHER ITEMS

While the LCWA has listed all major items within a solicitation, there may be ancillary or similar items purchased by the LCWA during the term of a Contract. The Contractor will provide a price quote for the ancillary items. The LCWA may request price quotes from all Contractors under Contract if there are multiple Contracts. The LCWA reserves the right to award these ancillary items to the primary Contractor, another Contract Contractor based on the lowest price quoted, or to acquire the items through a separate solicitation.

Although a Contract may identify specific locations to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any LCWA department or facility may be added or deleted to the Contract at the option of the LCWA. The location change will be addressed by formal Contract modification. The LCWA may obtain price quotes for the additional facilities from other Vendors if fair and reasonable pricing is not obtained from the Contractor, or for other reasons at the LCWA's discretion. It is hereby agreed and understood that the LCWA may delete service locations when such service is no longer required, upon fourteen (14) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor.

SAFETY

The Contractor will be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work and for complying with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Act (OSHA). The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to persons or property.

The Contractor shall provide all standard equipment, work operations, safety equipment, personal protective equipment, and lighting required or mandated by State, Federal, OSHA, or Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) regulations.

The Contractor shall designate a competent person of its organization whose duty will be the prevention of accidents at the site. This person must be literate and able to communicate fully in the English language because of the necessity to read job instructions and signs, as well as the need for conversing with LCWA personnel. This person must be the Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the Contractor to the Contract Manager.

SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS)

The Contractor is responsible to ensure the LCWA has received the latest version of any SDS required by 29 C.F.R. Section 1910.1200 with the first shipment of any hazardous material. The Contractor shall promptly provide a new SDS to the LCWA with the new information relevant to the specific material at any time the content of an SDS is revised.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Tobacco use, including both smoke and smokeless tobacco, is prohibited on LCWA owned property.

CLEAN-UP

If applicable, all unusable materials and debris must be removed from the premises at the end of each workday and disposed of in an appropriate manner. The Contractor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the associated user department's project manager upon final completion.

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All existing structures, utilities, services, roads, trees, shrubbery, and property in which the LCWA has an interest must always be protected against damage or interrupted services by the Contractor during the term of a Contract. The Contractor will be held responsible for repairing or replacing property to the satisfaction of the LCWA which is damaged by reason of the Contractor's operation on the property. In the event the Contractor fails to comply with these requirements, the LCWA reserves the right to secure the required services and charge the costs of such services back to the Contractor.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY/LICENSURE, PERMITS, AND FEES

Any Vendor that submits an offer in response to a LCWA solicitation shall, at the time of such offer if required, hold a valid Certificate of Competency or appropriate current license issued by the State or LCWA Examining Board qualifying the Vendor to perform the work proposed. If work for other trades is required in conjunction with a solicitation, and such work will be performed by subcontractors hired by the Vendor, an applicable Certificate of Competency/license issued to the subcontractors must be submitted with the Vendor's offer. The LCWA may at its option and in its best interest, allow the Vendor to supply the subcontractors certificate/license to the LCWA during the offer evaluation period. The Contractor is responsible to ensure that all required licenses, permits, and fees (to include any inspection fees) required for a project are obtained and paid for, and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building or other code requirements applicable to the work contemplated in a solicitation. Damages, penalties, or fines imposed on the LCWA or the Contractor for failure to obtain required licenses, permits, inspection or other fees, or inspections will be borne by the Contractor.

TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

Any organization awarded a Contract must execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that the wage rates and other factual unit costs are accurate, complete, and current, at the time of contracting for each Contract that exceeds \$195,000.00. Any Contract requiring this certificate will contain a provision that the original Contract price and any additions will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the LCWA determines the Contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such Contract adjustments will be made within one (1) year following the end of the Contract.

COMPETENCY OF VENDORS AND ASSOCIATED SUBCONTRACTORS

Proposals will be considered from firms which are regularly engaged in the business of providing or distributing the goods or services described in the solicitation, and who can produce evidence of a consistent satisfactory record of performance. The LCWA may consider any evidence available to it of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of any Vendor responding under a solicitation, including past performance with the LCWA. Vendors must have sufficient financial support and organization to ensure satisfactory delivery under the stated solicitation terms and conditions of any Contract awarded. In the event the Vendor intends to subcontract any part of its work or will obtain the goods specifically offered under the Contract from another source of supply, the Vendor may be required to verify the competency of its subcontractor or supplier. The LCWA reserves the right, before awarding the Contract, to require a Vendor to submit such evidence of its or its subcontractor's qualifications.

RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER

The employees of the Contractor will always be considered its employees, and not an employees or agents of the LCWA. The Contractor shall provide employees capable of performing the work as required. The LCWA may require the Contractor to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the Contractor may be required to wear appropriate identification.

MINIMUM WAGES

Under the Contract, the wage rate paid to all laborers, mechanics and apprentices employed by the Contractor for the work under the Contract, must not be less than the prevailing wage rates for similar classifications of work as established by the Federal Government and enforced by the U.S. Department

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of Labor, Wages and Hours Division, and Florida's Minimum Wage requirements in Article X, Section 24 (f) of the Florida Constitution and enforced by the Florida Legislature by statute or the State Agency for Workforce Innovation by rule, whichever is higher.

PRICE REDETERMINATIONS

Contractor may petition for a price redetermination with documented increases in the cost of wages, fuel, or materials within 30 calendar days of the anniversary date of the Contract. Price redeterminations will be based upon changes documented by the applicable Employment Cost Index (ECI) or Producer Price Index (PPI) as published on the [Bureau of Labor Statistics site here](#). Contractor may petition for price redetermination for Contractor's minimum wage employees should the minimum wage increase during the Contract. Upon verification, the LCWA may grant an increase matching the minimum wage increase.

INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

General Solicitations:

To the extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the LCWA and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the LCWA or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the Contract by the Contractor or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The Contractor shall pay all claims and losses in connection with those claims and losses, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the LCWA, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorneys' fees which may be incurred. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by the Contract or otherwise provided by the Contractor will in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and hold harmless and defend the LCWA or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as provided in a solicitation or any Contract arising from a solicitation.

FDOT Funded Solicitations:

To the extent provided by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless LCWA and the State of Florida, Department of Transportation (Department), 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. The foregoing indemnification shall not constitute a waiver of LCWA or Department's 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 LCWA for the negligent acts or omissions of LCWA, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by Contractor to indemnify Department for the negligent acts or omissions of Department, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

CCNA Solicitations:

The Consultant will indemnify and hold harmless LCWA, its officers, employees, and agents from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of Contractor, its personnel, employees, and other person utilized by Contractor in the performance of this agreement, including defects in design, or errors or omissions that result in material cost increases to LCWA, pursuant to Section 725.08, Florida Statutes. Such indemnification will include the payment of all valid (third-party) claims, losses, and judgments in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs. This indemnification obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce any other rights or remedies which otherwise may be available to an indemnified party or person described in this paragraph or be

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deemed to affect the rights, privileges, and immunities of LCWA as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The LCWA, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate the Contract upon thirty (30) days' written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not incur any additional costs under the Contract. The LCWA will be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to notice of termination. The LCWA will be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING FUNDING

When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a current or subsequent fiscal year, the Contract will be cancelled, and the Contractor will be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred amortized in the price of the supplies or services/tasks delivered under the contract.

TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The LCWA reserves the right to terminate any Contract arising from a solicitation, in part or in whole, or affect other appropriate remedy in the event the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the Contract. The LCWA further reserves the right to suspend or debar the Contractor in accordance with the LCWA's ordinances, resolutions and administrative orders. The Contractor will be notified by letter of the LCWA's intent to terminate and the Contractor will be given ten (10) calendar days to cure the breach. In the event of termination for default, the LCWA may procure the required goods and services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement costs will be borne by the Contractor.

FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations through fraud, misrepresentation or other material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The LCWA as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other Contracts with such individual, corporation or entity with such Contractor held responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorneys' fees.

RIGHT TO AUDIT

The LCWA reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit to an audit, by any auditor of the LCWA's choosing. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to the contract at its place of business during regular business hours. The Contractor shall retain all records pertaining to the contract and upon request make them available to the LCWA for three (3) complete calendar years following expiration of the contract or for such time as set forth in the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, General Records Schedule GS1-SL, a copy of which can be found at this link: [GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies \(floridados.gov\)](https://www.floridados.gov/government/records-management/government-records-schedules/government-records-schedule-gs1-sl), whichever is longer. The Contractor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the LCWA to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

If the Contractor provides technology services, the Contractor must provide Statement of Standards for Attestations Engagements (SSAE) 16 or 18 and System and Service Organization Control (SOC) reports upon request by the LCWA. The SOC reports must be full Type II reports that include the Contractor's description of control processes, and the independent auditor's evaluation of the design and operating effectiveness of controls. The cost of the reports will be paid by the Contractor.

If an audit inspection or examination pursuant to this section discloses overpricing or overcharges of any nature by the Contractor to the LCWA in excess of one percent (1%) of the total contract billings, in addition to making adjustments for the overcharges, the reasonable actual cost of the LCWA's audit must

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be reimbursed to the LCWA by the Contractor. Any adjustments or payments which must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Contractor's invoices or records must be made within a reasonable amount of time, but in no event may the time exceed ninety (90) calendar days, from presentation of the LCWA's audit findings to the Contractor.

This provision is hereby considered to be included within, and applicable to, any subcontractor agreement entered into by the Contractor in performance of any work under the contract.

PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Vendors are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of a Proposal will be available for public inspection in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (the "Public Record Act"). The Vendor should not submit any information in response to a solicitation which the Vendor considers proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the LCWA in connection with a solicitation will be deemed a waiver from release of the submitted information unless such information is exempt or confidential under the Public Records Act.

PUBLIC RECORDS LAW

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(a), Florida Statutes, the LCWA is required to provide Contractor with this statement and establish the following requirements as contractual obligations pursuant to the contract:

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 SOLICITATION, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 352-343-9839, PURCHASING@LAKECOUNTYFL.GOV, BY MAIL, OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES, ATTN: RON FALANGA, P.O. BOX 7800 TAVARES, FL 32778.

By entering into the Contract, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any records maintained, generated, received, or kept in connection with, or related to the performance of services provided under, the Contract are public records subject to the public records disclosure requirements of section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution. Pursuant to section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, any Contractor entering into a contract for services with the County is required to:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services and work provided pursuant to the Contract.
- B. Upon request from the LCWA's custodian of public records, provide the LCWA with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion or termination of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the LCWA.
- D. Upon completion or termination of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the LCWA all public records in the possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the LCWA to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the LCWA upon completion or termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion or termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the LCWA, upon request from the LCWA's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the LCWA.

Requests to inspect or copy public records relating to the LCWA's Contract for services must be made

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directly to the LCWA. If Contractor receives any such request, Contractor shall instruct the requestor to contact the LCWA. If the LCWA does not possess the records requested, the LCWA shall immediately notify the Contractor of such request, and the Contractor must provide the records to the LCWA or otherwise allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.

Contractor acknowledges that failure to provide the public records to the LCWA within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, Florida Statutes. Contractor further agrees not to release any records that are statutorily confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure without first receiving prior written authorization from the LCWA. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the LCWA harmless for and against any and all claims, damage awards, and causes of action arising from the Contractor's failure to comply with the public records disclosure requirements of section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, or by Contractor's failure to maintain public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from the public records disclosure requirements, including, but not limited to, any third party claims or awards for attorney's fees and costs arising therefrom. Contractor authorizes LCWA to seek declaratory, injunctive, or other appropriate relief against Contractor from a Circuit Court in Lake County on an expedited basis to enforce the requirements of this section.

COPYRIGHTS

Any copyright derived from a Contract will belong to the author. The author and the Contractor shall expressly assign to the LCWA nonexclusive, royalty free rights to use any and all information provided by the Contractor in any deliverable or report for the LCWA's use which may include publishing in LCWA documents and distribution as the LCWA deems to be in its best interests. If anything included in any deliverable limits the rights of the LCWA to use the information, the deliverable will be considered defective and not acceptable and the Contractor will not be eligible for any compensation.

The LCWA owns and retains all proprietary rights in its logos, trademarks, trade names, and copyrighted images (Intellectual Property). As such, nothing in any solicitation permits or shall be construed as authorizing Vendor or Contractor to use or display LCWA's Intellectual Property. The LCWA has the right to redact the LCWA Logo displayed on any submission.

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

LCWA expressly retains all rights, benefits and immunities of sovereign immunity in accordance with Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Nothing will be deemed as a waiver of immunity or the limitations of liability of LCWA beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability. Nothing will inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim against LCWA, which would otherwise be barred under the law.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS

All items to be purchased under a Contract must be in accordance with all governmental standards to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

E-VERIFY

Upon award of a Contract, the Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of all new persons hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract.

The Contractor shall include in all contracts with subcontractors performing work pursuant to any Contract, an express requirement that subcontractors utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by subcontractors during the term of the subcontract.

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HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPPA)

The Contractor may be required to execute a Business Associate Agreement, pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191) (codified at 42 U.S.C. Section 1320d, *et. seq.*), and regulations contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

If the Contractor obtains any information governed by 42 U.S.C. Section 290dd-2 and the regulations implemented by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at 42 C.F.R. Part 2 (collectively referred to as the “SAMHSA regulations”), whether from the LCWA or another source, while providing services to the LCWA under the contract, the Contractor shall only use or disclose that information pursuant to the SAMHSA regulations.

The Contractor will also comply with any and all laws under the State of Florida governing the confidentiality of health information, including but not limited to records or other documents containing medical, mental health, or substance abuse information.

FORCE MAJEURE

The parties will exercise every reasonable effort to meet respective obligations under the Contract but will not be liable for delayed performance or nonperformance resulting from a force majeure. A party that becomes aware of a force majeure that will significantly delay performance will notify the other party promptly, within 15 calendar days, after it discovers the force majeure. If a force majeure occurs, the parties may execute a contract modification or change order to extend the performance schedule or make accommodations that are reasonable under the circumstances.

NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

No claim for damages or any claim other than for an extension of time may be made or asserted against the LCWA because of any delays. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension, or delay in the commencement or progress of the work will relieve the Contractor of duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from the LCWA. The Contractor’s sole remedy will be the right to seek an extension to the Contract time. However, this provision will not preclude recovery of damages by the Contractor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith, or active interference on the part of the LCWA.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

The Contractor hereby certifies that, pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, it is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel and is not participating in a boycott of Israel. The Contractor understands that pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject it to civil penalties, attorneys’ fees, and costs. The Contractor further understands that any contract with the LCWA for goods or services may be terminated at the option of the LCWA if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification or has been listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel list or is participating in a boycott of Israel.

For purchases of \$1 million or more:

By submitting a response to any solicitation, the Contractor hereby certifies that, pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, it is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies with activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel and is not participating in a boycott of Israel, and is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The Contractor understands that pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject it to civil penalties, attorneys’ fees, and costs. The Contractor further understands that any contract with the LCWA for goods or services of \$1 million or more may be terminated at the option of the LCWA if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification or has been listed on the Scrutinized Companies with activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, is

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listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel list or is participating in a boycott of Israel, or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

FOREIGN GIFTS AND CONTRACTS

Pursuant to Section 286.101, Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall disclose to the LCWA any current or prior interest of, any contract with, or any grant or gift received by a foreign country of concern if such interest, contract, or grant or gift (1) had a value of \$50,000 or more and (2) such interest existed at any time or such contract or grant or gift was received or in force at any time during the previous five (5) years. Foreign country of concern is defined in Section 286.101(1)(b), Florida Statutes, as the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under significant control of such foreign country of concern. CONTRACTOR'S disclosure must include the amount of the contract or grant or gift or the value of the interest disclosed, the applicable foreign country of concern and, if applicable, the date of termination of the contract or interest, the date of receipt of the grant or gift, and the name of the agent or controlled entity that is the source or interest holder. The LCWA may request records relevant to a reasonable suspicion that a disclosure has not been made and the CONTRACTOR shall provide the required records within thirty (30) days of the LCWA making such request, or at a later time as agreed to by the Parties.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING RELATED ACTIVITIES

The U.S. Government has adopted a policy prohibiting trafficking in persons including the trafficking-related activities listed below. These prohibitions specifically apply to come federally funded contracts and prohibit contractors, contractor employees, and their agents from:

- A. Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of performance of the contract;
- B. Procuring commercial sex acts during the period of performance of the contract;
- C. Using forced labor in the performance of the contract;
- D. Destroying, concealing, confiscating, or otherwise denying access by an employee to the employee's identity or immigration documents, such as passports or drivers' licenses, regardless of issuing authority;
- E. Using misleading or fraudulent practices during the recruitment of employees;
- F. Charging employees or potential employees recruitment fees;
- G. Failing to provide return transportation or paying for the cost of return transportation upon the end of employment for certain employees;
- H. Providing or arrange housing that fails to meet the host country housing and safety standards; or
- I. Failing to provide an employment contract, recruitment agreement, or other required work documents in writing, as required by law or contract.

NOTICES

All notices given by one party to the other party under a contract must be delivered to the receiving party's address set forth on the Contract either by hand, qualified courier, or e-mail and will be deemed received the day after it is transmitted. For LCWA, it must be addressed to the Office of Procurement Services, Post Office Box 7800, 315 West Main Street, Suite 416, Tavares, Florida, 32778 or emailed to purchasing@lakecountyfl.gov.

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The work under this Agreement may be funded in whole or in part by funds provided by a federal grant, including funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Contractor agrees to comply with any additional specific requirements of a Federal Awarding Agency, such as FEMA, at the time a federal funding source is identified. The following contract provisions are required by Appendix II to 2 CFR, Part 200 ("Uniform Guidance"). During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply to the terms below, as may be updated from time to time by the Federal Awarding Agency.

A. FEDERAL PARTICIPATION

The Federal Government is not a party to this Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from this Agreement.

B. DAVIS BACON ACT & COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT COMPLIANCE

(FEMA Funded contracts and subcontracts for construction work over \$2,000.00 for construction funded under FEMA's Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP), Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP), Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), Intercity Passenger Rail – Amtrack Program (IPR), and Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) programs).

(1) **Davis-Bacon Act.** If required by a Federal Awarding Agency, Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3141–3144, and 3146–3148, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "**Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction**"). If applicable, contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. A copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor will be provided for in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

In the event work under this Agreement is covered by Davis-Bacon, Contractor agrees to enter into an amendment including the provisions of 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)–(11) in full before covered work begins. Further, Contractor agrees to incorporate the provisions of 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)–(11) in full into any subcontracts entered for the furtherance of the work.

(2) **Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act.** If required by a Federal Awarding Agency, Contractor agrees to comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). Contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The Contractor and the County must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

C. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (29 CFR 5.5(b))

(Federally funded contracts and subcontracts over \$100,000 utilizing mechanics or laborers; the terms "laborers and mechanics includes watchpersons and guards.")

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(1) **Overtime requirements.** No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.** In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$33.00 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages.**

a. **Withholding Process.** The County may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in this Section, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.

b. **Priority to withheld funds.** The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5(a)(2)(i) or 29 CFR 5.5(b)(3)(i) of this section, or both, over claims to those funds by: (A) A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties; (B) A contracting agency for its procurement costs; (C) A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate; (D) A contractor's assignee(s); (E) A contractor's successor(s); or (F) A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901-3907.

(4) **Subcontracts.** The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (5) of this Section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section. In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.

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(5) **Anti-retaliation.** It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:

a. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in this part;

b. Filing any complaint, initiating or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or this part;

c. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or this part; or

d. Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or this part.

(6) **CWHSSA Records Retention.** In the event that a contract is subject only to CWHSSA and not Davis-Bacon, Contractor and its subcontractors must retain regular payrolls and other basic records during the course of the work and must preserve them for a period of three (3) years after all the work on the prime contract is completed for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchpersons, working on the contract. Such records must contain the name; last known address, telephone number, and email address; and social security number of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work actually performed; hourly rates of wages paid; daily and weekly number of hours actually worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid. Further, the records to be maintained under this paragraph must be made available by the contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the County, FEMA, and the Department of Labor, and the contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT

In the event that work provided by Contractor meets the definition of "funding agreement" then the provisions of 37 CFR 401 and FEMA's implementing regulations shall apply to this Agreement.

E. CLEAN AIR ACT

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Awarding Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

F. FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

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(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Awarding Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

G. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

Applicable to federally assisted contracts and subcontracts greater than \$25,000.

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the State of Florida and, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including, but not limited to, suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

H. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more, including subcontracts entered into for \$100,000 or more, shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

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I. APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 -CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of their knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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J. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired

- i. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- ii. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- iii. At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, [Comprehensive Procurement Guideline \(CPG\) Program | US EPA](#). The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. The Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with the law, purchase, acquire, or use products and services that can be reused, refurbished, or recycled; contain recycled content, are biobased, or are energy and water efficient; and are sustainable.

K. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING FOR COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES

(1) Definitions. As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services (Interim), as used in this clause.

(2) Prohibitions.

- a. Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.
- b. Unless an exception in paragraph 3 of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:
 - i. Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - ii. Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - iii. Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or

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- iv. Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

(3) Exceptions.

- a. This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing:
 - i. A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - ii. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
- b. By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:
 - i. Covered telecommunications equipment or services that:
 - 1. Are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and
 - 2. Are not used as critical technology of any system.
 - ii. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(4) Reporting requirement.

- a. In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph 4.b of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.
- b. The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph 4.a of this clause:
 - i. Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
 - ii. Within ten (10) business days of submitting the information in paragraph 4.b.i of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and

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any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

- (5) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph 5, in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

L. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS

(1) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including, but not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

(2) For the purposes of this section: “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

M. BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA ACT (BABAA)

The BABAA domestic preference requirements are applicable to infrastructure projects funded under subject FEMA financial assistance program awards issued on or after January 2, 2023, as well as new funding FEMA obligates to existing awards or through renewal awards where the new funding is obligated on or after January 2, 2023. For a list of FEMA programs for which BABAA applies, see [Programs and Definitions: Build America, Buy America Act | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/buy-america/programs-definitions#subject) (<https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/buy-america/programs-definitions#subject>).

(1) **Architectural and/or Engineering Contracts.** Design professionals agree to incorporate the Buy America Preference into planning and design when providing architectural and/or engineering professional services for infrastructure projects. Consistent with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) Pub. L. 117-58 §§ 70901-52, no federal financial assistance funding for infrastructure projects will be used unless all the iron, steel, manufactured projects, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.

(2) Contractors and their subcontractors who apply or bid for an award for an infrastructure project subject to the domestic preference requirement in the Build America, Buy America Act shall file the required certification to County with each bid or offer for an infrastructure project, unless a domestic preference requirement is waived by FEMA. Contractors and subcontractors certify that no federal financial assistance funding for infrastructure projects will be provided unless all the iron, steel, manufactured projects, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States. BABAA, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52. Contractors and subcontractors shall also disclose any use of federal financial assistance for infrastructure projects that does not ensure compliance with BABAA domestic preference requirements. Such disclosures shall be forwarded to the recipient who, in turn, will forward the disclosures to FEMA, the federal agency; subrecipients will forward disclosures to the pass-through entity, who will, in turn, forward the disclosures to FEMA.

(3) For FEMA financial assistance programs subject to BABAA, contractors and subcontractors must sign and submit the following certification to the next tier (e.g., subcontractors submit to the contractor;

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contractors submit to the recipient or subrecipient) each bid or offer for an infrastructure project that has not been waived by a BABAA waiver:

BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA ACT (BABAA) SELF-CERTIFICATION.

(To be submitted with each bid or offer for which BABAA applies.)

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of their knowledge, that:

The Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requires that no federal financial assistance for “infrastructure” projects is provided “unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.” Section 70914 of Public Law No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52.

The undersigned certifies that for the _____ (project name) that the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this contract are in full compliance with the BABAA requirements including

1. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States. This means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

2. All manufactured products purchased with FEMA financial assistance must be produced in the United States. For a manufactured product to be considered produced in the United States, the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55% of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation.

3. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States. This means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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N. ACCESS TO RECORDS

The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

- (1) The Contractor agrees to provide the County, the State of Florida, the Federal Awarding Agency Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives' access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- (2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- (3) The Contractor agrees to provide the Federal Awarding Agency Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- (4) "In compliance with section 1225 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018, County and Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

O. FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

The Contractor shall not use the Federal Awarding Agency's seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of agency officials without specific Federal Awarding Agency preapproval.

P. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, & EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that Federal financial assistance will be used to fund the contract. The Contractor will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, Federal Awarding Agency policies, procedures, and directives.

Q. NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

R. PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

S. LICENSE AND DELIVERY OF WORKS SUBJECT TO COPYRIGHT

The following provision applies for contracts where contractor or subcontractor produces copyrightable subject matter for the County under the Federal award. Work that is subject to copyright, or copyrightable subject matter, includes any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works.

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The Contractor grants to the County, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the Contractor will identify such data and grant to the County or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the Contractor will deliver to the County data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by the County.

A. CONTRACTOR will purchase and maintain at all times during the term of this Contract, without cost or expense to the Lake County Water Authority (LCWA), policies of insurance as indicated below, with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and which are acceptable to the LCWA, insuring the CONTRACTOR against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, for injuries received or damage to property relating to the performance of duties, services, or obligations of the CONTRACTOR under the terms and provisions of the Contract. An original certificate of insurance, indicating that CONTRACTOR has coverage in accordance with the requirements of this section must be received and accepted by the LCWA prior to contract execution or before any work begins. It will be furnished by CONTRACTOR to the LCWA's Project Manager and County Procurement Services Director within five working days of such request. The parties agree that the policies of insurance and confirming certificates of insurance will insure the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the following minimum limits:

i. General Liability insurance on forms no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Occurrence Form Commercial General Liability policy (CG 00 01) of the Insurance Services Office or equivalent without restrictive endorsements, with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Occurrence/General Aggregate	\$500,000
Products-Completed Operations	\$500,000
Personal & Adv. Injury	\$500,000
Fire Damage	\$50,000
Medical Expense	\$5,000
Contractual Liability	Included

ii. Automobile liability insurance, including owned, non-owned, and hired autos with the minimum Combined Single Limit of \$300,000

iii. Workers' compensation insurance based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and any other applicable law requiring workers' compensation (Federal, maritime, etc.).

iv. Employers Liability with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Accident	\$100,000
Disease-Each Employer	\$100,000
Disease-Policy Limit	\$100,000

B. The LCWA and its Board, will be named as additional insured as their interest may appear all applicable policies. Certificates of insurance must identify the Solicitation/Contract number in the Description of Operations section on the Certificate.

C. CONTRACTOR must provide a minimum of 30 days prior written notice to the LCWA of any change, cancellation, or nonrenewal of the required insurance.

D. Certificates of insurance must evidence a waiver of subrogation in favor of the LCWA, that coverage must be primary and noncontributory, and that each evidenced policy includes a Cross Liability or Severability of Interests provision, with no requirement of premium by the LCWA.

E. CONTRACTOR must provide a copy of all policy endorsements, reflecting the required coverage, with the LCWA listed as an additional insured along with all required provisions to include waiver of subrogation. Contracts cannot be completed without this required insurance documentation. A certificate of insurance (COI) will not be accepted in lieu of the policy endorsements.

F. Certificate holders must be:
LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
27351 FL SR-19
TAVARES, FL 32778

G. All self-insured retentions will appear on the certificates and will be subject to approval by the LCWA. At the option of the LCWA, the insurer will reduce or eliminate such self-insured retentions; or CONTRACTOR will be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.

H. The LCWA will be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money, which may represent a deductible or self-insured retention in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible or self-insured retention will be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor providing such insurance.

I. CONTRACTOR will be responsible for subcontractors and their insurance. Subcontractors are to provide Certificates of Insurance to the LCWA evidencing coverage and terms in accordance with the CONTRACTOR'S requirements.

J. Failure to obtain and maintain such insurance as set out above will be considered a breach of contract and may result in termination of the contract for default.

K. Neither approval by the LCWA of any insurance supplied by CONTRACTOR, nor a failure to disapprove that insurance, will relieve CONTRACTOR of full responsibility of liability, damages, and accidents as set forth herein.

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