

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
No. 25-R086969SAM  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT  
RISK (CMAR) SERVICES FOR PUBLIC  
SAFETY DEPARTMENT (PSD)  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
(EMS) LOGISTICS FACILITY  
PROJECT NUMBER 6117300  
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Procurement Division  
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### **CMAR SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (PSD) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LOGISTICS FACILITY**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as County) will receive qualification proposal responses (Proposals) from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida (Proposers), to provide construction management at risk as specified in this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

#### **DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE:**

The Due Date and Time for submission of Proposals in response to this RFQ is **May 2, 2025 by 2:00 PM ET**. Proposals must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 and time stamped by a Procurement representative by the Due Date and Time. Proposals will be opened immediately following the Due Date and Time at the Manatee County Administration Building, 7th Floor, Suite 705.

#### **SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE:**

There is no Solicitation Information Conference scheduled for this Request for Qualifications.

#### **DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:**

The deadline to submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFQ to the Manatee County Procurement Division is **April 18, 2025 by 5:00 PM ET**. Questions and inquiries should be submitted via email to the Designated Procurement Contact shown below.

**Important: A prohibition of lobbying is in place. Review Section A.13 carefully to avoid violation and possible sanctions.**

**DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT CONTACT:** Sherri Meier, Procurement Manager  
(941) 749-3042, Fax (941) 749-3034  
Email: [sherri.adamsmeier@mymanatee.org](mailto:sherri.adamsmeier@mymanatee.org)  
Manatee County Financial Management Department  
Procurement Division

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE:

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## **SECTION A, INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

In order to receive consideration, Proposers must meet the minimum qualification requirements, submit the required forms and information, and comply with the instructions as follows. Proposals will be accepted from a single business entity, joint venture, partnership or corporation. The County intends to award an agreement(s) for the provision of construction management at risk services as identified in this RFQ.

### **A.01 INFORMATION CONFERENCE**

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### **A.02 DUE DATE AND TIME**

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Proposal(s) received after the Due Date and Time will not be considered. It will be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to deliver its Proposal to the Manatee County Procurement Division for receipt on or before the Due Date and Time. If a Proposal is sent by U.S. Mail, courier or other delivery services, the Proposer will be responsible for its timely delivery to the Procurement Division. Proposals delayed in delivery will not be considered, will not be opened at the public opening, and arrangements will be made for their return at the Proposer's request and expense.

### **A.03 PUBLIC OPENING OF RESPONSES**

Sealed Proposals will be publicly opened at Manatee County Administration Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, Florida 34205, in the presence of County officials immediately upon expiration of the Due Date and Time. Proposers or their representatives may attend the Proposal opening.

Manatee County will make public at the opening the names of the business entities which submitted a Proposal and city and state in which they reside. No review or analysis of the Proposals will be conducted at the Proposal opening.

### **A.04 SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES**

The contents of the Proposal sealed package must include:

- One (1) bound original clearly identifying Proposer and marked "ORIGINAL".
- Three (3) bound copy(s) clearly identifying Proposer and marked "COPY" with all required information and identical to the original.
- One (1) electronic format copy(s) clearly identifying Proposer.

Electronic format copies should be submitted on separate Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drives or compact disc (CD) in MicroSoft Office® or Adobe Acrobat® portable document format (PDF) in one continuous file. Do not password

protect or otherwise encrypt electronic Proposal copies. Electronic copies must contain an identical Proposal to the original.

Upon submission, all Proposals become the property of Manatee County which has the right to use any or all ideas presented in any Proposal submitted in response to this Request for Qualifications whether, or not, the Proposal is accepted.

Submit the Proposal package in a sealed container with the following information clearly marked on the outside of the package: RFQ No. 25-R086969SAM, Public Safety Department (PSD) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Logistics Facility, Proposer's name, and Proposer's address. Proposals must be received by the Manatee County Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time at the following address:

Manatee County  
Procurement Division  
1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705  
Bradenton, FL 34205

#### **A.05 ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSES**

Proposals must be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed in the subsections within Exhibit 2, Proposal Response, identifying the response to each specific item.

Proposals must clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the Proposer. Proposal Signature Form must be signed by an official or other individual authorized to make representations for the Proposer.

#### **A.06 DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS**

All documents issued pursuant to this RFQ are distributed electronically and available for download at no charge at [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) > *Business* > *Bids and Proposals*. Documents may be viewed and downloaded for printing using Adobe Reader® or Microsoft software, as applicable.

At its sole discretion, the County may utilize a third-party provider to distribute Proposals. For more information regarding this service visit the Procurement webpage of the County website. Utilization of this third-party service is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Additionally, the RFQ and all related documents are available for public inspection at the Manatee County Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205. Call (941) 749-3014 to schedule an appointment. Documents are available between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, with the exception of County holidays.

As a courtesy, Manatee County notifies the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce and the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce of all active solicitations, who then distributes the information to its members.

**A.07 ADDENDA**

Any interpretations, corrections or changes to this RFQ will be made by addendum. Addenda will be posted on the Procurement Division's web page of the County website at <http://www.mymanatee.org/> > *Business > Bids and Proposals*. For those solicitations that are advertised on a third-party website, addenda will likewise be posted on the third-party website.

All addenda are a part of the RFQ and each Proposer will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to obtain, read and comprehend all addenda issued. Failure of any Proposer to acknowledge an issued addendum in its Proposal will not relieve the Proposer from any obligation contained therein.

**A.08 RESPONSE EXPENSES**

All costs incurred by Proposer in responding to this RFQ and to participate in any interviews/presentations/demonstrations, including travel, will be the sole responsibility of the Proposer.

**A.09 QUESTION AND CLARIFICATION PERIOD**

Each Proposer shall examine all RFQ documents and will judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any questions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFQ shall be made in writing via email to the Manatee County Procurement Division to the Designated Procurement Contact or to [purchasing@mymanatee.org](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org). All questions received and responses given will be provided to potential Proposers via an addendum to this RFQ

Manatee County will not be responsible for oral interpretations given by other sources including County staff, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum by the Procurement Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information will be given.

**A.10 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS**

Proposals which contain false or misleading statements, or which provide references which do not support an attribute or condition claimed by the Proposer, may be rejected. If, in the opinion of the County, such information was intended to mislead the County in its evaluation of the Proposal, and the attribute, condition or capability is a requirement of this RFQ. Such Proposer will be disqualified from consideration for this RFQ and may be disqualified from submitting a response on future solicitation opportunities with the County.

**A.11 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF RESPONSES**

Proposers may withdraw Proposals under the following circumstances:

- a. If Proposer discovers a mistake(s) prior to the Due Date and Time. Proposer may withdraw its Proposal by submitting a written notice to the Procurement Division. The notice must be received in the Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time for receiving Proposals. A copy of the request shall be retained, and the

unopened Proposal returned to the Proposer; or

- b. After the Proposals are opened but before a contract is signed, Proposer alleges a material mistake of fact if:
  1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
  2. Proposer submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made in the Proposal. Request to withdraw a Proposal must be in writing and approved by the Purchasing Official.

#### **A.12 JOINT VENTURES**

Proposers intending to submit a Proposal as a joint venture with another entity are required to have filed proper documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and all other State or local licensing agencies as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time.

#### **A.13 LOBBYING**

After the issuance of any solicitation, no prospective Proposer, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such Proposer, shall contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any County officers, agents or employees, other than the Purchasing Official or designee, unless otherwise directed by the Purchasing Official or designee. This prohibition includes copying such persons on written communications (including email correspondence) but does not apply to presentations made to evaluation committees or at a County Commission meeting where the Commission is considering approval of a proposed contract/purchase order. This requirement ends upon final execution of the contract/purchase order or at the time the solicitation is cancelled. Violators of this prohibition will be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Ordinances Section 2-26-31 and 2-26-32. Sanctions may include (a) written warning; (b) termination of contracts; and (c) debarment or suspension.

#### **A.14 EXAMINATION OF RESPONSES**

The examination and evaluation of the Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation generally requires a period of not less than ninety (90) calendar days from the Due Date and Time.

#### **A.15 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS**

Once a Proposal is opened, the County will not accept any request by Proposer to correct errors or omissions in the Proposal other than as identified in paragraph A.11.

#### **A.16 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBLENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS**

The County will conduct a due diligence review of all Proposals received to determine if the Proposer is responsible and responsive.

To be responsive a Proposer must submit a Proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements of this RFQ and contains all the information, fully

completed attachments and forms, and other documentation required. Proposals that are deemed non-responsive will not be considered or evaluated.

To be responsible, a Proposer must meet the minimum qualification requirements and have the capability to perform the Scope of Services contained in this RFQ. Proposals submitted by Proposers that are deemed non-responsive will not be considered or evaluated.

**A.17 RESERVED RIGHTS**

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, to request additional information and documentation, and to cancel this solicitation at any time prior to execution of the contract. In the event only one Proposal is received, the County reserves the right to negotiate with the Proposer. The County reserves the right to award the contract to a responsive and responsible Proposer which in its sole determination is the best value and in the best interests of the County.

The County reserves the right to conduct an investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any Proposer to perform the work or service requested. Upon request by the County, Proposer shall provide all such information to the County. Additional information may include, but will not be limited to, current financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and certified by an independent CPA or official of Proposer; verification of availability of equipment and personnel; and past performance records.

**A.18 APPLICABLE LAWS**

Proposer must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida and ordinances and regulations of Manatee County will apply to any resulting contract. This solicitation process will be conducted in accordance with Manatee County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-26.

**A.19 TAXES**

Manatee County is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes. (F.E.T. Cert. No. 59-78-0089K; Florida Sales Tax Exempt Cert. No. 85-8012622206C-6). Therefore, the Proposer is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in its Proposal for any sales or service taxes.

The Successful Proposer will be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind, including but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and/or materials furnished under the award in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**A.20 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 287.135, as of July 1, 2012, a company that, at the time of submitting a response for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Florida

Statute Section 215.473, is ineligible for, and may not submit a response for or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.

#### **A.21 COLLUSION**

Proposer certifies that its Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any other corporation, firm or person submitting a Proposal for the same materials, services, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

Any such violation may result in contract cancellation, return of materials or discontinuation of services and the possible removal of Proposer from participation in future County solicitations for a specified period.

The County reserves the right to disqualify a Proposer during any phase of the solicitation process and terminate for cause any resulting contract upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud on the part of the Proposer.

#### **A.22 CODE OF ETHICS**

With respect to this Request for Qualifications, if any Proposer violates, directly or indirectly, the ethics provisions of the Manatee County Procurement Code and/or Florida criminal or civil laws related to public procurement, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 112, Part II, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Proposer will be disqualified from eligibility to perform the work described in this RFQ, and may also be disqualified from submitting any future bids or proposals to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

#### **A.23 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases or real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, Successful Proposer, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

In addition, Manatee County Code of Laws Chapter 2-26 Article V prohibits the award of County contracts to any person or entity who/which has, within the past 5 years, been convicted of, or admitted to in court or sworn to under oath, a public entity crime or of any environmental law that, in the reasonable opinion of the Purchasing Official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a reasonable manner.

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, Manatee County Code of Laws requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with Manatee County to execute and file with the Purchasing Official an affidavit, executed under the pain and penalties of perjury, confirming that person, entity, and any person(s) affiliated with the entity, does not have such a record and is therefore eligible to seek and be awarded business with Manatee County. Proposer is to complete Form 3 and submit with your Proposal.

#### **A.24 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES**

Manatee County does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of County's functions including one's access to participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for an information conference or Proposal opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

#### **A.25 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title 15, Part 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Civil Rights Act of 1992, Manatee County hereby notifies all Proposers that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this Request for Qualifications and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or marital status in consideration of award.

#### **A.26 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

The State of Florida Office of Successful Proposer Diversity provides the certification process and maintains the database of certified MBE/DBE firms. Additional information may be obtained at <http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/iframe.htm> or by calling (850) 487-0915.

#### **A.27 DISCLOSURE**

Upon receipt, all inquiries and responses to inquiries related to this Request for Proposal become "Public Records", and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Florida Statute, Chapter 119.

Proposals become subject to disclosure thirty (30) days after the opening or if a notice of intent to award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statutes § 119.071(1)(b). No announcement or review of the Proposals shall be conducted at the public opening.

If County rejects all Proposals and concurrently notices its intent to reissue the solicitation, the rejected Proposals are exempt from public disclosure until such time the County provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued solicitation or until County withdraws the reissued solicitation. A Proposal is not exempt for longer than twelve (12) months after the initial notice of rejection of all Proposals.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 119.0701, to the extent Successful Proposer is performing services on behalf of County, Successful Proposer must:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by public agency to perform the service. That information and data it manages as part of the services may be public record in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Manatee County public record policies. Proposer agrees, prior to providing goods/services, it will implement policies and procedures, which are subject to approval by County, to maintain, produce, secure, and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County policies including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.
- b. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency 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 Florida Statutes, Chapter 119, 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 of the contract if the Successful Proposer does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- d. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the Successful Proposer transfers all public records to County upon completion of the contract, the Successful Proposer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Successful Proposer keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the Successful Proposer shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to County, upon request from County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of County.

**IF THE SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO ANY RESULTING CONTRACT, CONTACT COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**PHONE: (941) 742-5845**

**EMAIL: [LACY.PRITCHARD@MYMANATEE.ORG](mailto:LACY.PRITCHARD@MYMANATEE.ORG)**

**ATTN: RECORDS MANAGER**

**1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST**

**BRADENTON, FL 34205**

## A.28 TRADE SECRETS

Manatee County is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, all documents, materials, and data submitted as part of a Proposal in response to a Request for Proposal are governed by the disclosure, exemption and confidentiality provisions relating to public records in Florida Statutes.

**Notwithstanding any other provision in this solicitation, designation of the entire proposal as ‘trade secret’, ‘proprietary’, or ‘confidential’ is not permitted and may result in a determination that the Proposal is non-responsive and therefore the proposal will not be evaluated or considered.**

Except for materials that are ‘trade secrets’ as defined by Chapter 812, Florida Statutes, ownership of all documents, materials and data submitted as part of a Proposal in response to the Request for Proposal shall belong exclusively to County.

To the extent that Proposer desires to maintain the confidentiality of materials that constitute trade secrets pursuant to Florida law, trade secret material submitted must be segregated from the portions of the Proposal that are not declared as trade secret. In addition, Proposer shall cite, for each trade secret claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation. Further, Proposer shall offer a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as trade secret. Additionally, Proposer shall provide a hard copy of its Proposal that redacts all information designated as trade secret.

In conjunction with trade secret designation, Proposer acknowledges and agrees that:

- a. Trade secret requests made after the opening will not be considered. However, County reserves the right to clarify the Proposers request for trade secret at any time; and
- b. County and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives are hereby granted full rights to access, view, consider, and discuss the information designated as trade secret throughout the evaluation process and until final execution of any awarded purchase order or contract; and
- c. That after notice from County that a public records request has been made pursuant to Proposer’s proposal, the Proposer at its sole expense, shall be responsible for defending its determination that submitted material is a trade secret and is not subject to disclosure. Action by Proposer in response to notice from the County shall be taken immediately, but no later than 10 calendar days from the date of notification or Proposer will be deemed to have waived the trade secret designation of the materials.

Proposer shall indemnify and hold County, and its officials, employees, agents and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney’s fees and costs), or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the Proposer, including actions or claims arising from County’s non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.

## **A.29 CONFIDENTIALITY OF SECURITY RELATED RECORDS**

- a. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 119.071(3), the following records (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Confidential Security Records”) are confidential and exempt from the disclosure requirements of Florida Statutes § 119.07(1):
  1. A Security System Plan or portion thereof for any property owned by or leased to County or any privately owned or leased property held by County.
  2. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by County.
  3. Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout or structural elements of an attractions and recreation facility, entertainment or resort complex, industrial complex, retail and service development, office development, or hotel or motel development in the possession of, submitted to County.
- b. Successful Proposer agrees that, as provided by Florida Statute, it shall not, as a result of a public records request, or for other reason disclose the contents of, or release or provide copies of the Confidential Security Records to any other party absent the express written authorization of County’s Property Management Director or to comply with a court order requiring such release or disclosure. To the extent Successful Proposer receives a request for such records, it shall immediately contact the County’s designated Contract administrator who shall coordinate County’s response to the request.

## **A.30 E-VERIFY**

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the Successful Proposer shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of (a) all persons employed during the contract term by the Successful Proposer to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Successful Proposer to perform work pursuant to the contract with Manatee County. For more information on this process, please refer to United States Citizenship and Immigration Service site at: <http://www.uscis.gov/>.

Only those individuals determined eligible to work in the United States shall be employed under this contract.

By submission of a Proposal in response to this RFQ, the successful Proposer commits that all employees and subcontractors will undergo e-verification before placement on this contract.

The successful Proposer shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees and subcontractors. For the life of the contract, all employees and new

employees brought in after contract award shall be verified under the same requirement stated above.

**A.31 LICENSES AND PERMITS**

The successful Proposer shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary license and permit fees, including, but not limited to, all license fees, permit fees, impact fees, or inspection fees, and responsible for the costs of such fees. Successful Proposer is solely responsible for ensuring all work complies with all Federal, State, local, and Manatee County ordinances, orders, codes, laws, rules, regulations, directives, and guidelines.

**A.32 MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The successful Proposer shall comply with all minimum wage requirements, such as Living Wage requirements, minimum wages based on Federal Law, minimum wages based on the Davis-Bacon Act, and the provisions of any other employment laws, as may be applicable to the Agreement.

**A.33 PROTEST**

Any actual bidder, Proposer, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the notice of intent to award of a contract with a value greater than \$250,000 where such grievance is asserted to be the result of a violation of the requirements of the Manatee County Procurement Code or any applicable provision of law by the officers, agents, or employees of the County, may file a protest to the Purchasing Official.

Protest must be in writing and delivered via email at [purchasing@mymanatee.org](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) or by hand delivery to the Procurement Division at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 7th Floor, Suite 705, Bradenton, FL 34205 by 5:00 p.m. on the fifth business day following the date of posting of the Notice of Intent to Award on the County website. There is no stay of the procurement process during a protest. The Purchasing Official shall have the authority to settle and resolve a protest concerning the intended award of a contract.

For additional information regarding the County protest process, visit the Procurement Division webpage on the County website.

**A.34 BINDING OFFER**

Proposals will remain valid for a period of 120 days following the Due Date and Time and will be considered a binding offer to perform the required services and/or provide the required goods. The submission of a Proposal will be taken as prima facie evidence that the Proposer has familiarized itself with the contents of this Solicitation

**A.35 ACCESSIBILITY**

The County is committed to making its documents and information technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities by meeting the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and best practices (W3C WCAG 2). **For assistance with accessibility regarding this solicitation, contact the Manatee County Procurement Division via email at [purchasing@mymanatee.org](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) or by phone at 941-748-4501, X3014.**

Successful Proposer shall ensure all its electronic information, documents, applications, reports, and deliverables required in the proposal are in a format that meets the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and best practices (W3C WCAG 2).

Where not fully compliant with these requirements and best practices, Successful Proposer shall provide clear points of contact for each document and information technology to direct users in how to obtain alternate formats. Further, Successful Proposer shall develop accommodation strategies for those non-compliant resources and implement strategies to resolve the discrepancies.

**A.36 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

The following schedule has been established for this Solicitation process. Refer to the County’s website ([www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) > *Business > Bids & Proposals*) for meeting locations and updated information pertaining to any revisions to this schedule.

<b>Scheduled Item</b>	<b>Scheduled Date</b>
There is no Solicitation Information Conference scheduled for this Request for Qualifications.	
Question and Clarification Deadline	April 18, 2025
Proposal due Date and Time	May 2, 2025, by 2:00 PM ET
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Technical Evaluation Meeting	TBD
Interviews/Presentations/Demonstrations (if conducted)	TBD
Final Evaluation Meeting (if required)	TBD
Projected Award	June 2025

**END SECTION A**

## **SECTION B, EVALUATION OF RESPONSES**

### **B.01 EVALUATION**

A due diligence review will be conducted to determine if the Proposal is responsive to the submission requirements outlined in this Solicitation and to determine if the Proposer is a responsible Proposer.

A responsive Proposal is one that follows the requirements of this Solicitation, includes all documentation, is submitted in the format outlined in this Solicitation, is of timely submission, and has the appropriate signatures as required on each document. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the Proposal being deemed non-responsive. A responsible Proposer is a Proposer which the County affirmatively determines has the ability, capability and skill to perform under the terms of the agreement; can provide the materials and/or service promptly within the time specified, without delay or interference; has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics; and meets the minimum qualification requirements in this RFQ.

Evaluation of Proposals will be conducted by an evaluation committee. Each evaluation committee member will evaluate and score the Proposals for each of the evaluation criteria. The committee will consider all information submitted by each responsible and responsive Proposer; clarification information provided by Proposer; information obtained during the interviews, presentations, or demonstrations; feedback received from Proposer's references; and any other relevant information received during any investigation of Proposer to ascertain the ability of the Proposer to perform the Scope of Services as stated in this RFQ.

### **B.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The following evaluation criteria have been established for this RFQ.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
Proposer & Team's Experience	30
Approach to Project Management and Construction	30
Organizational Structure and Capacity	15
Similar Completed Projects	25

### **B.03 CLARIFICATIONS, INTERVIEWS, PRESENTATIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS**

As part of the evaluation process, the evaluation committee will determine a list of those responsive and responsible Proposals that are deemed by the committee as having a reasonable probability of being selected for award (Short List). At a minimum, the evaluation committee shall conduct discussions with the Short List Proposers and may request additional information or clarification from Proposers for the purpose of further evaluation of (a) conformance to the solicitation requirements, (b) the abilities of the

Proposer, and (c) understanding of the Proposal submitted. Additional information and clarification must be submitted by Proposer within the requested time-period.

Additionally, interviews, presentations or demonstrations may be conducted with Proposers as part of the evaluation process. If conducted, the Short List Proposers will be invited to meet with the committee. The information gained from these interviews, presentations, or demonstrations will be part of the committee's consideration in making a recommendation for award. Therefore, Proposers should make arrangements to attend, if invited.

The interviews, presentations and demonstrations are closed to the public to the extent permitted by law.

In the final evaluations, each evaluator will consider the information obtained from the proposals as well as the discussions and clarifications presented during the presentations. As part of the final evaluations, the initial technical evaluation scores for each short-listed firm, in each of the evaluation criterion, will be discussed by the evaluation committee and are subject to change.

#### **B.04 RECOMMENDATION FOR NEGOTIATION**

The evaluation committee will determine from the responses to this RFQ and subsequent investigations, the Proposer(s) who best meets the County's requirements. Upon completion of the technical evaluations, the evaluation committee will make a recommendation as to the Proposer(s) which the County should enter into negotiations, if any. The County will notice the Intent to Negotiate, in the same manner the original Request for Qualifications document was noticed prior to commencing negotiations.

Upon approval to commence negotiations, the recommended Proposer(s) shall submit one original hard copy and one electronic copy on a CD or USB flash drive of its pricing proposal. The pricing information should show a categorical breakout of the pricing, with any alternates or options clearly identified. The pricing information shall be clear and unambiguous to facilitate evaluation of the prices submitted.

The County will conduct negotiations with the highest scoring Proposer. If the County and the highest-scored Proposer cannot reach agreement on a contract, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations and may, at its sole discretion, begin negotiations with the next highest-scored Proposer(s). This process may continue until a contract acceptable to the County has been negotiated or all Proposals are rejected.

#### **B.05 RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

Upon successful completion of negotiations, a recommendation for award to the successful Proposer(s) will be presented for approval per County ordinances, policies and procedures.

**END SECTION B**

## **SECTION C, AWARD OF THE AGREEMENT**

### **C.01 GENERAL**

By submitting a Proposal, Proposer understands and agrees:

- a. The Proposal and all subsequent information requested by the County during the procurement process will serve as a basis for the Agreement.
- b. All products and papers produced during the Agreement period become the property of Manatee County upon termination or completion of the engagement.

### **C.02 AGREEMENT**

The successful Proposer(s) will be required to execute the Agreement in a form and with provisions acceptable to the County (See Section F, Sample Agreement). The County (as Owner) will execute this Agreement with the successful Proposer (as Consultant).

The negotiated Agreement may or may not include all elements of this RFQ or the Proposal submitted by the successful Proposer(s) where alternatives provide best value, are desirable to the County, and the parties agree to such terms. Negotiations of the terms of the Agreement, may include specifications, scope of project, price, the Agreement period, renewal, or any other relevant provisions.

### **C.03 AWARD**

County does not make award to a Proposer who is delinquent in payment of any taxes, fees, fines, contractual debts, judgments, or any other debts due and owed to County, or is in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. By submitting this solicitation response, Proposer attests that it is not delinquent in payment of any such debts due and owed to County, nor is it in default on any contractual or regulatory obligation to County. In the event the Proposer's statement is discovered to be false, Proposer will be subject to suspension and debarment and County may terminate any contract it has with Proposer.

Award of the Agreement is subject to approval as provided for in the Manatee County Procurement Code.

**END SECTION C**

**SECTION D, FORMS**

**FORM 1 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____	Date Received:

Print or type Proposer's information below:

_____ Name of Proposer	_____ Telephone Number
_____ Street Address	_____ City/State/Zip
_____ Email Address	_____ Website Address
_____ Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer	_____ Signature of Authorized Official Date

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 2 - PROPOSAL SIGNATURE FORM  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

The undersigned represents that by signing this Proposal Signature Form that:

- (1) He/she has the authority and approval of the legal entity purporting to submit the Proposal and any additional documentation which may be required such as the Joint Venture Agreement or Joint Venture Affidavit, if applicable; and
- (2) All facts and responses set forth in the Proposal are true and correct; and
- (3) If the Proposer is selected by County to negotiate an agreement, that Proposer's negotiators will negotiate in good faith to establish an agreement to provide the services described in this RFQ; and
- (4) By submitting a Proposal and signing below, the Proposer agrees to the terms and conditions in this RFQ, which incorporates all addenda, appendices, exhibits, and attachments, in its entirety, and is prepared to sign the Agreement, of which a sample is incorporated into this RFQ as Section F. The Proposer understands that if it submits exceptions to the Sample Agreement in its Proposal, the Proposer may be determined non-responsive.

Print or type Proposer's information below:

_____ Name of Proposer	_____ Telephone Number
_____ Street Address	_____ City/State/Zip
_____ Email Address	_____ Web Address
_____ Print Name & Title of Authorized Officer	_____ Signature of Authorized Officer      Date
_____	_____

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 3 - PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES  
CERTIFICATION  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO MANATEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE  
SECTION 2-26 ARTICLE V,

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY  
PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

This sworn statement is submitted to Manatee County by

\_\_\_\_\_

[print individual's name and title]

for \_\_\_\_\_

[name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is: \_\_\_\_\_

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing  
this sworn statement:

I, the undersigned, understand that no person or entity shall be awarded or receive a  
County contract for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including  
professional services) or a county lease, franchise, concession or management agreement,  
or shall receive a grant of County monies unless such person or entity has submitted a  
written certification to County that it has not:

(1) been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe a public officer or employee of  
Manatee County, the State of Florida, or any other public entity, including, but not  
limited to the Government of the United States, any state, or any local government  
authority in the United States, in that officer's or employee's official capacity; or

(2) been convicted of an agreement or collusion among Proposers or prospective  
Proposers in restraint of freedom of competition, by agreement to bid a fixed price, or  
otherwise; or

(3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, as determined by the  
County, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in  
a responsible manner; or

(4) made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in items (1), (2) or (3) above,  
which is a matter of record, but has not been prosecuted for such conduct, or has made an  
admission of guilt of such conduct, which is a matter of record, pursuant to formal

prosecution. An admission of guilt shall be construed to include a plea of nolo contendere; or

(5) where an officer, official, agent or employee of a business entity has been convicted of, or has admitted guilt to, any of the crimes set forth above on behalf of such and entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he/she is an official of the business entity), the business shall be chargeable with the conduct herein above set forth. A business entity shall be chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common board of directors.

For purposes of this Form, business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one business entity controls or has the power to control another business entity, or if an individual or group of individuals controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control shall include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests amount family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

Any person or entity who claims that this Article is inapplicable to him/her/it because a conviction or judgment has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall prove the same with documentation satisfactory to Manatee County's Purchasing Official. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with Manatee County.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION OR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Contractor Representative

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_.  Personally known OR  Produced the  
following identification

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Type of identification]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Print, type or stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public]

**Signatory Requirement** - In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, this affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). In the case of a corporation, this affidavit shall be executed by the corporate president.

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 4 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

The award of an agreement resulting from this RFQ is subject to the provisions of Manatee County Code of Laws. Proposer must disclose within its Proposal: the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of Manatee County. Furthermore, Proposer must disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of more than five percent (5%) in the Proposer's firm or any of its branches, divisions, or affiliates.

By signing below, Proposer confirms that it is not currently engaged or will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require the firm to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice or recommendations it provides to the County.

Please check one of the following statements and attach additional documentation if necessary:

\_\_\_\_\_ To the best of my knowledge, the undersigned firm has no potential conflict of interest for this RFQ.

\_\_\_\_\_ The undersigned firm, by execution of this form, submits information which may be a potential conflict of interest for this RFQ.

Acknowledged and attested to by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title (Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 5 - NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
who, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says of his/her personal knowledge that:

- a. He/She is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the Proposer that has submitted a Proposal to perform work for the following:  
RFQ No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Request for Qualifications, and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Solicitation.  
Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal.
- c. Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Solicitation and contract for which the attached Proposal has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Solicitation and contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or any other Proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the Proposal price or the Proposal price of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City or any person interested in the proposed contract.
- d. The price or prices to be submitted shall be fair and proper and shall not be tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
20\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me OR has produced  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Notary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public (State): \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires on: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 6 - TRUTH – IN – NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

The undersigned warrants (i) that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than bona fide employees working solely for the undersigned, to solicit or secure the Agreement and (ii) that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than its bona fide employees working solely for the undersigned or agreed to pay any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Agreement.

The undersigned certifies that the wage rates and other factual unit costs used to determine the compensation provided for in the Agreement are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of the Agreement.

(This document must be executed by an authorized official of Proposer (e.g., President, CEO, Partner, Managing Partner))

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 7 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

This certification is required pursuant to Florida State Statute Section 287.135 and must be executed and returned with Proposer’s Proposal.

As of July 1, 2011, a company that, at the time of bidding or submitting a Proposal for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List is ineligible for, and may not bid on, submit a Proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.

Companies must complete and return this form with its response.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

FEIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address. \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip. \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ certify and affirm that this entity is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 8, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**  
**RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

The Successful Proposer will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated by an “X” herein have been obtained. The Successful Proposer shall obtain and submit to the Procurement Division within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notice of intent to award, at its expense, the following minimum amounts of insurance (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy): Work under this Agreement cannot commence until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained on a standard ACORD form (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy):

**Automobile Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form including coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles for bodily injury and property damage of not less than:

- \$2,000,000 Combined Single Limit; OR
- \$1,000,000 Bodily Injury and \$1,000,00 Property Damage
- \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)
- \$500,000 Hired, Non-Owned Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Payments

*This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.*

**Commercial General Liability Insurance Required Limits (per Occurrence form only; claims-made form is not acceptable)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$2,000,000 Single Limit Per Occurrence
- \$4,000,000 Aggregate
- \$4,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability
- \$100,00 Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$1,000,000, Third Party Property Damage
- \$        Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

*This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.*

**Employer's Liability Insurance**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- \$100,000 Each Accident
- \$500,000 Disease Each Employee
- \$500,000 Disease Policy Limit

- Worker's Compensation Insurance
- US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act**
- Jones Act Coverage**

Coverage limits of not less than:

- Statutory workers' compensation coverage shall apply for all employees in compliance with the laws and statutes of the State of Florida and the federal government.
- If any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the US Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act.

Should 'leased employees' be retained for any part of the project or service, the employee leasing agency shall provide evidence of Workers' Compensation coverage and Employer's Liability coverage for all personnel on the worksite and in compliance with the above Workers' Compensation requirements. NOTE: Workers' Compensation coverage is a firm requirement. Elective exemptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and are approved in a very limited number of instances.

**Aircraft Liability Insurance Required Limits**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury with no less than \$100,000 per passenger each occurrence or a 'smooth' limit.
- \$ General Aggregate.

**Un-Manned Aircraft Liability Insurance (Drone)**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence Property and Bodily Injury; Coverage shall specifically include operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), including liability and property damage.
- \$ General Aggregate

**Installation Floater Insurance**

When the contract or agreement **does not** include construction of, or additions to, above ground building or structures, but does involve the installation of machinery or equipment, Installation Floater Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- 100% of the completed value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s)

**Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&O) Liability Insurances**

Coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- \$ 1,000,000 Bodily Injury and Property Damage Each Occurrence
- \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate

**Builder's Risk Insurance**

When the contract or agreement includes the construction of roadways and/or the addition of a permanent structure or building, including the installation of machinery and/or equipment, Builder's Risk Insurance shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- An amount equal to 100% of the completed value of the project, or the value of the equipment to be installed
- The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000

Coverage shall be for all risks and include, but not be limited to, storage and transport of materials, equipment, supplies of any kind whatsoever to be used on or incidental to the project, theft coverage, and Waiver of Occupancy Clause Endorsement, where applicable.

**Cyber Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall comply with Florida Statute 501.171, shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Security Breach Liability
- \$ Security Breach Expense Each Occurrence
- \$ Security Breach Expense Aggregate
- \$ Replacement or Restoration of Electronic Data
- \$ Extortion Threats
- \$ Business Income and Extra Expense
- \$ Public Relations Expense

NOTE: Policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$25,000.

**Hazardous Materials Insurance (As Noted Below)**

Hazardous materials include all materials and substances that are currently designated or defined as hazardous by the law or rules of regulation by the State of Florida or federal government. All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form, and the policy shall be endorsed and name 'Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida' as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- Pollution Liability**

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

***Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)***

Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate.

***Disposal***

When applicable, Successful Proposer shall designate the disposal site and furnish a Certificate of Insurance from the disposal facility for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance covering liability.

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.
- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, for Liability for Non-Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate.

**Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance**

Successful Proposer shall designate the hauler and have the hauler furnish a Certificate of Insurance for Automobile Liability insurance with Endorsement MCS-90 for liability arising out of the transportation of hazardous materials. EPA identification number shall be provided.

All coverage shall be afforded under either an occurrence policy form or a claims-made policy form and the policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured. If the coverage form is on a claims-made basis, then coverage must be maintained for a minimum of three years from termination of date of the contract. Limits must not be less than:

- Amount equal to the value of the contract, subject to a \$1,000,000 minimum, per accident.

**Liquor Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence and Aggregate

**Garage Keeper's Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required if the maintenance, servicing, cleaning or repairing of any County motor vehicles is inherent or implied within the provision of the contract.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the lot or garage.

**Bailee's Customer Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be required for damage and/or destruction when County property is temporarily under the care or custody of a person or organization, including property that is on, or in transit to and from the person or organization's premises. Perils covered should include fire, lightning, theft, burglary, robbery, explosion, collision, flood, earthquake and damage or destruction during transportation by a carrier.

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- Property and asset coverage in the full replacement value of the County asset(s) in the Successful Proposer's care, custody and control.

**Hull and Watercraft Liability Insurance**

Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form, policy shall be endorsed and name "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured, and include limits not less than:

- \$ Each Occurrence
- \$ General Aggregate
- \$ Fire Damage Liability
- \$10,000 Medical Expense, and
- \$ Third Party Property Damage
- \$ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000)

**Other [Specify]**

**BOND REQUIREMENTS**

**Bid Bond**

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total offer. Bid bond shall be submitted with the sealed response and shall include project name, location, and / or address and project number. In lieu of the bond, the bidder may file an alternative form of security in the amount of 5% of the total offer. in the form of a money order, a certified check, a cashier's check, or an irrevocable letter of credit issued to Manatee County. NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid offer.

**Payment and Performance Bond**

A Payment and Performance Bond shall be submitted by Successful Bidder for 100% of the award amount and shall be presented to Manatee County within ten (10) calendar days of issuance of the notice of intent to award. NOTE: A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Payment and Performance Bond.

## **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **I. THE POLICIES ARE TO CONTAIN, OR BE ENDORSED TO CONTAIN, THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:**

#### **Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages**

- a. **“Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” is to be named as an Additional Insured in respect to:** Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Successful Proposer, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the Successful Proposer; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Successful Proposer. The coverage shall contain no special limitation(s) on the scope of protection afforded to the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers.  
In addition to furnishing a Certificate of Insurance, the Successful Proposer shall provide the endorsement that evidences Manatee COUNTY being listed as an Additional Insured. This can be done in one of two ways: (1) an endorsement can be issued that specifically lists “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,” as Additional Insured; or, (2) an endorsement can be issued that states that all Certificate Holders are Additional Insured with respect to the policy.
- b. The Successful Proposer's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of Successful Proposer's insurance and shall be non-contributory.
- c. The insurance policies must be on an occurrence form.

#### **Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverages**

The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the COUNTY, its officials, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Successful Proposer for the COUNTY.

### **II. General Insurance Provisions Applicable to All Policies**

1. Prior to the execution of contract, or issuance of a Purchase Order, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this contract remains in effect, Successful Proposer shall furnish the COUNTY with a Certificate(s) of Insurance (using an industry accepted certificate form, signed by the Issuer, with applicable endorsements, and containing the solicitation or contract number, and title or description) evidencing the coverage set forth above and naming “Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida” as an Additional Insured on the applicable coverage(s) set forth above.
2. If the policy contains an aggregate limit, confirmation is needed in writing (letter, email, etc.) that the aggregate limit has not been eroded to procurement representative when supplying Certificate of Insurance. In addition, when requested in writing from the COUNTY, Successful Proposer will provide the COUNTY with a certified copy of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

**Manatee County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida**  
**Attn: Risk Management Division**  
**1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 969**  
**Bradenton, FL 34205**

3. The project's solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
4. Successful Proposer shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Risk Manager of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change, or reduction in coverage of any insurance policies to procurement representative including solicitation number and title with all notices.
5. Successful Proposer agrees that should at any time Successful Proposer fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the COUNTY may terminate this contract.
6. The Successful Proposer waives all subrogation rights against COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, for all losses or damages which occur during the contract and for any events occurring during the contract period, whether the suit is brought during the contract period or not.
7. The Successful Proposer has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
8. It is the Successful Proposer's responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. Successful Proposer shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or Successful Proposer shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each agent, representative, and subcontractor working on the project or at the worksite. All coverages for agents, representatives, and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements set forth to the procurement representative.
9. All required insurance policies must be written with a carrier having a minimum A.M. Best rating of A- FSC VII or better. In addition, the COUNTY has the right to review the Successful Proposer's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.
10. Successful Proposer understands and agrees that the stipulated limits of coverage listed herein in this insurance section shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the COUNTY, or to others, and the COUNTY'S failure to request evidence of this insurance coverage shall not be construed as a waiver of Successful Proposer's obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
11. Successful Proposer understands and agrees that the COUNTY does not waive its immunity and nothing herein shall be interpreted as a waiver of the COUNTY'S rights, including the limitation of waiver of immunity, as set forth in Florida Statutes 768.28, or any other statutes, and the COUNTY expressly reserves these rights to the full extent allowed by law.
12. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance in accordance with this section.

**BONDING REQUIREMENTS**

**Bid Bond/Certified Check.** By submitting a proposal, the Successful Proposer agrees should its proposal be accepted, **to execute the form of Agreement and present the same to COUNTY for approval within ten (10) calendar days after notice of intent to award.** The Successful Proposer further agrees that failure to execute and deliver said form of Agreement **within ten (10) calendar days** will result in damages to COUNTY and as guarantee of payment of same a bid bond/certified check shall be enclosed within the submitted sealed proposal in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total amount of the proposal. The Successful Proposer further agrees that in case the Successful Proposer fails to enter into an Agreement, as prescribed by COUNTY, the bid bond/certified check accompanying the proposal shall be forfeited to COUNTY as agreed liquidated damages. If COUNTY enters into an agreement with a Successful Proposer, or if COUNTY rejects any and/or all proposals, accompanying bond will be promptly returned.

**Payment and Performance Bonds.** Prior to commencing work, the Successful Proposer shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to COUNTY, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Florida Statutes § 255.05, covering the faithful performance by the Successful Proposer of its obligation under the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the construction of the project on the project site and the payment and obligations arising thereunder, including all payments to Subcontractors, laborers, and materialmen. The surety selected by the Successful Proposer to provide the Payment and Performance Bond shall be approved by COUNTY prior to issuance of such Bond, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided that surety is rated A- or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition.

Failure to provide the required bonds on the prescribed form may result in Successful Proposer being deemed nonresponsive. Bonds must be in the form prescribed in Florida Statutes § 255.05, and must not contain notice, demand or other terms and conditions, including informal pre-claim meetings, not provided for in Florida Statutes § 255.05.

Bonds shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price issued by a duly authorized and nationally recognized surety company, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, satisfactory to COUNTY. Surety shall be rated as "A-" or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition. The attorney-in-fact who signs the bonds must file with the bonds, a certificate and effective dated copy of power-of-attorney. Payment and Performance Bonds shall be issued to "Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida", **within ten (10) calendar days after issuance of notice of intent to award.**

In addition, pursuant to Florida Statutes § 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, prior to commencing work, the Successful Proposer shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record the Payment and Performance Bond with the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court. A certified copy of said recording shall be furnished to the Procurement Division upon filing. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, COUNTY will make no payment to the Successful Proposer until the Successful Proposer has complied with this paragraph.

Furnishing Payment and Performance Bonds shall be requisite to execution of an Agreement with COUNTY. Said Payment and Performance Bonds will remain in force for the duration of this Agreement with the premiums paid by the Successful Proposer. Failure of the Successful

Proposer to execute such Agreement and to supply the required bonds shall be just cause for cancellation of the award. COUNTY may then contract with the next lowest, responsive and responsible Successful Proposer or re-advertise this RFP.

Failure of COUNTY at any time to require performance by the Successful Proposer of any provisions set out in the resulting Agreement will in no way affect the right of COUNTY, thereafter, to enforce those provisions.

**FORM 8, INSURANCE STATEMENT  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

**THE UNDERSIGNED** has read and understands the insurance requirements applicable to any Agreement resulting from this solicitation and shall provide the insurances required in this RFQ within ten (10) days from the date of Notice of Intent to Award.

Proposer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature  
(Authorized  
Official): \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 9, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS  
RFQ NO. 25-R086969SAM**

**MANATEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

The Successful Proposer shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, and employees 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 the Successful Proposer, its personnel, design professionals and other persons employed or utilized by the Successful Proposer in the performance of the Agreement, including without limitation, defects in design, or errors or omissions that result in material cost increases to County. Such indemnification shall include the payment of all valid claims, losses, and judgments of any nature whatsoever in connection therewith and the payment of all related fees and costs. County reserves the right to defend itself.

Signature of Authorized Official of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Number and /or Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ [FULL LEGAL NAME],  
who is

Personally known to me

OR

has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Notary Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Seal

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**FORM 10, ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT**

**RFQ No. 25-R086969SAM**

(Section 787.06, Florida Statutes)

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who was sworn and says that the following information is true and correct:

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. I have been authorized by the Company to provide and execute this affidavit.
2. I am over eighteen years of age and the following information is given from my own personal knowledge.
3. Company is a nongovernmental entity and I hereby attest that Company does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.
4. This affidavit is made and given by affiant under penalty of perjury with full knowledge of applicable Florida laws regarding sworn affidavits and the penalties and liabilities resulting from false statements and misrepresentations therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of

- physical presence or
- online notarization

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by \_\_\_\_\_, who

- is personally known to me or
- has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

[CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES TO SATISFY IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 117.05, FLORIDA STATUTES]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this fully executed form with your Proposal.**

**SECTION E, EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit 1, Scope of Services**

**Exhibit 2, Proposal Response**

## **EXHIBIT 1, SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **1.01 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is to solicit responses from qualified firms or individuals to provide Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Logistics Warehouse facility.

The intent of this solicitation is to select a firm to provide professional CMAR services (hereinafter referred to in this Scope as (CMAR) as part of a team that includes County representatives and the County's selected design team.

### **1.02 BACKGROUND**

The Department of Public Safety is requesting a dedicated logistics facility for public safety operations, emergency management, emergency medical services, beach patrol, and code enforcement. The request is a hardened single story, climate-controlled warehouse building provided with office spaces, crew quarters, kitchenette, garage doors (drive-through bay space), loading dock, mechanical room, electrical room, IT room, laundry room and storage space with the purpose of supporting Manatee County's Emergency management staff with the needed materials and items on an everyday basis. The facility will must be post-event operable with Manatee County first responders. The warehouse will be located adjacent to the current Emergency Operations center at:

PSD EMS Logistics Facility  
2101 47<sup>th</sup> Ter E  
Bradenton FL, 34203

### **1.03 PROJECT SCOPE (CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS)**

It is the expectation that the CMAR team will ensure the constructability of the project by thoroughly reviewing the plans throughout design and providing quality assurance throughout design, quality control throughout construction and value engineering through project completion. The construction work will encompass all work provided in the design plans and specifications and will include, but is not limited to, the items listed below.

Sitework: Earthwork, paving, grading, drainage, utility coordination, distributions & relocations, and information technology distribution, extensions and coordination, sidewalks, parking, fencing, signage, landscaping, irrigation, lighting and required roadway improvements as shown on the construction plans and as directed by the authority having jurisdiction. ADA compliant site throughout.

The facility shall meet standards outlined in the Property Management's Preferred Building Design and Product Catalog Latest Addition, the Department of Justice ADA Standards for Accessible Design and the latest edition of the Florida Building Code. Other jurisdiction entities include but not limited to, Southwest Florida Water Management District, State of

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Manatee County Health Department and the Department of Agriculture.

#### **1.04 CMAR SCOPE OF SERVICES**

CMAR services to be provided by the CMAR shall include, but are not limited to, pre-construction, bidding, and construction phase services. Compensation to the CMAR for these services shall be a negotiated fee, based on a percentage of the cost of the work. A portion of the fixed fee for services shall be incrementally paid to the CMAR for preconstruction phase services.

#### **1.05 CMAR PRECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

##### **A. PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

During the preconstruction phase the CMAR shall provide service to include, but not limited to the following:

1. Preliminary site investigations.
2. Quality assurance of the design.
3. Value engineering recommendations.
4. Recommendations for material and systems alternatives.
5. Constructability and sustainability reviews.
6. Code compliance review to ensure permits are attainable.
7. Cost estimating to keep project in budget.
8. Ongoing monitoring and controlling of the schedule.
9. Testing.
10. Copies of Subcontracts Proposals, if requested.
11. Presentation of the Contractor's Preliminary Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to the County based on 100% plans and specifications. GMP shall be inclusive of all elements of construction from the submission of all required upfront documents to final inspection and acceptance by the County as a completed project including all required final close out documents.
12. The oversight of any early preconstruction work deemed beneficial to the project by the County during the preconstruction phase, upon request by the County.

##### **B. CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES**

The construction phase shall commence upon the County's acceptance of the GMP. The CMAR shall become the single point of responsibility for the performance of the construction contract for the Project. The selected firm shall be required to provide payment and performance bonds each in a value equal to 100% of the GMP.

The GMP shall be inclusive of all elements of construction from the submission of all required upfront documents to final inspection and acceptance by the County as a completed project including all required final close out documents.

The CMAR shall be responsible for all elements of work that require subcontractors and shall be held responsible for replacement of subcontractors that fail to perform.

The services required for the construction phase shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Development and management of all electronic records in a centralized, automated project management information system including project scheduling.
2. Providing and distributing meeting minutes of all construction meetings.
3. Project management to ensure performance of the work in accordance with the resulting Agreement.
4. Construction supervision to ensure compliance with design documents and permitting conditions.
5. Contracting with all sub-contractors, materials suppliers, surveying firms, testing and inspection firms, and equipment suppliers as necessary for the construction of the project.
6. Coordination and cooperation with any third-party contracts or contractors that the County may provide for this project.
7. Development and administration of quality control systems to ensure the work is performed in strict accordance with design requirements, applicable building codes and the County's objectives.
8. Process payment requests for approval by the design team and appropriate County representatives.
9. Preparation of County direct purchase documents.
10. Provide construction phase accounting and weekly reporting to the County.
11. Administration of jobsite safety programs.
12. Providing temporary facilities.
13. Maintenance of on-site and off-site traffic.
14. MOT plans, if applicable, in accordance with FDOT standards.
15. Maintenance of all project records.
16. Scheduling of inspections by authorities having jurisdiction over the project.
17. Supervision of third-party testing to assure independence and proper conduct.
18. Oversight of field surveying services.
19. Administer post construction closeout, final completion, and start-up and warranty periods.

#### **1.06 DELIVERABLES**

The CMAR shall provide the following deliverables to the County:

- A. Project management, coordination, field review, data collection
  1. Coordinate the project with County Staff and work in concert with the design team during the design of the project.
  2. Provide monthly progress reports and cost tracking for the duration of the project due with each pay application.

3. Conduct weekly project meetings during construction and provide meeting minutes to the County well in advance of the next meeting.
  4. Conduct a field review of the project to take photos, note field conditions, and verify survey information within the project limits.
- B. Cost Estimates to be provided at a minimum 60, and 90 percent plans completion.
- C. GMP to be provided upon acceptance of the final cost estimate. GMP shall include at minimum:
1. GMP summary
  2. General Requirements and General Conditions
  3. Sub bid packages and recommendations
  4. Division Costs
  5. List of allowances included in the GMP
  6. Assumptions and clarifications
  7. RFI Log
  8. Plans renumeration
  9. Permits and related fees
  10. Construction schedule in calendar days
  11. Draft Contract
  12. List of long lead items
  13. List of proposed stored materials to be considered
  14. List of proposed subcontractors
  15. Schedule of Values on the County provided form
  16. List of ODP items for consideration

**1.07 ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION TIME**

The estimated Project completion time frame for the pre-construction and construction phase is 20 months from the award of this solicitation.

**1.08 ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**

The County has budgeted the project construction cost at approximately \$7.6 million.

**END OF EXHIBIT 1**

**EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE**  
**RFQ No. 25-R086969SAM**

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Proposal response and the order in which such information should be organized. The information each Proposer provides will be used to determine those Proposers with the background, experience, and capacity to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFQ and which Proposer(s) best meets the overall needs of the County. For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section B, Evaluation of Responses.

**2.01 INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED**

The contents of each Response will be organized and arranged with tabs in the same order as listed below and with the same TAB name & numbers. The Response should contain sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation. However, overly elaborate responses are not requested or desired. **NOTE: Tabs 6 through 8 are limited to 20 double-sided pages.**

**2.02 RESPONSE FORMAT**

**TAB 1 - INTRODUCTION**

In Tab 1, include the following in the Response.

1. A cover page that identifies Proposer, the RFQ by title and the RFQ number.
2. An introductory letter/statement that describe your Response in summary form (limit 2 pages).
3. A table of contents.

**TAB 2 – MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

In Tab 2, submit the information and documentation requested that confirms Proposers meets the following minimum qualification requirement(s):

1. Must be registered with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations to do business in Florida.

**No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.**

2. Proposer and/or its subcontractor(s) must possess current, valid licenses and certifications required under Florida Statute to perform construction management at risk services.

**Submit information and documentation from the issuing agency that confirms Proposer and/or its subcontractor(s) meet the following:**

- a. **Certified under Section 489.119, Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent.**

3. Proposer Is NOT listed on the Florida State Board of Administration, Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies.

**No documentation is required. The County will verify.**

4. Proposer is not on the Florida Suspended or Debarred Vendor List.

**No documentation is required. The County will verify.**

5. Proposer is not on the Federal Convicted Vendor or Excluded Parties list. (SAM/EPLS)

**No documentation is required. The County will verify.**

6. If Proposer is submitting as a joint venture, it must have file the required documents with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as required by Florida Statute Section 489.119, prior to the Due Date and Time.

**If Proposer is a joint venture, provide a copy of Proposer's approved filing with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.**

7. Proposer has no reported conflict of interests in relation to this RFQ.

**If no conflicts of interests are present, Proposer must submit a fully completed copy of Form 4.**

**If there is a potential conflict of interest, on a separate page submit a statement to that affect and disclose the name of any officer, director or agent who is an employee of the County. Disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in Proposer's firm or any of its branches.**

### **TAB 3 – FORMS**

In Tab 3, provide the completed and executed Forms listed below.

- Form 1, Acknowledgement of Addenda
- Form 2, Response Signature Form
- Form 3, Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification
- Form 4, Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Form 5, Non-Collusion Affidavit
- Form 6, Truth in Negotiation Certification
- Form 7, Scrutinized Company Certification
- Form 8, Insurance Statement
- Form 9, Indemnity and Hold Harmless
- Form 10, Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

### **TAB 4 - TRADE SECRETS**

In Tab 4, Pursuant to Section A.28, Trade Secrets, identify any trade secret being claimed. Proposer must submit purported trade secret as follows:

1. Trade secret material must be segregated, within the applicable TAB, from the portions of the Response that are not being declared as trade secret. NOTE: Responses cannot be designated as ‘Proprietary’ or ‘Confidential’ in their entirety.
2. Proposer shall cite, for each trade secret being claimed, the Florida Statute number which supports the designation.
3. Proposer shall offer a brief written explanation as to why information claimed as trade secret fits the cited Statute.
4. Proposer shall provide an additional electronic copy of its Response that redacts all designated trade secrets.

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## **TAB 5 - PROPOSER STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**

In Tab 5, provide information and documentation on Proposer as follows:

1. Legal contracting name including any dba.
2. State of organization or incorporation.
3. Ownership structure of Proposer's company.  
(e.g., Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Limited Liability Corporation, Corporation)
4. Federal Identification Number.
5. A fully completed (signed and dated) copy of Proposer's W-9.
6. Contact information for Proposer's corporate headquarters and local office (if different) NOTE: local is defined as Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota counties.
  - a. Address
  - b. County, State, Zip
  - c. Phone
  - d. Number of years at this location
7. List of officers, owners and/or partners, or managers of the firm. Include names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers.
8. Provide supporting documentation from the certifying agent indicating Proposer is a certified Minority-owned Business Enterprise, if applicable.
9. Contact information for Proposer's primary and secondary representatives during this RFQ process to include the following information:
  - a. Name
  - b. Phone
  - c. E-mail
  - d. Mailing Address
  - e. County, State, Zip
10. Provide a brief summary regarding any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its partners, employees or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three years.
11. Provide details of any ownership changes to Proposer's organization in the past three years or changes anticipated within six months of the Due Date and Time (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, changes in executive leadership).
12. Detail Proposer's accessibility under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act strategies and processes as follows:
  - a. Detail Proposer's strategies and approach to meeting the ADA accessibility compliance standards of Section 508 and/or WCAG 2.0 AA for all documents to be submitted under the Agreement.
  - b. Briefly describe Offeror's ADA accessibility conformance testing process.

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**TAB 6 – PROPOSER AND TEAM’S EXPERIENCE (MAXIMUM POINTS 30)**

In Tab 6, provide details of Proposer and its team’s experience to include the following:

1. Provide a summary of Proposer’s background, size and years in business.
2. Describe Proposer’s experience in construction management at risk for other government agencies, particularly those within Florida.
3. Provide Proposer’s years of experience in construction management at risk services for EMS hardened building and related programing.
4. Identify and include information regarding experience and qualifications of Proposer’s key staff to be assigned to the services. Include a resume for each with the name of the firm(s) for their current and previous employers, their full names, professional credentials (e.g., certifications and/or licenses), and roles and duties which the individuals will provide to the County only relevant to the project. Include the address of their current primary office location, email address and phone number.
5. Identify any proposed sub-consultants to accomplish the work. Include the company name, the name of the individual(s) to be assigned, and an overview of their experience and qualifications applicable to their role in services for the County.
6. Describe any significant or unique accomplishments, recognition, or awards received by Proposer, its key personnel, or its subcontractors for previous similar services.
7. Provide a minimum of three (3) client references for EMS hardened building and related programing performed by Proposer, who are agreeable to responding to an inquiry by the County. References should include the following information:
  - a. Client name
  - b. Client address
  - c. Client contact name
  - d. Client contact phone and fax numbers
  - e. Client contact email address
  - f. Brief description of work (1-2 sentences)
  - g. Performance period (start/end dates)
  - h. Total dollar value of contract

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**TAB 7 – APPROACH (MAXIMUM POINTS 30)**

In Tab 7, provide Proposer’s project approach to include the following:

1. A narrative of the project approach and an explanation of how this approach meets County objectives and requirements as specified in this RFQ.
2. An explanation of Proposer’s technical ability to perform all facets of the scope of services defined in Exhibit 1. If more than one Proposer is jointly filing a Response, details must be provided to clearly demonstrate individual roles and responsibility for all components of the project.
3. Written overview of CMAR’s concepts and approach to managing the overall cost of the project. Provide an explanation of Proposer’s open-book procurement process; proposed schedule of values to establish the GMP.
4. Describe the firm’s scheduling and cost control system and methods for securing subcontractor’s adherence to schedule.
  - a. Describe the process used to schedule the submittal and approach of drawings.
  - b. Describe the firm’s experience in cost loading schedules.
  - c. Attach a sample schedule with your proposal which best illustrates the firm’s overall scheduling capabilities. Include in your sample, scheduled anticipated tasks to be performed in providing these services, include the documentation which the County will have to provide and when they would be required.  
NOTE: Proposer must commit to a timetable of no more than 609 calendar days for substantial completion of the project.
5. Provide a narrative of the methodology for engaging with County representatives in-the-course of performing the duties.
6. If planning to self-perform, provide a self-performance plan detailing aspect and type of work (i.e. site civil, concrete, yard pipping, mechanical, etc.) for the Project that is planned to be self-performed, and how Proposer will demonstrate that County is getting the best value.
7. Proposer shall thoroughly explain:
  - a. Its accessibility in the areas of availability for meetings, general communications, coordination, and supervision
  - b. How Proposer physically plans on attending pre-scheduled meetings
  - c. How Proposer plans on ensuring accessibility and availability during the term of the Agreement
8. Proposer’s Risk Management and Safety Plan that includes a list of risks related to the provision of services and Proposer’s proposed mitigation procedures for each item.
9. Include a detailed description of the Proposer’s safety plan to control the environment of the work site during on site construction.
10. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by an authorized official of Proposer attesting to its commitment to meet the County’s project and budget requirements for all assigned work.
11. Submit any additional information not previously requested which Proposer believes would assist County in the evaluation of Proposer’s approach to provide the required services.

**TAB 8 - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY (MAXIMUM POINTS 15)**

In Tab 8, provide Proposer's organizational structure and capacity to include the following:

1. Submit details of Proposer's staffing resources, at the location that will provide services to the County as well as corporately; by discipline and the number of personnel within each discipline.
2. Detail the location of the managing office and what plans will be adopted to ensure County citizens receive consideration for employment; and vendors located within the County will be used for the acquisition of goods and services needed to perform the scope of services.
3. If Proposer's staffing resources includes sub-consultants, submit the name of the firm(s) who will perform each discipline. If more than one firm is listed for a discipline, then label which firm is the primary firm for that discipline. Firms may perform more than one discipline.
4. Submit an organizational diagram clearly identifying key personnel as well as other staffing resources who are designated to provide services to the County. For each individual in the organization diagram, include each individual's name, title, firm and indicate their functional relationship to each other.
5. If Proposer is teaming with other entities to provide the required goods and services, detail any prior similar work any two or more team members have jointly performed.
6. If a joint venture is proposed, provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of the joint venture and provide proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities, and levels of participation in the project.
7. An explanation, in general terms, of Proposers' financial capacity to perform the scope of services. If Proposer is jointly filing a Response with other entities, details must be provided to demonstrate financial capacity of each entity.
8. Provide a statement on company letterhead and signed by a company official authorizing a County auditor and/or financial analysts access to your financial records, including all records prepared by an independent firm, or the financial records of other entities for which you have ownership interest. Such access will occur at the primary location of the Proposer, or such other location as may be agreed, for the purposes of verifying financial representations, and/or to review and assess the historical and current financial capacity of Proposer's business entity and its expected ability to meet ongoing financial obligations related to the required services, if awarded a contract. If an audit is conducted, the County's audit and/or financial analysts will report their findings in a summary report to the Purchasing Official, which will be placed in the Response files for subsequent use, review, and discussions during evaluations.
9. Disclose any ownership interest in other entities proposed for services. This ownership disclosure includes ownership by the Proposer through a parent, subsidiary or holding company or any other form of business entity. Submit entity names and the percent of ownership for each.
10. Detail Proposer and any subcontractor's current workloads and any projected changes to the workload within the next six months.

11. Provide a list of construction management at risk projects that have been awarded to the Proposer by Manatee County in the past two (2) years since April 1, 2023. Include the following information for each:
  - a. Name of the project.
  - b. Date of award.
  - c. Dollar value of the design work.
12. Provide details of Proposer's capacity to bond the project. Include a letter of intent from Proposer's bonding company which confirms Proposer's bonding capacity.
13. Submit any additional information not previously requested which Proposer believes would assist County in the evaluation of Proposer's capacity to provide the required services.

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**TAB 9 - SIMILAR COMPLETED PROJECTS (MAXIMUM POINTS 25)**

In Tab 9, provide a list of up to three (3) projects, particularly those with EMS hardened building capacity, which Proposer has provided construction management at risk services since April 1, 2018. Include the following information:

- a. Organization/Owner name
- b. Address (County/State)
- c. Project date (Start/End)
- d. Proposer's role in the project (e.g., prime/lead, sub)
- e. Scope of work (Brief description 1-2 sentences)
- f. Total project costs

NOTE: Representative photographs and exhibits supporting the above projects are permitted as an attachment to this section. (limit five (5) double-sided pages).

**END OF EXHIBIT 2**

## **SECTION F, SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT NO. (Number)

*for*

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK  
SERVICES

*between*

MANATEE COUNTY (AS OWNER)

*and*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER)

**AGREEMENT FOR  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES  
[PROJECT NAME]**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, referred to herein as “Owner”, and the firm of \_\_\_\_\_, incorporated in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and registered and licensed to do business in the State of Florida (License #\_\_\_\_\_), referred to herein as “Construction Manager.”

**WHEREAS**, the Owner intends to construct **[PROJECT DESCRIPTION]**, the improvements being hereinafter referred to and defined as the “Project”; and

**WHEREAS**, Owner desires Construction Manager to provide the professional construction management services requisite to the implementation of the Project, and

**WHEREAS**, in response to Owner’s Request for Qualifications No. \_\_\_\_\_ (the “RFQ”), Construction Manager has submitted its Proposal (the “Proposal”) to provide the services.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Owner and the Construction Manager, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1.1 RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES.** The Construction Manager accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established with the Owner by this Agreement, and covenants with the Owner to furnish the Construction Manager’s reasonable skill and judgment and to cooperate with the Architect/Engineer in furthering the interests of the Owner. The Construction Manager shall furnish construction administration and management services and use the Construction Manager’s best efforts to perform the Project in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the interests of the Owner. The Owner shall endeavor to promote harmony and cooperation among the Owner, Architect/Engineer, Construction Manager and other persons or entities employed by the Owner for the Project.

**1.2 GENERAL CONDITIONS.** The general conditions of the contract shall be the attached General Conditions of the Construction Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference. The term “Contractor” as used in the General Conditions shall mean the Construction Manager. The term “Contract Sum” as used in the General Conditions shall mean Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

## **ARTICLE 2 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Construction Manager shall perform the services described in this Article. The services to be provided under Sections 2.1 and 2.2 constitute the Preconstruction services. If the Owner and Construction Manager agree, after consultation with the Architect/Engineer, the Construction Phase may commence before the Preconstruction Phase is completed, in which case both phases will proceed concurrently.

### **2.1 PRECONSTRUCTION PHASE.**

A. PRELIMINARY EVALUATION. The Construction Manager shall provide a preliminary evaluation of the Owner's program and Project budget requirements, each in terms of the other.

B. CONSULTATION. The Construction Manager, with the Architect/Engineer, shall jointly schedule and attend regular meetings with the Owner. The Construction Manager shall consult with the Owner and Architect/Engineer regarding site use and improvements and the selection of materials, building systems and equipment. The Construction Manager shall provide recommendations on construction feasibility; actions designed to minimize adverse effects of labor or material shortages; time requirements for procurement, installation and construction completion; and factors related to construction cost, including estimates of alternative designs or materials, preliminary budgets and possible economies.

C. PRELIMINARY PROJECT SCHEDULE. When Project requirements described in Section 3.1.A have been sufficiently identified, the Construction Manager shall prepare, and periodically update, a preliminary Project schedule for the Architect/Engineer's review and the Owner's approval. The Construction Manager shall obtain the Architect/Engineer's approval of the portion of the preliminary Project schedule relating to the performance of the Architect/Engineer's services. The Construction Manager shall coordinate and integrate the preliminary Project schedule with the services and activities of the Owner, Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager. As design proceeds, the preliminary Project schedule shall be updated to indicate proposed activity sequences and durations, milestone dates for receipt and approval of pertinent information, submittal of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal, preparation and processing of shop drawings and samples, delivery of materials or equipment requiring long-lead-time procurement, Owner's occupancy requirements showing portions of the Project having occupancy priority, and proposed date of Substantial Completion. If preliminary Project schedule updates indicate that previously approved schedules may not be met, the Construction Manager shall make appropriate recommendations to the Owner and Architect/Engineer.

D. PHASED CONSTRUCTION. The Construction Manager shall make recommendations to the Owner and Architect/Engineer regarding the phased issuance of Project Plans and Specifications to facilitate phased construction of the Work, if such phased construction

is appropriate for the Project, taking into consideration such factors as economies, time of performance, availability of labor and materials, and provisions for temporary facilities.

E. PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES.

1. When the Owner has sufficiently identified the Project requirements and the Architect/Engineer has prepared other basic design criteria, the Construction Manager shall prepare, for the review of the Architect/Engineer and approval of the Owner, a preliminary cost estimate utilizing area, volume or similar conceptual estimating techniques.
2. When schematic design documents have been prepared by the Architect/Engineer and approved by the Owner, the Construction Manager shall prepare, for the review of the Architect/Engineer and approval of the Owner, a more detailed estimate with supporting data. During the preparation of the design development documents, the Construction Manager shall update and refine this estimate at appropriate intervals agreed to by the Owner, Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager.
3. When design development documents have been prepared by the Architect/Engineer and approved by the Owner, the Construction Manager shall prepare a detailed estimate with supporting data for review by the Architect/Engineer and approval by the Owner. During the preparation of the construction documents, the Construction Manager shall update and refine this estimate at appropriate intervals agreed to by the Owner, Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager.
4. If any estimate submitted to the Owner exceeds previously approved estimates or the Owner's budget, the Construction Manager shall make appropriate recommendations to the Owner and Architect/Engineer.

F. SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS. The Construction Manager shall seek to develop Subcontractor interest in the Project and shall furnish to the Owner and Architect/Engineer for their information a list of possible Subcontractors, including suppliers who are to furnish materials or equipment fabricated to a special design, from whom proposals will be requested for each principal portion of the Work. The Architect/Engineer will promptly reply in writing to the Construction Manager if the Architect/Engineer or Owner know of any objection to such Subcontractor or supplier. The receipt of such list shall not require the Owner or Architect/Engineer to investigate the qualifications of proposed Subcontractors or suppliers, nor shall it waive the right of the Owner or Architect/Engineer later to object to or reject any proposed Subcontractors or suppliers.

G. LONG-LEAD-TIME ITEMS. The Construction Manager shall recommend to the Owner and Architect/Engineer a schedule for procurement of long-lead-time items which

will constitute part of the Work as required to meet the Project schedule. If such long-lead-time items are procured by the Owner, they shall be procured on terms and conditions acceptable to the Construction Manager. Upon the Owner's acceptance of the Construction Manager's GMP proposal, all contracts for such items shall be assigned by the Owner to the Construction Manager, who shall accept responsibility for such items as if procured by the Construction Manager. The Construction Manager shall expedite the delivery of long-lead-time items.

H. EXTENT OF RESPONSIBILITY. The Construction Manager does not warrant or guarantee estimates and schedules except as may be included as part of the GMP. The recommendation and advice of the Construction Manager concerning design alternatives shall be subject to the review and approval of the Owner and the Owner's professional consultants. It is not the Construction Manager's responsibility to ascertain that the Project Plans and Specifications are in accordance with applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, building codes, rules and regulations. However, if the Construction Manager recognizes that portions of the Project Plans and Specifications are at variance therewith, the Construction Manager shall promptly notify the Architect/Engineer and Owner in writing.

I. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. The Construction Manager shall comply with applicable laws, regulations and special requirements of the Contract Documents regarding equal employment opportunity and affirmative action programs.

## **2.2 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT TIME.**

A. TIMING. When the Project Plans and Specifications are sufficiently complete, the Construction Manager shall propose a GMP, which shall be the sum of the estimated Cost of the Work and the Contractor's Fee.

B. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. As the Project Plans and Specifications may not be finished at the time the GMP proposal is prepared, the Construction Manager shall provide in the GMP for further development of the Project Plans and Specifications by the Architect/Engineer that is consistent with the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable therefrom. Such further development does not include such things as changes in scope, systems, kinds and quality of materials, finishes or equipment, all of which, as required, shall be incorporated by Change Order.

C. CONTINGENCY. The estimated Cost of the Work shall include the Construction Manager's contingency, a sum established by the Construction Manager for the Construction Manager's exclusive use to cover costs arising under Section 2.2.B and other costs which are properly reimbursable as Cost of the Work but not the basis for a Change Order.

D. BASIS OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE. The Construction Manager shall include with the GMP proposal a written statement of its basis, which shall include:

1. A list of the Project Plans and Specifications, including all addenda thereto and the Conditions of the Contract, which were used in preparation of the GMP proposal.
2. A list of allowances and a statement of their basis.
3. A list of the clarifications and assumptions made by the Construction Manager in the preparation of the GMP proposal to supplement the information contained in the Project Plans and Specifications.
4. The proposed GMP, including a statement of the estimated costs organized by trade categories, allowances, contingency, and other items and the Fee that comprise the GMP.
5. The Date of Substantial Completion upon which the proposed GMP is based, and a schedule of the construction documents issuance dates upon which the date of Substantial Completion is based.

E. MEETING OF CONSTRUCTION TEAM. The Construction Manager shall meet with the Owner and Architect/Engineer to review the GMP proposal and the written statement of its basis. In the event that the Owner or Architect/Engineer discover any inconsistencies or inaccuracies in the information presented, they shall promptly notify the Construction Manager, who shall make appropriate adjustments to the GMP proposal, its basis, or both.

F. ACCEPTANCE. Unless the Owner accepts the GMP proposal in writing on or before the date specified in the proposal for such acceptance and so notifies the Construction Manager, the GMP proposal shall not be effective without written acceptance by the Construction Manager.

G. NO COSTS IN ADVANCE. Prior to the Owner's acceptance of the Construction Manager's GMP proposal and issuance of a Notice to Proceed, the Construction Manager shall not incur any cost to be reimbursed as part of the Cost of the Work, except as the Owner may specifically authorize in writing.

H. GMP ADDENDUM. Upon acceptance by the Owner of the GMP proposal, the GMP and its basis shall be set forth in the GMP Addendum. The GMP shall be subject to additions and deductions by a change in the Work as provided in the Contract Documents, and the Substantial Completion Date shall be subject to adjustment as provided in the Contract Documents.

I. REVISIONS TO PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS. The Owner shall authorize and cause the Architect/Engineer to revise the Project Plans and Specifications to the extent necessary to reflect the agreed-upon assumptions and clarifications contained in the GMP Addendum. Such revised Project Plans and Specifications shall be furnished to the Construction Manager in accordance with schedules agreed to by the Owner,

Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager. The Construction Manager shall promptly notify the Architect/Engineer and Owner if such revised Project Plans and Specifications are inconsistent with the agreed-upon assumptions and clarifications.

J. TAXES. The GMP shall include in the Cost of the Work only those taxes which are enacted at the time the GMP is established.

## **2.3 CONSTRUCTION PHASE.**

### **A. GENERAL.**

1. The Construction Phase shall commence on the earlier of:
  - i. the owner's acceptance of the Construction Manager's GMP proposal and issuance of a Notice to Proceed, or
  - ii. the Owner's first authorization to the Construction Manager to:
    - (a) award a Subcontract,
    - (b) undertake construction Work with the Construction Manager's own forces, or
    - (c) issue a purchase order for materials or equipment required for the Work.

### **B. ADMINISTRATION.**

1. Those portions of the Work that the Construction Manager does not customarily perform with the Construction Manager's own personnel shall be performed under Subcontracts or by other appropriate agreements with the Construction Manager. The Construction Manager shall obtain bids from Subcontractors and from suppliers of materials or equipment fabricated to a special design for the Work from the list previously reviewed and, after analyzing such bids, shall deliver such bids to the Owner and Architect/Engineer. The Owner will then determine, with the advice of the Construction Manager and subject to the reasonable objection of the Architect/Engineer, which bids will be accepted. The Owner may designate specific persons or entities from whom the Construction Manager shall obtain bids; however, if the GMP has been established, the Owner may not prohibit the Construction Manager from obtaining bids from other qualified bidders. The Construction Manager shall not be required to contract with anyone to whom the Construction Manager has reasonable objection.

2. If the GMP has been established, and a specific bidder among those whose bids are delivered by the Construction Manager to the Owner and Architect/Engineer (1) is recommended to the Owner by the Construction Manager; (2) is qualified to perform that portion of the Work; and (3) has submitted a bid which conforms to the requirements of the Contract Documents without reservations or exceptions, but the Owner requires that another bid be accepted, then a Change Order shall be issued to adjust the Contract Time and the GMP by the difference between the bid of the person or entity recommended to the Owner by the Construction Manager and the amount of the Subcontract or other agreement actually signed with the person or entity designated by the Owner.
3. Subcontracts and agreements with suppliers furnishing materials or equipment fabricated to a special design shall conform to the payment provisions of Sections 7.1.H and 7.1.I and shall not be awarded on the basis of cost plus a fee without the prior consent of the Owner.
4. The Construction Manager shall schedule and conduct a meeting at which the Owner, Architect/Engineer, Construction Manager and appropriate Subcontractors can discuss the status of the Work. The Construction Manager shall prepare and promptly distribute meeting minutes.
5. Promptly after the Owner's acceptance of the GMP proposal, the Construction Manager shall prepare a schedule in accordance with Section 2.3 of the General Conditions, including the Owner's occupancy requirements.
6. The Construction Manager shall provide monthly written reports to the Owner and Architect/Engineer on the progress of the entire Work. The Construction Manager shall maintain a daily log containing a record of weather, Subcontractors working on the Project Site, number of workers, Work accomplished, problems encountered and other similar relevant data as the Owner may reasonably require. The log shall be available to the Owner and Architect/Engineer.
7. The Construction Manager shall develop a system of cost control for the Work, including regular monitoring of actual costs for activities in progress and estimates for uncompleted tasks and proposed changes. The Construction Manager shall identify variances between actual and estimated costs and report the variances to the Owner and Architect/Engineer at regular intervals.

**2.4 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.** Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the General Conditions shall apply to both the Preconstruction and Construction Phases.

**2.5 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** Sections 2.4.U and 5.5 of the General Conditions shall apply to both the Preconstruction and Construction Phases.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

**3.1 INFORMATION AND SERVICES.**

A. GENERAL INFORMATION. The Owner shall provide full information in a timely manner regarding the requirements of the Project, including a program which sets forth the Owner's objectives, constraints and criteria, including space requirements and relationships, flexibility and expandability requirements, special equipment and systems, and site requirements.

B. BUDGET. The Owner shall establish and update an overall budget for the Project, based on consultation with the Construction Manager and Architect/Engineer, which shall include contingencies for changes in the Work and other costs which are the responsibility of the Owner.

C. STRUCTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL TESTS, SURVEYS AND REPORTS. In the Preconstruction Phase, the Owner shall furnish the following with reasonable promptness and at the Owner's expense. Except to the extent that the Construction Manager knows of any inaccuracy, the Construction Manager shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy of any such information, reports, surveys, drawings and tests described in subsections 1 through 5, below, but shall exercise customary precautions relating to the performance of the Work.

1. Reports, surveys, drawings and tests concerning the conditions of the Project Site which are required by law.
2. Surveys describing physical characteristics, legal limitations and utility locations for the Project Site, and a written legal description of the Project Site. The surveys and legal information shall include, as applicable, grades and lines of streets, alleys, pavements and adjoining property and structures; adjacent drainage; rights-of-way, restrictions, easements, encroachments, zoning, deed restrictions, boundaries and contours of the Project Site; locations, dimensions and necessary data pertaining to existing buildings, other improvements and trees; and information concerning available utility services and lines, both public and private, above and below grade, including inverts and depths. All information on the survey shall be referenced to a Project benchmark.
3. The services of a geotechnical engineer when such services are requested by the Construction Manager. Such services may include but are not limited to test borings, test pits, determinations of soil bearing values, percolations tests, evaluations of hazardous materials, ground corrosion and resistivity tests, including necessary operations for anticipating subsoil conditions, with reports and appropriate professional recommendations.

4. Structural, mechanical, chemical, air and water pollution tests, tests for hazardous materials, and other laboratory and environmental tests, inspections and reports which are required by law.
5. The services of other consultants when such services are reasonably required by the scope of the Project and are requested by the Construction Manager.

**3.2 OWNER'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.** The Owner shall designate in writing its Owner's Project Representative who shall have authority to perform those duties set forth in Section 7.8 of the General Conditions. The Owner's Project Representative shall render decisions promptly and furnish information expeditiously, to avoid unreasonable delay in the services or Work of the Construction Manager.

**3.3 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER.** The Owner shall retain an Architect/Engineer to provide basic services, including normal structural, mechanical and electrical engineering services, other than cost estimating services, described in Article VI of the General Conditions. The Owner shall authorize and cause the Architect/Engineer to provide those additional services requested by the Construction Manager which must necessarily be provided by the Architect/Engineer for the Preconstruction and Construction Phases of the Work. Such services shall be provided in accordance with time schedules agreed to by the Owner, Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager. Upon request of the Construction Manager, the Owner shall furnish to the Construction Manager a copy of the Owner's Agreement with the Architect/Engineer.

**3.4 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** The Owner shall determine and advise the Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager of any special legal requirements relating specifically to the Project which differ from those generally applicable to construction in the jurisdiction of the Project. The Owner shall furnish such legal services as are necessary to provide the information and services required under Section 3.1.

## **ARTICLE 4 COMPENSATION AND PAYMENTS FOR PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

The Owner shall compensate and make payments to the Construction Manager for Preconstruction Services as follows:

### **4.1 COMPENSATION.**

A. PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES. For the Preconstruction Services described in Section 2.1, the Construction Manager's compensation shall be calculated as follows:

*(State basis of compensation, whether a stipulated sum, multiple of Direct Personnel Expense, actual cost, etc. Include a statement of reimbursable cost items as applicable.)*

B. ADJUSTMENT. Compensation for Preconstruction Services shall be equitably adjusted if such services extend beyond \_\_\_\_ (\_\_) days from the date of this Agreement or if the originally contemplated scope of services is significantly modified.

C. PERSONNEL EXPENSE. If compensation is based on a multiple of Direct Personnel Expense, "Direct Personnel Expense" shall mean the direct salaries of the Construction Manager's personnel engaged in the Project and the portion of the cost of their mandatory and customary contributions and benefits related thereto, such as employment taxes and other statutory employee benefits, insurance, sick leave, holidays, vacations, pensions and similar contributions and benefits.

#### **4.2 PAYMENTS.**

A. TIMING. Subject to the requirements of Article III of the General Conditions, payments for Preconstruction Services shall be made monthly following presentation of the Construction Manager's invoice and, where applicable, shall be in proportion to services performed.

B. DUE DATES. Payments shall be made by Owner in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.735, Florida Statutes.

### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **COMPENSATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES**

The Owner shall compensate the Construction Manager for Construction Phase services as follows:

**5.1 COMPENSATION.** For the Construction Manager's performance of the Work as described in Section 2.3, the Owner shall pay the Construction Manager in current funds the Contract Sum consisting of the Cost of the Work as defined in Article 6 and the Construction Manager's Fee determined as follows:

*(State a lump sum, percentage of actual Cost of the Work or other provision for determining the Construction Manager's Fee, and explain how the Construction Manager's Fee is to be adjusted for changes in the Work. Example: **The Construction Management Fee Percentage shall not exceed <Percentage> of the total cost of the Work.**)*

**5.2 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE.** The sum of the Cost of the Work and the Construction Manager's Fee are guaranteed by the Construction Manager not to exceed the amount provided as the GMP in the GMP Addendum, subject to additions and deductions by changes in the Work as provided in the Contract Documents. Such maximum sum as adjusted by approved changes in the Work is referred to in the Contract Documents as the GMP. Costs which would

cause the GMP to be exceeded shall be paid by the Construction Manager without reimbursement by the Owner.

*(Insert specific provisions if the Construction Manager is to participate in any savings.)*

### **5.3 CHANGES IN THE WORK**

A. ADJUSTMENTS TO GMP. Adjustments to the GMP on account of changes in the Work subsequent to the execution of the GMP Addendum may be determined by any of the methods listed in Article V of the General Conditions.

B. "COST". In calculating adjustments to Subcontracts (except those awarded with the Owner's prior consent on the basis of cost plus a fee), the Owner and Construction Manager shall proceed in accordance with Section 5.6 of the General Conditions. Adjustments to subcontracts awarded with the Owner's prior consent on the basis of cost plus a fee shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of those subcontracts. In calculating adjustments to the Agreement, the terms "cost" and "costs" as used in the above-referenced General Conditions shall mean the Cost of the Work as defined in Article 6 of this Agreement.

C. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S FEE. If no specific provision is made in Section 5.1 for adjustment of the Construction Manager's Fee in the case of changes in the Work, or if the extent of such changes is such that, in the aggregate, the application of the adjustment provisions of Section 5.1 will cause substantial inequity to the Owner or Construction Manager, the Construction Manager's Fee shall be equitably adjusted on the basis of the Fee established for the original Work.

## **ARTICLE 6 COST OF THE WORK FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE**

### **6.1 COSTS TO BE REIMBURSED**

A. COST OF WORK. The term "Cost of the Work" shall mean costs necessarily incurred by the Construction Manager in the proper performance of the Work. Such costs shall be at rates not higher than those customarily paid at the place of the Project except with prior consent of the Owner. The Cost of the Work shall include only the items set forth in this Article 6.

B. LABOR COSTS.

1. Wages or salaries of construction workers directly employed by the Construction Manager to perform the construction of the Work at the Project Site or, with the Owner's written approval, at off-site workshops.

2. Wages or salaries of the Construction Manager's supervisory and administrative personnel when stationed at the Project Site and performing Work, with the Owner's prior written approval.

Classification

Hourly Rate

\$0.00

*(If it is intended that the wages or salaries of certain personnel stationed at the Construction Manager's principal office or offices other than the site office shall be included in the Cost of the Work, such personnel shall be identified below.)*

3. Wages or salaries of the Construction Manager's supervisory or administrative personnel engaged, at factories, workshops or while traveling, in expediting the production or transportation of materials or equipment required for the Work, but only for that portion of their time required for the Work.
4. Costs paid or incurred by the Construction Manager for taxes, insurance, contributions, assessments and benefits required by law or collective bargaining agreements, and, for personnel not covered by such agreements, customary benefits such as sick leave, medical and health benefits, holidays, vacations and pensions, provided that such costs are based on wages and salaries included in the Cost of the Work under Sections 6.1.B.1 through 6.1.B.3.

C. SUBCONTRACT COSTS. Payments made by the Construction Manager to Subcontractors in accordance with the requirements of the Subcontracts.

D. COSTS OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT INCORPORATED IN THE COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION.

1. Costs, including transportation, of materials and equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in the completed construction.
2. Costs of materials described in the preceding Section 6.1.D.1 in excess of those actually installed but required to provide reasonable allowance for waste and for spoilage. Unused excess materials, if any, shall be handed over to the Owner at the completion of the Work or, at the Owner's option, shall be sold by the Construction Manager; amounts realized, if any, from such sales shall be credited to the Owner as a deduction from the Cost of the Work.

E. COSTS OF OTHER MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, TEMPORARY FACILITIES AND RELATED ITEMS.

1. Costs, including transportation, installation, maintenance, dismantling and removal of materials, supplies, temporary facilities, machinery, equipment, and

hand tools not customarily owned by the construction workers, which are provided by the Construction Manager at the Project Site and fully consumed in the performance of the Work; and cost less salvage value on such items if not fully consumed, whether sold to others or retained by the Construction Manager. Cost for items previously used by the Construction Manager shall mean fair market value.

2. Rental charges for temporary facilities, machinery, equipment and hand tools not customarily owned by the construction workers, which are provided by the Construction Manager at the Project Site, whether rented from the Construction Manager or others, and costs of transportation, installation, minor repairs and replacements, dismantling and removal thereof. Rates and quantities of equipment rented shall be subject to the Owner's prior approval. The total rental cost of any item may not exceed the purchase price of any comparable item.
3. Costs of removal of debris from the Project Site, including proper and legal disposal of same.
4. Reproduction costs, costs of telegrams, facsimile transmissions and long-distance telephone calls, postage and express delivery charges, telephone at the Project Site and reasonable petty cash expenses of the Project Site office.
5. That portion of the reasonable travel and subsistence expenses of the Construction Manager's personnel incurred while traveling in discharge of duties connected with the Work.

F. MISCELLANEOUS COSTS.

1. That portion directly attributable to this Agreement of premiums for insurance and bonds.

*(If charges for self-insurance are to be included, specify the basis of reimbursement.)*

2. Sales, use or similar taxes imposed by a governmental authority which are related to the Work and for which the Construction Manager is liable.
3. Fees and assessments for the building permit and for other permits, licenses and inspections for which the Construction Manager is required by the Contract Documents to pay.
4. Fees of testing laboratories for tests required by the Contract Documents, except those related to nonconforming Work other than that for which payment is permitted by Section 6.1.G.2, reproduction costs, costs of telegrams, facsimile

transmissions and long-distance telephone calls, postage and express delivery charges, telephone at the Project Site and reasonable petty cash expenses of the Project Site office.

5. Royalties and license fees paid for the use of a particular design, process or product required by the Contract Documents; the cost of defending suits or claims for infringement of patent or other intellectual property rights arising from such requirement by the Contract Documents; payments made in accordance with legal judgments against the Construction Manager resulting from such suits or claims and payments of settlements made with the Owner's consent; provided, however, that such costs of legal defenses; judgment and settlements shall not be included in the calculation of the Construction Manager's Fee or the GMP and provided that such royalties, fees and costs are not excluded by the Contract Documents.
6. Costs for communications services, electronic equipment and software, directly related to the Work and located at the Project Site, with the Owner's prior written approval.
7. Deposits lost for causes other than the Construction Manager's negligence or failure to fulfill a specific responsibility to the Owner set forth in this Agreement.
8. Legal, mediation and arbitration costs, other than those arising from disputes between the Owner and Construction Manager, reasonably incurred by the Construction Manager in the performance of the Work and with the Owner's written permission, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
9. Expenses incurred in accordance with Construction Manager's standard personnel policy for relocation and temporary living allowances of personnel required for the Work, in case it is necessary to relocate such personnel from distant locations, with the Owner's prior written approval.
10. Other costs incurred in the performance of the Work if and to the extent approved in advance in writing by the Owner.

G. EMERGENCIES AND REPAIRS TO DAMAGED OR NONCONFORMING WORK. The Cost of the Work shall also include costs described in Section 6.1.A which are incurred by the Construction Manager:

1. In acting to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss in case of emergency affecting the safety of persons and property, as provided in Section 2.4.P of the General Conditions.

2. In repairing or correcting damaged or nonconforming Work executed by the Construction Manager or the Construction Manager's Subcontractors or suppliers, provided that such damage or nonconforming Work was not caused by the negligence or failure to fulfill a specific responsibility to the Owner set forth in this Agreement or by the Construction Manager's foremen, engineers or superintendents, or other supervisory, administrative or managerial personnel of the Construction Manager, or by the failure of the Construction Manager's personnel to supervise adequately the Work of the Subcontractors or suppliers, and only to the extent that the cost of repair or correction is not recoverable by the Construction Manager from insurance, sureties, Subcontractors, suppliers or others.

H. COSTS TO BE INCLUDED. The costs described in Sections 6.1.A through 6.1.G shall be included in the Cost of the Work notwithstanding any provisions of the General Conditions which may require the Construction Manager to pay such costs, unless such costs are excluded by the provisions of Section 6.2.

**6.2 COSTS NOT TO BE REIMBURSED.** The Cost of the Work shall not include:

1. Salaries and other compensation of the Construction Manager's personnel stationed at the Construction Manager's principal office or offices other than the Project Site office, except as specifically provided in Sections 6.1.B.2 and 6.1.B.3.
2. Bonuses, profit sharing, incentive compensation, and any other discretionary payments, paid to anyone hired by the Construction Manager or paid to any Subcontractor or vendor, unless the Owner has provided prior written approval.
3. Expenses of the Construction Manager's principal office and offices other than the Project Site office, except as specifically provided in Section 6.1.
4. Overhead and general expenses, except as may be expressly included in Section 6.1.
5. The Construction Manager's capital expenses, including interest on the Construction Manager's capital employed for the Work.
6. Rental costs of machinery and equipment, except as specifically provided in Section 6.1.E.2.
7. Costs due to the negligence of the Construction Manager or to the failure of the Construction Manager to fulfill a specific responsibility to the Owner set forth in this Agreement.
8. Costs incurred in the performance of Preconstruction Services.

9. Except as provided in Section 6.1.F.10, any cost not specifically and expressly described in Section 6.1.
10. Costs which would cause the GMP to be exceeded.

### **6.3 DISCOUNTS, REBATES AND REFUNDS**

A. ACCRUAL TO OWNER. Cash discounts obtained on payments made by the Construction Manager shall accrue to the Owner if (1) before making the payment, the Construction Manager included them in an Application for Payment and received payment therefor from the Owner, or (2) the Owner has deposited funds with the Construction Manager with which to make payments; otherwise, cash discounts shall accrue to the Construction Manager. Trade discounts, rebates, refunds and amounts received from sales of surplus materials and equipment shall accrue to the Owner, and the Construction Manager shall make provisions so that they can be secured.

B. DEDUCTION FROM COST OF WORK. Amounts which accrue to the Owner in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.3.A shall be credited to the Owner as a deduction from the Cost of the Work.

**6.4 ACCOUNTING RECORDS**. The Construction Manager shall keep full and detailed accounts and exercise such controls as may be necessary for proper financial management, in order to substantiate all costs incurred under this Agreement. The accounting and control systems shall be satisfactory to the Owner. The Owner and the Owner's accountants or other Owner-authorized personnel shall be afforded access to the Construction Manager's records, books, correspondence, instructions, drawings, receipts, subcontracts, purchase orders, vouchers, memoranda and all other data relating to this Project, and the Construction Manager shall preserve these for a period of three years after final payment, or for such longer period as may be required by law.

## **ARTICLE 7 CONSTRUCTION PHASE**

### **7.1 PROGRESS PAYMENTS.**

A. PROGRESS PAYMENTS. Subject to the requirements of Article III of the General Conditions, based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the Architect/Engineer by the Construction Manager and Certificates for Payment issued by the Architect/Engineer, the Owner shall make progress payments on account of the GMP to the Construction Manager as provided below and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

B. PERIOD COVERED. The period covered by each Application for Payment shall be one calendar month ending on the last day of the month, or as follows:

*(State period to be covered by Applications for Payment.) Remove if not applicable.*

C. DATE OF PAYMENT. Payments shall be made by Owner in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.735, Florida Statutes.

D. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. With each Application for Payment, the Construction Manager shall submit payrolls, petty cash accounts, receipted invoices or invoices with check vouchers attached and any other evidence required by the Owner or Architect/Engineer to demonstrate that cash disbursements already made by the Construction Manager on account of the Cost of the Work equal or exceed (1) progress payments already received by the Construction Manager; less (2) that portion of those payments attributable to the Construction Manager's Fee; plus (3) payrolls for the period covered by the present Application for Payment.

E. SCHEDULE OF VALUES. Each Application for Payment shall be based upon the most recent schedule of values submitted by the Construction Manager in accordance with the Contract Documents. The schedule of values shall allocate the entire GMP among the various portions of the Work, except that the Construction Manager's Fee shall be shown as a single separate item. The schedule of values shall be prepared in such form and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Architect/Engineer may require. This schedule, unless objected to by the Architect/Engineer, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Construction Manager's Application for Payment.

F. Applications for Payment shall show the percentage completion of each portion of the Work as of the end of the period covered by the Application for Payment. The percentage completion shall be the lesser of (1) the percentage of that portion of the Work which has actually been completed or (2) the percentage obtained by dividing (a) the expense which has actually been incurred by the Construction Manager on account of that portion of the Work for which the Construction Manager has made or intends to make actual payment prior to the next Application for Payment by (b) the share of the GMP allocated to that portion of the Work in the schedule of values.

G. COMPUTATION. Subject to other provisions of the Contract Documents, the amount of each progress payment shall be computed as follows:

1. Take that portion of the GMP properly allocable to completed Work as determined by multiplying the percentage completion of each portion of the Work by the share of the GMP allocated to that portion of the Work in the schedule of values. Pending final determination of cost to the Owner of changes in the Work, amounts not in dispute may be included as provided in Section 5.6 of the General Conditions, even though the GMP has not yet been adjusted by Change Order.
2. Add that portion of the GMP properly allocable to materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the Project Site for subsequent incorporation in the Work or, if approved in advance by the Owner, suitably stored off the Project Site at a location agreed upon in writing, supported by paid receipts.

3. Add the Construction Manager's Fee, less retainage of five percent (5%). The Construction Manager's Fee shall be computed upon the Cost of the Work described in the two preceding Sections at the rate stated in Section 5.1. or, if the Construction Manager's Fee is stated as a fixed sum in that Section, shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to that fixed-sum Construction Manager's Fee as the Cost of the Work in the two preceding Sections bears to a reasonable estimate of the probable Cost of the Work upon its completion.
4. Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner.
5. Subtract the shortfall, if any, indicated by the Construction Manager in the documentation required by Section 7.1.D to substantiate prior Applications for Payment, or resulting from errors subsequently discovered by the Owner in such documentation.
6. Subtract amounts, if any, for which the Architect/Engineer has withheld or nullified a Certificate for Payment as provided in Section 3.3.C of the General Conditions.

H. SUBCONTRACTOR RETAINAGE. Except with the Owner's prior approval, payments to Subcontractors shall be subject to retention of not less than five percent (5%). The Owner and the Construction Manager shall agree upon a mutually acceptable procedure for review and approval of payments and retention for Subcontracts.

I. REDUCTION IN RETAINAGE. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon completion of at least fifty percent (50%) of the Work, as determined by the Architect/Engineer and Owner, the Owner may, with the concurrence of the Architect/Engineer, reduce to two and one-half percent (2.5%) the amount of retainage withheld from the Construction Manager's Fee in each subsequent progress payment.

J. NO ADVANCE PAYMENTS. Except with the Owner's prior approval, the Construction Manager shall not make advance payments to suppliers for materials or equipment which have not been delivered and stored at the Project Site.

K. RELIANCE ON INFORMATION. In taking action on the Construction Manager's Applications for Payment, the Architect/Engineer shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the information furnished by the Construction Manager and shall not be deemed to represent that the Architect/Engineer has made a detailed examination, audit or arithmetic verification of the documentation submitted in accordance with Section 7.1.D or other supporting data, that the Architect/Engineer has made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections or that the Architect/Engineer has made examinations to ascertain how or for what purposes the Construction Manager has used amounts previously paid on account of the Contract. Such examinations, audits and verifications, if required by the Owner, will be performed by the Owner acting in the sole interest of the Owner.

## 7.2 FINAL PAYMENT.

A. CONDITIONS OF FINAL PAYMENT. Final payment shall be made by the Owner to the Construction Manager when (1) the Agreement has been fully performed by the Construction Manager except for the Construction Manager's responsibility to correct nonconforming Work, as provided in Section 2.4.C of the General Conditions, and to satisfy other requirements, if any, which necessarily survive final payment; (2) a final Application for Payment and a final accounting for the Cost of the Work have been submitted by the Construction Manager and reviewed by the Owner; and (3) a final Certificate for Payment has then been issued by the Architect/Engineer; such final payment shall be made by the Owner not more than thirty (30) days after the issuance of the Architect/Engineer's final Certificate for Payment, or as follows:

B. CALCULATION. The amount of the final payment shall be calculated as follows:

1. Take the sum of the Cost of the Work substantiated by the Construction Manager's final accounting and the Construction Manager's Fee, but not more than the GMP.
2. Subtract amounts, if any, for which the Architect/Engineer withholds, in whole or in part, a final Certificate for Payment as provided in Section 2.4.C of the General Conditions or other provisions of the Contract Documents.
3. Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner.

If the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner exceeds the amount due the Construction Manager, the Construction Manager shall reimburse the difference to the Owner. Failing reimbursement by the Construction Manager and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents to the contrary, Owner shall have the right to bring a direct action in the Circuit Court to recover such overpayment.

C. REVIEW. The Owner's fiscal staff will review and report in writing on the Construction Manager's final accounting within thirty (30) days after delivery of the final accounting to the Architect/Engineer by the Construction Manager. Based upon such Cost of the Work as the Owner's fiscal staff report to be substantiated by the Construction Manager's final accounting, and provided the other conditions of Section 7.2.A have been met, the Architect/Engineer will, within seven days after receipt of the written report of the Owner's fiscal staff, either issue to the Owner a final Certificate for Payment with a copy to the Construction Manager or notify the Construction Manager and Owner in writing of the Architect/Engineer's reasons for withholding a certificate as provided in Section 3.5.C of the General Conditions.

D. ISSUANCE. If the Owner's fiscal staff report the Cost of the Work as substantiated by the Construction Manager's final accounting to be less than claimed by the Construction Manager, the Construction Manager shall be entitled to proceed in accordance with Article VIII of the General Conditions without a further decision of the Architect/Engineer. A

demand shall be made by the Construction Manager within fifteen (15) days after the Construction Manager's receipt of a copy of the Architect/Engineer's final Certificate for Payment. Failure to make such demand within this 15-day period shall result in the substantiated amount reported by the Owner's fiscal staff becoming final and binding on the Construction Manager. Pending a final resolution of the disputed amount, the Owner shall pay the Construction Manager the amount certified in the Architect/Engineer's final Certificate for Payment.

E. **ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENTS.** If, after final payment and at the Owner's request, the Construction Manager incurs costs described in Section 6.1 and not excluded by Section 6.2, (1) to correct nonconforming Work or (2) arising from the resolution of disputes, the Owner shall reimburse the Construction Manager such costs and the Construction Manager's Fee, if any, related thereto on the same basis as if such costs had been incurred prior to final payment, but not in excess of the GMP. If the Construction Manager has participated in savings, the amount of such savings shall be recalculated and appropriate credit given to the Owner in determining the net amount to be paid by the Owner to the Construction Manager.

## **ARTICLE 8 INSURANCE AND BONDS**

**8.1 INSURANCE.** If and to the extent required by the RFQ documents, the Construction Manager shall furnish insurance coverage for (but not necessarily limited to) workers' compensation, commercial general liability, auto liability, excess liability, and builder's risk. The Construction Manager shall furnish to the Owner all appropriate policies and Certificate(s) of Insurance.

### **8.2 PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND.**

A. **BOND REQUIRED.** The Construction Manager shall post a Payment and Performance Bond in the amount of the GMP, in a form approved by the Owner. In addition, pursuant to Florida Statutes § 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, the Construction Manager shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record the Payment and Performance Bond with the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

B. **DELIVERY.** The Construction Manager shall deliver the required bond to the Owner with the GMP Addendum along with a certified copy of recording.

## **ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**9.1 DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** During both the Preconstruction and Construction Phases, claims, disputes or other matters in question between the parties to this Agreement shall be resolved as provided in Article VIII of the General Conditions.

**9.2 OTHER PROVISIONS.** Unless otherwise noted, the terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those in the General Conditions.

**9.3 EXTENT OF CONTRACT.** This Agreement and the other documents incorporated herein by reference, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Owner and the Construction Manager and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the Owner and Construction Manager. Except as provided in Section 9.13 below, if anything in any document incorporated into this Agreement is inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern.

**9.4 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS.** Section 10.4 of the General Conditions shall apply to both the Preconstruction and Construction Phases.

**9.5 GOVERNING LAW; VENUE.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any petition for writ of certiorari or other court action allowed by this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Manatee County, Florida.

**9.6 ASSIGNMENT.** The Owner and Construction Manager respectively bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto and to partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives of such other party in respect to covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents. Neither party to the Agreement shall assign the Agreement as a whole without written consent of the other. If either party attempts to make such an assignment without such consent, that party shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Agreement.

**9.7 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DEFINED.** Substantial Completion shall be defined as provided in Article I of the General Conditions. In the event a temporary certificate of occupancy or completion is issued establishing Substantial Completion, the Construction Manager shall diligently pursue the issuance of a permanent certificate of occupancy or completion.

**9.8 PROJECT MEETINGS.** During the Construction Phase, there shall be project meetings, at the jobsite or other location acceptable to the parties, on a regularly scheduled basis. The meetings will be attended by a representative of the Construction Manager, Architect/Engineer and Owner. These representatives shall be authorized to make decisions that are not otherwise contrary to the requirements of this Agreement.

**9.9 WEATHER.** During the Construction Phase, any rainfall, temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or winds greater than 25 m.p.h. which actually prevents Work on a given day, shall be considered lost time and an additional day added to the Contract Time, provided no work could be done on site, and provided written notice has been submitted to the Owner by the Construction Manager documenting same.

**9.10 SHOP DRAWINGS; CRITICAL SUBMITTALS.** In consideration of the impact of timely review of submittals and shop drawings on the overall progress of the Work, it is hereby agreed that the Owner shall cause his agents and design professionals to accomplish the review of

any particular “critical” submittals and/or shop drawings and return same to the Construction Manager within fourteen (14) days.

**9.11 PUNCH LIST.** Within 30 days after obtainment of Substantial Completion, the Owner shall generate a “punch list” of all work items requiring remedial attention by the Construction Manager. Within 5 days thereafter the Architect/Engineer shall assign a fair value to the punch list items, which sum shall be deducted from the next scheduled progress payment to the Construction Manager. Upon satisfactory completion of the punch list items, as certified by the Architect/Engineer, the previously deducted sum shall be paid to the Construction Manager.

**9.12 CLOSEOUT DOCUMENTATION.** Within 30 days after obtainment of Substantial Completion and before final payment, Construction Manager shall gather and deliver to Owner all warranty documentation, all manufacturer’s product and warranty literature, all manuals (including parts and technical manuals), all schematics and handbooks, and all as-built drawings.

**9.13 GOVERNING PROVISIONS; CONFLICTS.** In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the Specifications or as between the General Conditions and the Specifications, the Specifications shall govern.

**9.14 E-VERIFY.** The Construction Manager’s employment of unauthorized aliens is a violation of Section 274(e) of the Federal Immigration and Employment Act. The Construction Manager shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired during the term of this Agreement, and shall require the same verification procedure of all Subcontractors.

**9.15 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** The Construction Manager acknowledges that it is functioning as an independent contractor in performing under the terms of this Agreement, and it is not acting as an employee of the Owner.

**9.16 WAIVERS.** Neither this Agreement nor any portion of it may be modified or waived orally. However, each party (through its governing body or properly authorized officer) shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive, on a case-by-case basis, any right or condition herein reserved or intended for the benefit or protection of such party without being deemed or considered to have waived such right or condition for any other case, situation, or circumstance and without being deemed or considered to have waived any other right or condition. No such waiver shall be effective unless made in writing with an express and specific statement of the intent of such governing body or officer to provide such waiver.

**9.17 VALIDITY.** Each of the Owner and Construction Manager represents and warrants to the other its respective authority to enter into this Agreement.

**9.18 COVENANT TO DEFEND.** Neither the validity of this Agreement nor the validity of any portion hereof may be challenged by any party hereto, and each party hereto hereby waives any right to initiate any such challenge. Furthermore, if this Agreement or any portion hereof is challenged by a third party in any judicial, administrative, or appellate proceeding (each party

hereby covenanting with the other party not to initiate, encourage, foster, promote, cooperate with, or acquiesce to such challenge), the parties hereto collectively and individually agree, at their individual sole cost and expense, to defend in good faith its validity through a final judicial determination or other resolution, unless all parties mutually agree in writing not to defend such challenge or not to appeal any decision invalidating this Agreement or any portion thereof.

**9.19 DISCLAIMER OF THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES; SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, and no right, privilege, or cause of action shall by reason hereof accrue upon, to, or for the benefit of any third party. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person, corporation, partnership, trust, private entity, agency, or other governmental entity any right, privilege, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and its benefits and advantages shall inure to, the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

**9.20 HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS.** The headings and captions of articles, sections, and paragraphs used this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to define or limit their contents, nor are they to affect the construction of or be taken into consideration in interpreting this Agreement.

**9.21 LEGAL REFERENCES.** All references to statutory sections or chapters shall be construed to include subsequent amendments to such provisions, and to refer to the successor provision of any such provision. References to “applicable law” and “general law” shall be construed to include provisions of local, state and federal law, whether established by legislative action, administrative rule or regulation, or judicial decision.

**9.22 SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Agreement are declared by the parties hereto to be severable. In the event any term or provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalid term or provision should not affect the validity of any other term or provision hereof; and all such terms and provisions hereof shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law as if such invalid term or provision had never been part of this Agreement; provided, however, if any term or provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid due to the scope or extent thereof, then, to the extent permitted by law, such term or provision shall be automatically deemed modified in order that it may be enforced to the maximum scope and extent permitted by law.

**9.23 ATTORNEY’S FEES AND COSTS.** In any claim dispute procedure or litigation arising from this Agreement, each party hereto shall be solely responsible for paying its attorney’s fees and costs regardless of the outcome of any such procedure or litigation.

**9.24 NOTICES.** All notices, comments, consents, objections, approvals, waivers, and elections under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given only by hand delivery for which a receipt is obtained, or certified mail, prepaid with confirmation of delivery requested, or by electronic mail with delivery confirmation. All such communications shall be addressed to the

applicable addressees set forth below or as any party may otherwise designate in the manner prescribed herein.

To the Owner: Manatee County Government  
Attn: Project Manager  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Construction Manager: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Notices, comments, consents, objections, approvals, waivers and elections shall be deemed given when received by the party for whom such communication is intended at such address herein specified, or such other physical address or email address as such party may have substituted by notice to the other.

**9.25 PUBLIC RECORDS LAW.** The Construction Manager shall comply with the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), and shall:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the Owner to perform the services called for in this Agreement.
- B. Upon request from the Owner’s custodian of public records, provide the Owner 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 this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Construction Manager does not transfer the records to the Owner.
- D. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the Owner all public records in possession of the Construction Manager or keep and maintain such public records. If the Construction Manager transfers all public records to the Owner upon completion of the Agreement, the Construction Manager shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt

from public records disclosure requirements. If the Construction Manager keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Construction Manager shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Owner, upon request from the Owner's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Owner.

IF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE OWNER'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 941-748-4501, EXT. 5845; [LACY.PRITCHARD@MYMANATEE.ORG](mailto:LACY.PRITCHARD@MYMANATEE.ORG); POST OFFICE BOX 1000, BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34206.

**9.26 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING** Construction Manager shall provide County with a sworn affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of Construction Manager under penalty of perjury attesting that Construction Manager does not use coercion for labor or services, as such terms are defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

## **ARTICLE 10 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION**

### **10.1 TERMINATION PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE.**

A. RIGHT OF TERMINATION. Prior to execution by both parties of the GMP Addendum, the Owner may terminate this Agreement at any time with or without cause pursuant to Sections 14.1 and 14.2 of the General Conditions, and the Construction Manager may terminate this Agreement for any of the reasons described in Section 14.6 of the General Conditions.

B. COMPENSATION FOR PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES. If the Owner or Construction Manager terminates this Contract pursuant to this Section 10.1 prior to commencement of the Construction Phase, the Construction Manager shall be equitably compensated for Preconstruction Services performed prior to receipt of notice of termination; provided, however, that the compensation for such services shall not exceed the compensation set forth in Section 4.1.A.

C. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES. If the Owner or Construction Manager terminates this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.1 after commencement of the Construction Phase, the Construction Manager shall, in addition to the compensation provided in Section 10.1.B, be paid an amount calculated as follows:

1. Take the Cost of the Work incurred by the Construction Manager.
2. Add the Construction Manager's Fee computed upon the Cost of the Work to the date of termination at the rate stated in Section 5.1 or, of the Construction Manager's Fee is stated as a fixed sum in that Section, an amount which bears the same ratio to that fixed-sum Fee as to Cost of the Work at the time of termination bears to a reasonable estimate of the probable Cost of the Work upon its completion.
3. Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner on account of the Construction Phase.

The Owner shall also pay the Construction Manager fair compensation, either by purchase or rental at the election of the Owner, for any equipment owned by the Construction Manager which the Owner elects to retain and which is not otherwise included in the Cost of the Work under Section 10.1.C.1. To the extent that the Owner elects to take legal assignment of Subcontracts and purchase orders (including rental agreements), the Construction Manager shall as a condition of receiving the payments referred to in this Article 10, execute and deliver all such papers and take all such steps, including the legal assignment of such Subcontracts and other contractual rights of the Construction Manager, as the Owner may require for the purpose of fully vesting in the Owner the rights and benefits of the Construction Manager under such Subcontracts or purchase orders.

Subcontracts, purchase orders and rental agreements entered into by the Construction Manager with the Owner's written approval prior to the execution of the GMP Addendum shall contain provisions permitting assignment to the Owner as described above. If the Owner accepts such assignment, the Owner shall reimburse or indemnify the Construction Manager with respect to all costs arising under the Subcontract, purchase order or rental agreement except those which would not have been reimbursable as Cost of the Work if the contract had not been terminated. If the Owner elects not to accept the assignment of any Subcontract, purchase order or rental agreement which would have constituted a Cost of the Work had this Agreement not been terminated, the Construction Manager shall terminate such Subcontract, purchase order or rental agreement and the Owner shall pay the Construction Manager the costs necessarily incurred by the Construction Manager by reason of such termination.

**10.2 TERMINATION AFTER ESTABLISHING GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE.** After execution by both parties of the GMP Addendum, the Agreement may be terminated as provided in Article 14 of the General Conditions.

A. LIMITATION ON PAYMENT; TERMINATION BY OWNER. In the event of such termination by the Owner, the amount payable to the Construction Manager pursuant to Section 14.2 of the General Conditions shall not exceed the amount the Construction Manager would have been entitled to receive pursuant to Sections 10.1.B and 10.1.C of this Agreement.

B. LIMITATION ON PAYMENT; TERMINATION BY CONSTRUCTION MANAGER. In the event of such termination by the Construction Manager, the amount to be paid

to the Construction Manager under Section 14.6 of the General Conditions shall not exceed the amount the Construction Manager would have been entitled to receive pursuant to Sections 10.1.B and 10.1.C above, except that the Construction Manager's Fee shall be calculated as if the Work had been fully completed by the Construction Manager, including a reasonable estimate of the Cost of the Work for Work not actually completed.

**10.3 SUSPENSION.** The Work may be suspended by the Owner as provided in Section 14.3 of the General Conditions. In such case, the term "Contract Sum" in that Section shall be understood to mean Cost of the Work.

***WHEREFORE, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date last executed below.***

**NAME OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MANATEE COUNTY**, a political subdivision  
of the State of Florida

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# GENERAL CONDITIONS

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS

**1.1 Definitions.** For purposes of the Contract Documents, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

A. Acceptance: The acceptance of the Project into the Owner's operating public infrastructure.

B. Application for Payment: The form approved and accepted by the Owner, which is to be used by Contractor in requesting progress payments or final payment and which is to include such supporting documentation as is required by the Contract Documents.

C. Architect/Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ corporation or limited liability company, registered and licensed to do business in the State of Florida, OR \_\_\_\_\_, an employee of Owner.

D. Change Order: A written order signed by the Owner, the Architect/Engineer and the Contractor authorizing a change in the Project Plans and/or Specifications and, if necessary, a corresponding adjustment in the Contract Sum and/or Contract Time, pursuant to Article V.

E. Construction Services: The Construction Services to be provided by Contractor pursuant to Section 2.4, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Contract Documents.

F. Construction Team: The working team established pursuant to Section 2.1.B.

G. Contract Sum: The total compensation to be paid to the Contractor for Construction Services rendered pursuant to the Contract Documents, as set forth in Contractor's Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), unless adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents

H. Contract Time: The time period during which all Construction Services are to be completed pursuant to the Contract Documents, to be set forth in the Project Schedule.

I. Contractor's Personnel: The Contractor's key personnel designated by Contractor.

J. Days: Calendar days except when specified differently. When time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days, it will be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday, such day will be omitted from the computation.

K. Defective: When modifying the term "Work", referring to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or that does

not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or that has been damaged prior to Owner's approval of final payment (unless responsibility for the protection thereof has been assumed by Owner).

L. Field Directive: A written order issued by Owner which orders minor changes in the Work not involving a change in Contract Time, to be paid from the Owner's contingency funds.

M. Final Completion Date: The date upon which the Project is fully constructed and all Work required on the Project and Project Site is fully performed as verified in writing by the Owner.

N. Float Time: The time available in the Project Schedule during which an unexpected activity can be completed without delaying Substantial Completion of the Work.

O. Force Majeure: Those conditions constituting excuse from performance as described in and subject to the conditions described in Article XII.

P. Notice to Proceed: Written notice by Owner (after execution of Contract) to Contractor fixing the date on which the Contract Time will commence to run and on which Contractor shall start to perform the Work.

Q. Owner: Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

R. Owner's Project Representative: The individual designated by Owner to perform those functions set forth in Section 7.8.

S. Payment and Performance Bond: The Payment and Performance Bond security posted pursuant to Section 2.4.Y to guarantee payment and performance by the Contractor of its obligations hereunder.

T. Permitting Authority: Any applicable governmental authority acting in its governmental and regulatory capacity which is required to issue or grant any permit, certificate, license or other approval which is required as a condition precedent to the commencement or approved of the Work, or any part thereof, including the building permit.

U. Procurement Ordinance: The Manatee County Procurement Code, Chapter 2-26 of the Manatee County Code of Laws, as amended from time to time.

V. Progress Report: A report to Owner that includes all information required pursuant to the Contract Documents and submitted in accordance with Section 2.4.EE, hereof.

W. Project: The total construction of which the Work performed under the Contract Documents may be the whole or a part and which may include construction by Owner and by separate contractors. For the purposes of the Contract Documents, the term Project shall include all areas of proposed improvements and all areas which may reasonably be judged to have an impact on the Project.

X. Project Costs: The costs incurred by the Contractor to plan, construct and equip the Project and included within, and paid as a component of, the Contract Sum.

Y. Project Manager: Subject to the prior written consent of Owner, the individual designated to receive notices on behalf of the Contractor, or such other individual designated by the Contractor, from time to time, pursuant to written notice in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Z. Project Plans and Specifications: The one hundred percent (100%) construction drawings and specifications prepared by the Architect/Engineer, and any changes, supplements, amendments or additions thereto approved by the Owner, which shall also include any construction drawings and final specifications required for the repair or construction of the Project, as provided herein.

AA. Project Schedule: The schedule and sequence of events for the commencement, progression and completion of the Project, developed pursuant to Section 2.3., as such schedule may be amended as provided herein.

BB. Project Site: The site depicted in the Project Plans and Specifications, inclusive of all rights of way, temporary construction easements or licensed or leased sovereign lands.

CC. Subcontractor: Any individual (other than a direct employee of the Contractor) or organization retained by Contractor to plan, construct or equip the Project pursuant to Article IV.

DD. Substantial Completion and Substantially Complete: The stage in the progress of the Work when the Work or designated portion thereof is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so that the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work for its intended use; provided, however, that as a condition precedent to Substantial Completion, the Owner has received all certificates of occupancy or completion and other permits, approvals, licenses, and other documents from any governmental authority which are necessary for the beneficial occupancy of the Project or any designated portion thereof.

EE. Substantial Completion Date: The date on which the Project or designated portion thereof is deemed to be Substantially Complete, as evidenced by receipt of (i) the Architect/Engineer's certificate of Substantial Completion, (ii) written Acceptance of the Project by the Owner, and (iii) approvals of any other authority as may be necessary or otherwise required.

FF. Substitute: Materials or equipment offered by the Contractor as an alternative to that set forth in the Project Plans and Specifications, where (i) the Project Plans and Specifications do not authorize an "approved equal", or (ii) the Owner, in its reasonable discretion, determines that a pre-authorized "approved equal" will result in a substantial change to the Work because of cost, quality or other difference in comparison to the materials or equipment specified.

GG. Unit Price Work: Work to be paid for on the basis of unit prices.

HH. Work: The term "Work" means the construction and services required by the Contract Documents, whether completed or partially completed, and includes all labor,

materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations. The Work may constitute the whole or a part of the Project.

II. Work Directive Change: A written directive to Contractor, issued on or after the effective date of the Agreement pursuant to Section 5.8 and signed by Owner's Project Representative, ordering an addition, deletion or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed or responding to emergencies.

## ARTICLE II

### RELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**2.1 Relationship between Contractor and Owner.** The Contractor accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established with Owner pursuant to the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall furnish its best skill and judgment and cooperate with Owner and Owner's Project Representative in furthering the interests of the Owner. The Contractor agrees to provide the professional services required to complete the Project consistent with the Owner's direction and the terms of the Contract Documents. All services provided hereunder by Contractor, either directly or through Subcontractors, shall be provided in accordance with sound construction practices and applicable professional construction standards.

A. Purpose. The purpose of the Contract Documents is to provide for the provision of construction services for the Project on the Project Site by the Contractor, and construction of the Project by the Contractor in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. The further purpose of the Contract Documents is to define and delineate the responsibilities and obligations of the parties to the Contract Documents and to express the desire of all such parties to cooperate to accomplish the purposes and expectations of the Contract Documents.

B. Construction Team. The Contractor, Owner and Architect/Engineer shall be called the "Construction Team" and shall work together as a team commencing upon full execution of the Contract Documents through Substantial Completion. As provided in Section 2.2, the Contractor and Architect/Engineer shall work jointly through completion and shall be available thereafter should additional services be required. The Contractor shall provide leadership to the Construction Team on all matters relating to construction. The Contractor understands, acknowledges and agrees that the Architect/Engineer shall provide leadership to the Construction Team on all matters relating to design.

C. Owner's Reliance on Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum). The Contractor acknowledges that the representations, statements, information and pricing contained in its Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum) have been relied upon by the Owner and have resulted in the award of this Project to the Contractor.

**2.2 General Contractor Responsibilities.** In addition to the other responsibilities set forth herein, the Contractor shall have the following responsibilities pursuant to the Contract Documents:

A. Personnel. The Contractor represents that it has secured, or shall secure, all personnel necessary to perform the Work, none of whom shall be employees of the Owner. Primary liaison between the Contractor and the Owner shall be through the Owner's Project Representative and Contractor's Project Manager. All of the services required herein shall be performed by the Contractor or under the Contractor's supervision, and all personnel engaged in the Work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

B. Cooperation with Architect/Engineer. The Contractor's services shall be provided in conjunction with the services of the Architect/Engineer. In the performance of professional services, the Contractor acknowledges that time is critical for Project delivery. The Contractor acknowledges that timely construction utilizing the services of an Architect/Engineer and a Contractor requires maximum cooperation between all parties.

C. Timely Performance. The Contractor shall perform all services as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the Work, in accordance with the Project Schedule. Verification of estimated Project Schedule goals will be made as requested by the Owner.

D. Duty to Defend Work. In the event of any dispute between the Owner and any Permitting Authority that relates to the quality, completeness or professional workmanship of the Contractor's services or Work, the Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, cooperate with the Owner to defend the quality and workmanship of the Contractor's services and Work.

E. Trade and Industry Terminology. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project (or part thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any Work, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result will be supplied whether or not specifically called for. When words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning are used to describe Work, materials, or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association, or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code or laws or regulations in effect at the time of opening of Bids (or at the time of execution of the Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), except as may be otherwise specifically stated. However, no provision of any referenced standard specification, manual or code (whether or not specifically incorporated by reference in the Contract Documents) shall be effective to change the duties and responsibilities of Owner or Contractor, or any of their agents or employees from those set forth in the Contract Documents. Computed dimensions shall govern over scaled dimensions.

**2.3 Project Schedule.** The Contractor, within ten (10) days after being awarded the Agreement, shall prepare and submit for the Owner's and Architect/Engineer's information a Contractor's construction schedule for the Work. The schedule shall not exceed time limits current under the Contract Documents, shall be revised at appropriate intervals as required by the conditions of the Work and Project, shall be related to the entire Project to the extent required by the Contract Documents, and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of Work.

- A. The Project Schedule shall show a breakdown of all tasks to be performed, and their relationship in achieving the completion of each phase of Work, subject to review of Owner and Architect/Engineer and approval or rejection by Owner. The Project Schedule shall show, at a minimum, the approximate dates on which each segment of the Work is expected to be started and finished, the proposed traffic flows during each month, the anticipated earnings by the Contractor for each month and the approximate number of crews and equipment to be used. The Project Schedule shall include all phases of procurement, approval of shop drawings, proposed Change Orders in progress, schedules for Change Orders, and performance testing requirements. The Project Schedule shall include a construction commencement date and Project Substantial Completion Date, which dates shall accommodate known or reasonably anticipated geographic, atmospheric and weather conditions.
- B. The Project Schedule shall serve as the framework for the subsequent development of all detailed schedules. The Project Schedule shall be used to verify Contractor performance and to allow the Owner's Project Representative to monitor the Contractor's efforts.
- C. The Project Schedule may be adjusted by the Contractor pursuant to Article V. The Owner shall have the right to reschedule Work provided such rescheduling is in accord with the remainder of terms of the Contract Documents.
- D. The Contractor shall prepare a submittal schedule, promptly after being awarded the Agreement and thereafter as necessary to maintain a current submittal schedule, and shall submit the schedule(s) for the Architect/Engineer's approval. The Architect/Engineer's approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld. The submittal schedule shall (1) be coordinated with the Contractor's construction schedule, and (2) allow the Architect/Engineer reasonable time to review submittals. If the Contractor fails to submit a submittal schedule, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any increase in Contract Sum or extension of Contract Time based on the time required for review of submittals.
- E. The Contractor shall perform the Work in general accordance with the most recent schedules submitted to the Owner and Architect/Engineer.

**2.4 Construction Services.** The Contractor shall provide the following Construction Services:

A. Construction of Project. The Contractor shall work from the receipt of a Notice to Proceed through the Substantial Completion of the Project in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents to manage the construction of the Project. The Construction Services provided by the Contractor to construct the Project shall include without limitation (1) all services necessary and commensurate with established construction standards, and (2) all services described in the Invitation for Bid (or Request for Proposal) and the Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum).

B. Notice to Proceed. A Notice to Proceed may be given at any time within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Agreement. Contractor shall start to perform the Work on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, but no Work shall be done at the site prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

C. Quality of Work. If at any time the labor used or to be used appears to the Owner as insufficient or improper for securing the quality of Work required or the required rate of progress, the Owner may order the Contractor to increase its efficiency or to improve the character of its Work, and the Contractor shall conform to such an order. Any such order shall not entitle Contractor to any additional compensation or any increase in Contract Time. The failure of the Owner to demand any increase of such efficiency or any improvement shall not release the Contractor from its obligation to secure the quality of Work or the rate of progress necessary to complete the Work within the limits imposed by the Contract Documents. The Owner may require the Contractor to remove such personnel as the Owner deems incompetent, careless, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable, or whose continued employment on the Project is deemed to be contrary to the Owner's interest. The Contractor shall provide good quality workmanship and shall promptly correct construction defects without additional compensation. Acceptance of the Work by the Owner shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any construction defects.

D. Materials. All materials and equipment shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by Architect/Engineer, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence (including reports of required tests) as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment. All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instruction of the applicable supplier except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

E. Accountability for Work. The Contractor shall be solely accountable for its Work, including plans review and complete submittals. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction. If a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is required by the Contract Documents, the Contractor may utilize an alternative means, method, technique, sequence or procedure acceptable to the Architect/Engineer if the Contractor submits sufficient information to allow the Architect/Engineer to determine that the alternative is equivalent to that required by the Contract Documents.

F. Contract Sum. The Contractor shall construct the Project so that the Project can be built for a cost not to exceed the Contract Sum.

G. Governing Specifications. In the absence of specified Owner design standards or guidelines, the Architect/Engineer shall use, and the Contractor shall comply with, the most recent version of the applicable FDOT or AASHTO design standards. In general, the Project shall be constructed by the Contractor in accordance with applicable industry standards. The Contractor shall be responsible for utilizing and maintaining current knowledge of any laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, standards, guidelines, special conditions, specifications or other mandates relevant to the Project or the services to be performed.

H. Adherence to Project Schedule. The development and equipping of the Project shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the Project Schedule, and within the Contract Time described therein.

I. Superintendent. The Contractor shall employ a competent superintendent and necessary assistants who shall be in attendance at the Project Site during performance of the Work. The superintendent shall represent the Contractor, and communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.

(1) The Contractor, as soon as practicable after award of the Agreement, shall furnish in writing to the Owner through the Architect/Engineer the name and qualifications of the proposed superintendent. The Architect/Engineer may reply within 14 days to the Contractor in writing stating (1) whether the Owner or the Architect/Engineer has reasonable objection to the proposed superintendent or (2) that the Architect/Engineer requires additional time to review. Failure of the Architect/Engineer to reply within 14 days shall constitute notice of no reasonable objection.

(2) The Contractor shall not employ a proposed superintendent to whom the Owner or Architect/Engineer has made reasonable and timely objection. The Contractor shall not change the superintendent without the Owner's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

J. Work Hours. Contractor shall provide competent, suitable qualified personnel to survey and lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site. Except in connection with the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto and except as otherwise indicated in the Contract Documents, all Work at the site shall be performed during regular working hours, and Contractor shall not permit overtime work or the performance of Work on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday without Owner's written consent given after prior notice to Architect/Engineer (at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance).

K. Overtime-Related Costs. Contractor shall pay for all additional Architect/Engineer charges, inspection costs and Owner staff time for any overtime work which may be authorized. Such additional charges shall be an obligation of Contractor and no extra payment shall be made by Owner because such overtime work. At Owner's option, such overtime costs may be deducted from Contractor's monthly payment request or Contractor's retainage prior to release of final payment. Contractor's obligation to pay all overtime-related costs shall not apply if Contractor is directed by Owner to work overtime solely for Owner's convenience.

L. Insurance, Overhead and Utilities. Unless otherwise specified, Contractor shall furnish and assume full responsibility for all bonds, insurance, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for the furnishing, performance, testing, start-up and completion of the Work.

M. Cleanliness. The Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under the Contract. At completion of the Work, the Contractor shall remove waste materials, rubbish, the Contractor's tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials from and about the Project Site.

Contractor shall restore to original conditions all property not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents. If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner may do so and Owner shall be entitled to reimbursement from Contractor.

N. Loading. Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent property to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.

O. Safety and Protection. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local safety regulations. Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

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

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss, and shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. Contractor shall provide and maintain all passageways, guard fences, lights and other facilities for the protection required by public authority or local conditions. Contractor shall provide reasonable maintenance of traffic for the public and preservation of the Owner's business, taking into full consideration all local conditions. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for safety and protection with regard to the Work shall continue until such time as all the Work is completed.

P. Emergencies. In emergencies affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Project Site or adjacent thereto, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from Architect/Engineer or Owner, shall act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. Contractor shall give Owner prompt written notice if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby. If Owner determines that a change in the Project is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Work Directive Change or Change Order will be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variation.

Q. Substitutes. For Substitutes not included with the Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), but submitted after the effective date of the Agreement (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), Contractor shall make written application to Architect/Engineer for acceptance thereof, certifying that the proposed Substitute will perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use as that specified. The application

will also contain an itemized estimate of all costs and delays or schedule impacts that will result directly or indirectly from review, acceptance and provision of such Substitute, including costs of redesign and claims of other contractors affected by the resulting change, all of which will be considered by the Architect/Engineer in evaluating the proposed Substitute. Architect/Engineer may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense, additional data about the proposed Substitute. In rendering a decision, Owner, Architect/Engineer and Contractor shall have access to any available Float Time in the Project Schedule. If Substitute materials or equipment not included as part of the Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum), but proposed after the effective date of the Agreement, are accepted and are less costly than the originally specified materials or equipment, then the net difference in cost shall be credited to the Owner and an appropriate Change Order executed to adjust the Contract Sum.

- (1) Architect/Engineer will be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposed Substitute. Architect/Engineer will be the sole judge of acceptability and no Substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized without Architect/Engineer's prior written acceptance which will be evidenced by either a Change Order or an approved shop drawing. Owner may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any Substitute.
- (2) Contractor shall reimburse Owner for the charges of Architect/Engineer and Architect/Engineer's Consultants for evaluating each proposed Substitute submitted after the effective date of the Agreement and all costs resulting from any delays in the Work while the Substitute was undergoing review.

R. Surveys and Stakes. The Contractor shall furnish, as part of the Contract Sum, all labor, stakes, surveys, batter boards for structures, grade lines and other materials and supplies and shall set construction stakes and batter boards for establishing lines, position of structures, slopes and other controlling points necessary for the proper prosecution of the Work. Where rights-of-way, easements, property lines or any other conditions which make the lay-out of the Project or parts of the Project critical are involved, the Contractor shall employ a competent surveyor who is registered in the State of Florida for lay-out and staking. These stakes and marks shall constitute the field control by and in accord with which the Contractor shall govern and execute the Work. The Contractor shall be held responsible for the preservation of all stakes and marks and if for any reason any of the stakes or marks or batter boards become destroyed or disturbed, they shall be immediately and accurately replaced by the Contractor.

S. Suitability of Project Site. The Contractor has, by careful examination, satisfied itself as to the nature and location of the Work and all other matters which can in any way affect the Work, including, but not limited to details pertaining to borings, as shown on the drawings. Such boring information is not guaranteed to be more than a general indication of the materials likely to be found adjacent to holes bored at the Project Site, approximately at the locations indicated. The Contractor has examined boring data, where available, made its own interpretation of the subsurface conditions and other preliminary data, and has based its Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum) on its own opinion of the conditions likely to be encountered. Except as specifically provided in Sections 2.4.U., 5.4 and 5.5, no extra compensation or extension of time will be considered for any Project Site conditions that existed at the time of bidding (or at the time of execution of the Guaranteed Maximum Price Addendum). No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent or employee of the Owner, before or

after the execution of the Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations herein contained.

T. Project Specification Errors. If the Contractor, during the Work, finds that the drawings, specifications or other Contract Documents cannot be followed, the Contractor shall immediately inform the Owner in writing, and the Owner shall promptly check the accuracy of the information. Any Work done after such discovery, until any necessary changes are authorized, will be done at the Contractor's sole risk of non-payment and delay.

U. Remediation of Contamination. Owner and Contractor recognize that remediation of subsurface conditions may be necessary due to potential hazardous materials contamination. Because the presence or extent of any contamination is not known, Contractor shall include no cost in the Contract Sum, and no time in the Project Schedule, for cost or delays that might result from any necessary remediation. The Project Schedule will provide a period of time between demolition activities and the start of the next activity to commence any remediation if needed. Contractor shall use all reasonable efforts in scheduling the Project to minimize the likelihood that remediation delays construction. Any hazardous materials remediation Work which Contractor agrees to perform shall be done pursuant to a Change Order or amendment consistent with the following:

- (1) The dates of Substantial Completion shall be equitably adjusted based on delays, if any, incurred in connection with remediation efforts.
- (2) Contractor, and any Subcontractors which have mobilized on the Project Site, shall be paid for demonstrated costs of overhead operations at the Project Site during any period of delay of more than seven (7) days, except to the extent that Work proceeds concurrently with remediation. The categories of costs to be reimbursed are limited to those reasonably incurred at the jobsite during the delay period (such as trailers or offices, telephones, faxes, and the like); equipment dedicated to the Project and located at the Project Site; salaries and associated costs of personnel dedicated to the Project to the extent that they do not perform work on other projects; and other jobsite costs that are reasonable and which are incurred during the delay period. Subcontractors and suppliers which have not mobilized are limited to the costs set forth in Section 2.4.U(3).
- (3) Contractor and any Subcontractor or supplier on the Project who is eligible for compensation shall be paid any demonstrated costs of escalation in materials or labor, and reasonable costs of off-site storage of materials identified to the Project, arising because of any delay of more than seven (7) days. Such Contractor, Subcontractors and suppliers are obligated to take all reasonable steps to mitigate escalation costs, such as through early purchase of materials.
- (4) Contractor, for itself and all Subcontractors and suppliers on the Project, hereby agrees that the extension of time for delays under Section 2.4.U(1), and payment of the costs identified in Sections 2.4.U(2) and/or Section 2.4.U(3), are the sole remedies for costs and delays described in this Section, and waives all claims and demands for extended home office

overhead (including, but not limited to, "Eichleay" claims), lost profit or lost opportunities, and any special, indirect, or consequential damages arising as a result of delays described in this Section. The Contract Sum shall be adjusted to reflect payment of allowable costs.

- (5) If any delay described in this section causes the time or cost for the Project to exceed the Contract Time or the Contract Sum, then the Owner may terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 14.2.
- (6) Contractor and any Subcontractor or supplier seeking additional costs under this Section 2.4.U. shall promptly submit estimates or any costs as requested by Owner, and detailed back-up for all costs when payment is sought or whenever reasonably requested by Owner. All costs are auditable, at Owner's discretion. Bid, estimate and pricing information reasonably related to any request for additional compensation will be provided promptly upon request.
- (7) Contractor shall include provisions in its subcontracts and purchase orders consistent with this Section.

V. Interfacing.

- (1) The Contractor shall take such measures as are necessary to ensure proper construction and delivery of the Project, including but not limited to providing that all procurement of long-lead items, the separate construction Subcontractors, and the general conditions items are performed without duplication or overlap to maintain completion of all Work on schedule. Particular attention shall be given to provide that each Subcontractor bid package clearly identifies the Work included in that particular separate subcontract, its scheduling for start and completion, and its relationship to other separate contractors.
- (2) Without assuming any design responsibilities of the Architect/Engineer, the Contractor shall include in the Progress Reports required under this Section 2.4 comments on overlap with any other separate subcontracts, omissions, lack of correlation between drawings, and any other deficiencies noted, in order that the Architect/Engineer may arrange for necessary corrections.

W. Job Site Facilities. The Contractor shall arrange for all job site facilities required and necessary to enable the Contractor and Architect/Engineer to perform their respective duties and to accommodate any representatives of the Owner which the Owner may choose to have present on the Project Site.

X. Weather Protection. The Contractor shall provide temporary enclosures of building areas to assure orderly progress of the Work during periods when extreme weather conditions are likely to be experienced. The Contractor shall also be responsible for providing weather protection for Work in progress and for materials stored on the Project Site. A contingency plan shall be prepared upon request of the Owner for weather conditions that may affect the construction.

Y. Payment and Performance Bond. Prior to the construction commencement date, the Contractor shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to the Owner, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, covering the faithful performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the construction of the Project on the Project Site and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder, including all payments to Subcontractors, laborers, and materialmen. The surety selected by the Contractor to provide the Payment and Performance Bond shall be approved by the Owner prior to the issuance of such Bond, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided that the surety is rated A or better by Best's Key Guide, latest edition. For Changes in the Work that result in an increase in the Contract Sum, Owner reserves the right to require the Contractor to secure and deliver additive riders to the Payment and Performance Bond.

Z. Construction Phase; Building Permit; Code Inspections. Unless otherwise provided, Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses. Owner shall assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses. Contractor shall pay all governmental charges and inspection fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work.

- (1) Building Permit. The Owner and Architect/Engineer shall provide such information to any Permitting Authority as is necessary to obtain approval from the Permitting Authority to commence construction prior to beginning construction. The Contractor shall pull any required building permit, and shall be responsible for delivering and posting the building permit at the Project Site prior to the commencement of construction. The cost of the building permit is included in the Contract Sum. The Owner and Architect/Engineer shall fully cooperate with the Contractor when and where necessary.
- (2) Code Inspections. The Project requires detailed code compliance inspection during construction in disciplines determined by any Permitting Authority. These disciplines normally include, but are not necessarily limited to, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, general building and fire. The Contractor shall notify the appropriate inspector(s) and the Architect/Engineer, no less than 24 hours in advance, when the Work is ready for inspection and before the Work is covered up. All inspections shall be made for conformance with the applicable ordinances and building codes. Costs for all re-inspections of Work found defective and subsequently repaired shall not be included as Project Costs and shall be borne by the Contractor or as provided in the contract between Contractor and Subcontractor.
- (3) Contractor's Personnel. The Contractor shall maintain sufficient off-site support staff and competent full-time staff at the Project Site authorized to act on behalf of the Contractor to coordinate, inspect, and provide general direction of the Work and progress of the Subcontractors. At all times during the performance of the Work, the Owner shall have the right to demand replacement of Contractor Personnel to whom the Owner has reasonable objection, without liability to the Contractor.

- (4) Lines of Authority. To provide general direction of the Work, the Contractor shall establish and maintain lines of authority for its personnel and shall provide this information to the Owner and all other affected parties, such as the code inspectors of any Permitting Authority, the Subcontractors, and the Architect/Engineer. The Owner and Architect/Engineer may attend meetings between the Contractor and his Subcontractors; however, such attendance is optional and shall not diminish either the authority or responsibility of the Contractor to administer the subcontracts.

AA. Quality Control. The Contractor shall develop and maintain a program, acceptable to the Owner and Architect/Engineer, to assure quality control of the construction. The Contractor shall be responsible for and supervise the Work of all Subcontractors, providing instructions to each when their Work does not conform to the requirements of the Project Plans and Specifications, and the Contractor shall continue to coordinate the Work of each Subcontractor to ensure that corrections are made in a timely manner so as to not affect the efficient progress of the Work. Should a disagreement occur between the Contractor and the Architect/Engineer over the acceptability of the Work, the Owner, at its sole discretion and in addition to any other remedies provided herein, shall have the right to determine the acceptability, provided that such determination is consistent with standards for construction projects of this type and generally accepted industry standards for workmanship in the State of Florida.

BB. Management of Subcontractors. All Subcontractors shall be compensated in accordance with Article IV. The Contractor shall solely control the Subcontractors. The Contractor shall negotiate all Change Orders and Field Orders with all affected Subcontractors and shall review the costs and advise the Owner and Architect/Engineer of their validity and reasonableness, acting in the Owner's best interest. When there is an imminent threat to health and safety, and Owner's Project Representative concurrence is impractical, the Contractor shall act immediately to remove the threats to health and safety and shall subsequently fully inform Owner of all such action taken. The Contractor shall also carefully review all shop drawings and then forward the same to the Architect/Engineer for review and actions. The Architect/Engineer will transmit them back to the Contractor, who will then issue the shop drawings to the affected Subcontractor for fabrication or revision. The Contractor shall maintain a suspense control system to promote expeditious handling. The Contractor shall request the Architect/Engineer to make interpretations of the drawings or specifications requested of him by the Subcontractors and shall maintain a business system to promote timely response. The Contractor shall inform the Architect/Engineer which shop drawings or requests for clarification have the greatest urgency, to enable the Architect/Engineer to prioritize requests coming from the Contractor. The Contractor shall advise the Owner and Architect/Engineer when timely response is not occurring on any of the above.

CC. Job Requirements.

- (1) The Contractor shall provide each of the following as a part of its services hereunder:
- (a) Maintain a log of daily activities, including manpower records, equipment on site, weather, delays, major decisions, etc;

- (b) Maintain a roster of companies on the Project with names and telephone numbers of key personnel;
- (c) Establish and enforce job rules governing parking, clean-up, use of facilities, and worker discipline;
- (d) Provide labor relations management and equal opportunity employment for a harmonious, productive Project;
- (e) Provide and administer a safety program for the Project and monitor for subcontractor compliance without relieving them of responsibilities to perform Work in accordance with best acceptable practice;
- (f) Provide a quality control program as provided under Section 2.4.C above;
- (g) Provide miscellaneous office supplies that support the construction efforts which are consumed by its own forces;
- (h) Provide for travel to and from its home office to the Project Site and to those other places within Manatee County as required by the Project;
- (i) Verify that tests, equipment, and system start-ups and operating and maintenance instructions are conducted as required and in the presence of the required personnel and provide adequate records of same to the Architect/Engineer;
- (j) Maintain at the job site orderly files for correspondence, reports of job conferences, shop drawings and sample submissions, reproductions of original Contract Documents including all addenda, change orders, field orders, additional drawings issued after execution of the Agreement, Owner/Architect/Engineer's clarifications and interpretations of the Contract Documents, Progress Reports, as-built drawings, and other project related documents;
- (k) Keep a diary or log book, recording hours on the job site, weather conditions, data relative to questions of extras or deductions; list of visiting officials and representatives or manufacturers, fabricators, suppliers and distributors; daily activities, decisions, observations in general and specific observations in more detail as in the case of observing test procedures, and provide copies of same to Owner/Architect/Engineer;
- (l) Record names, addresses and telephone numbers of all Contractors, Subcontractors and major suppliers of materials and equipment;

- (m) Furnish Owner/Architect/Engineer periodic reports, as required, of progress of the Work and Contractor's compliance with the approved progress schedule and schedule of shop drawing submissions;
  - (n) Consult with Owner/Architect/Engineer in advance of scheduling major tests, inspections or start of important phases of the Work;
  - (o) Verify, during the course of the Work, that certificates, maintenance and operations manuals and other data required to be assembled and furnished are applicable to the items actually installed, and deliver same to Owner/Architect/Engineer for review prior to final Acceptance of the Work; and
  - (p) Cooperate with Owner in the administration of grants.
- (2) The Contractor shall provide personnel and equipment, or shall arrange for separate Subcontractors to provide each of the following as a Project Cost:
- (a) Services of independent testing laboratories, and provide the necessary testing of materials to ensure conformance to contract requirements; and
  - (b) Printing and distribution of all required bidding documents and shop drawings, including the sets required by Permitting Authority inspectors.

DD. As-Built Drawings. The Contractor shall continuously review as-built drawings and mark up progress prints to provide as much accuracy as possible. Prior to, and as a requirement for authorizing final payment to the Contractor due hereunder, the Contractor shall provide to the Owner an original set of marked-up, as-built Project Plans and Specifications and an electronic format of those records showing the location and dimensions of the Project as constructed, which documents shall be certified as being correct by the Contractor and the Architect/Engineer. Final as-built drawings shall be signed and sealed by a registered Florida surveyor.

EE. Progress Reports. The Contractor shall forward to the Owner, as soon as practicable after the first day of each month, a summary report of the progress of the various parts of the Work, to include those parts of the Work in fabrication and in the field, stating the existing status, estimated time of completion and cause of delay, if any. Together with the summary report, the Contractor shall submit any necessary revisions to the original schedule for the Owner's review and approval. In addition, more detailed schedules may be required by the Owner for daily traffic control.

FF. Contractor's Warranty. The Contractor warrants to the Owner and Architect/Engineer that materials and equipment furnished under the Contract will be of good quality and new unless the Contract Documents require or permit otherwise. The Contractor further warrants that the Work will conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents and

will be free from defects, except for those inherent in the quality of the Work the Contract Documents require or permit. Work, materials, or equipment not conforming to these requirements will be considered defective. The Contractor's warranty excludes remedy for damage or defect caused by abuse, alterations to the Work not executed by the Contractor, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or normal wear and tear and normal usage. If required by the Architect/Engineer, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment.

- (1) Contractor shall use its best efforts and due diligence to ensure that during the warranty period, those entities or individuals who have provided direct warranties to the Owner as required by the Contract Documents perform all required warranty Work in a timely manner and at the sole cost and expense of such warranty providers. Any such cost or expense not paid by the warranty providers shall be paid by the Contractor, to include any costs and attorney's fees incurred in warranty-related litigation between Contractor and any Subcontractors.
- (2) The Contractor shall secure guarantees and warranties of Subcontractors, equipment suppliers and materialmen, and assemble and deliver same to the Owner in a manner that will facilitate their maximum enforcement and assure their meaningful implementation. The Contractor shall collect and deliver to the Owner any specific written guaranties or warranties given by others as required by subcontracts.
- (3) At the Owner's request, the Contractor shall conduct, jointly with the Owner and the Architect/Engineer, no more than two (2) warranty inspections within three (3) years after the Substantial Completion Date.

GG. Apprentices. If Contractor employs apprentices, their performance of Work shall be governed by and shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 446, Florida Statutes.

HH. Schedule of Values. Unit prices shall be established for this Agreement by the submission of a schedule of values within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice to Proceed. The schedule shall include quantities and prices of items equaling the Contract Sum and will subdivide the Work into components in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Such prices shall include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work. Upon request of the County, the Contractor shall support the values with data which will substantiate their correctness.

II. Other Contracts. The Owner reserves the right to let other contracts in connection with this Work. The Contractor shall afford other contractors reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of their materials and execution of their work, and promptly connect and coordinate the Work with theirs.

## ARTICLE III

### COMPENSATION

**3.1 Compensation.** The Contract Sum constitutes the total compensation (subject to authorized adjustments) payable to Contractor for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by Contractor shall be at Contractor's expense without change in the Contract Sum.

A. Adjustments. The Contract Sum may only be changed by Change Order or by a written amendment. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Sum shall be based on written notice delivered by the party making the claim to the other party. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within fifteen (15) days from the beginning of such occurrence and shall be accompanied by claimant's written statement that the amount claimed covers all amounts to which the claimant is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. Failure to deliver a claim within the requisite 15-day period shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue said claim.

B. Valuation. The value of any Work covered by a Change Order or of any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Sum shall be determined in one of the following ways (at Owner's discretion):

- (1) In the case of Unit Price Work, in accordance with Section 3.1.C, below; or
- (2) By mutual acceptance of a lump sum; or
- (3) On the basis of the cost of the Work, plus a negotiated Contractor's fee for overhead and profit. Contractor shall submit an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data.

C. Unit Price Work. The unit price of an item of Unit Price Work shall be subject to re-evaluation and adjustment pursuant to a requested Change Order under the following conditions:

- (1) If the total cost of a particular item of Unit Price Work amounts to 5% or more of the Contract Sum and the variation in the quantity of the particular item of Unit Price Work performed by Contractor differs by more than 15% from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and
- (2) If there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and
  - (i) If Contractor believes that it has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or
  - (ii) If Owner believes that the quantity variation entitles it to an adjustment in the unit price; or
  - (iii) If the parties are unable to agree as to the effect of any such

variations in the quantity of Unit Price Work performed.

**3.2 Schedule of Compensation.** All payments for services and material under the Contract Documents shall be made in accordance with the following provisions.

A. Periodic Payments for Services. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for Construction Services rendered pursuant to Section 2.4 in periodic payments which shall reflect a fair apportionment of cost and schedule of values of services furnished prior to payment, subject to the provisions of this Section.

B. Payment for Materials and Equipment. In addition to the periodic payments authorized hereunder, payments may be made for material and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the Project Site, or another location, subject to prior approval and acceptance by the Owner on each occasion.

C. Credit toward Contract Sum. All payments for Construction Services made hereunder shall be credited toward the payment of the Contract Sum as Contractor's sole compensation for the construction of the Project.

**3.3 Invoice and Payment.** All payments for services and materials under the Contract Documents shall be invoiced and paid in accordance with the following provisions.

A. Invoices. The Contractor shall submit to the Owner periodic invoices for payment, in a form acceptable to the Owner, which shall include a sworn statement certifying that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief, the construction has progressed to the point indicated, the quality and the Work covered by the invoice is in accord with the Project Plans and Specifications, and the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount requested, along with the cost reports required pursuant to Article II, showing in detail all monies paid out, Project Costs accumulated, or Project Cost incurred during the previous period. This data shall be attached to the invoice.

B. Additional Information; Processing of Invoices. Should an invoiced amount appear to exceed the Work effort believed to be completed, the Owner may, prior to processing of the invoice for payment, require the Contractor to submit satisfactory evidence to support the invoice. All Progress Reports and invoices shall be delivered to the attention of the Owner's Project Representative. Invoices not properly prepared (mathematical errors, billing not reflecting actual Work done, no signature, etc.) shall be returned to the Contractor for correction.

C. Architect/Engineer's Approval. Payment for Work completed shall be subject to the Architect/Engineer approving the payment requested by the Contractor and certifying the amount thereof that has been properly incurred and is then due and payable to the Contractor, and identifying with specificity any amount that has not been properly incurred and that should not be paid.

D. Warrants of Contractor with Respect to Payments. The Contractor warrants that (1) upon payment of any retainage, materials and equipment covered by a partial payment request will pass to Owner either by incorporation in construction or upon receipt of payment by the Contractor, whichever occurs first; (2) Work, materials and equipment covered by previous

partial payment requests shall be free and clear of liens, claims, security interests, or encumbrances; and (3) no Work, materials or equipment covered by a partial payment request which has been acquired by the Contractor or any other person performing Work at the Project Site, or furnishing materials or equipment for the Project, shall be subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or an encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the Contractor or any other person.

E. All Compensation Included. Contractor's compensation includes full payment for services set forth in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to overhead, profit, salaries or other compensation of Contractor's officers, partners and/or employees, general operating expenses incurred by Contractor and relating to this Project, including the cost of management, supervision and data processing staff, job office equipment and supplies, and other similar items.

## ARTICLE IV

### SUBCONTRACTORS

**4.1 Subcontracts.** At the Owner's request, the Contractor shall provide Owner's Project Representative with copies of all proposed and final subcontracts, including the general and supplementary conditions thereof.

A. Subcontracts Generally. All subcontracts shall: (1) require each Subcontractor to be bound to Contractor to the same extent Contractor is bound to Owner by the terms of the Contract Documents, as those terms may apply to the portion of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, (2) provide for the assignment of the subcontracts from Contractor to Owner at the election of Owner, upon termination of Contractor, (3) provide that Owner will be an additional indemnified party of the subcontract, (4) provide that Owner will be an additional insured on all insurance policies required to be provided by the Subcontractor, except workers' compensation, (5) assign all warranties directly to Owner, and (6) identify Owner as an intended third-party beneficiary of the subcontract.

(1) A Subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct contract with Contractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Subcontractor. The term "Subcontractor" does not include a separate contractor or subcontractors of a separate contractor.

(2) A Sub-subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct or indirect contract with a Subcontractor to perform a portion of the Work at the site. The term "Sub-subcontractor" is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and means a Sub-subcontractor or an authorized representative of the Sub-subcontractor.

B. No Damages for Delay. Except when otherwise expressly agreed to by Owner in writing, all subcontracts shall provide:

“LIMITATION OF REMEDIES – NO DAMAGES FOR DELAY. The Subcontractor's exclusive remedy for delays in the performance of the contract caused by events beyond its control, including delays claimed to be caused by the Owner or Architect/Engineer or attributable to the Owner or Architect/Engineer and including claims based on breach of contract or negligence, shall be an extension of its contract time and shall in no way involve any monetary claim.”

Each subcontract shall require that any claims by the Subcontractor for delay must be submitted to the Contractor within the time and in the manner in which the Contractor must submit such claims to the Owner, and that failure to comply with the conditions for giving notice and submitting claims shall result in the waiver of such claims.

C. Subcontractual Relations. The Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to assume all the obligations and responsibilities which the Contractor owes the Owner pursuant to the Contract Documents, by the parties to the extent of the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor. Said obligations shall be made in writing and shall preserve and protect the rights of the Owner and Architect/Engineer, with respect to the Work to be performed by the Subcontractor, so that the subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights. Where appropriate, the Contractor shall require each Subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with its sub-subcontractors.

D. Insurance; Acts and Omissions. Insurance requirements for Subcontractors shall be no more stringent than those requirements imposed on the Contractor by the Owner. The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of its employees, agents, Subcontractors, their agents and employees, and all other persons performing any of the Work or supplying materials under a contract to the Contractor.

**4.2 Relationship and Responsibilities.** Except as specifically set forth herein with respect to direct materials acquisitions by Owner, nothing contained in the Contract Documents or in any Contract Document does or shall create any contractual relation between the Owner or Architect/Engineer and any Subcontractor. Specifically, the Contractor is not acting as an agent of the Owner with respect to any Subcontractor. The utilization of any Subcontractor shall not relieve Contractor from any liability or responsibility to Owner, or obligate Owner to the payment of any compensation to the Subcontractor or additional compensation to the Contractor.

**4.3 Payments to Subcontractors; Monthly Statements.** The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all Subcontractors from the payments made by the Owner to Contractor pursuant to Article III, subject to the following provisions:

A. Payment. The Contractor shall, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of payment from the Owner, out of the amount paid to the Contractor on account of such Subcontractor's Work, pay to each Subcontractor the amount to which the Subcontractor is entitled in accordance with the terms of the Contractor's contract with such Subcontractor. The Contractor shall, by appropriate agreement with each Subcontractor, require each Subcontractor to make payments to sub-Subcontractors in a similar manner. After receipt of payment from Owner, if the need should arise to withhold payments to Subcontractors for any reason, as solely determined by Contractor, the Contractor shall promptly restore such monies to the Owner, adjusting subsequent pay requests and Project bookkeeping as required.

B. Final Payment of Subcontractors. The final payment of retainage to Subcontractors shall not be made until the Project has been inspected by the Architect/Engineer or other person designated by the Owner for that purpose, and until both the Architect/Engineer and the Contractor have issued a written certificate that the Project has been constructed in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and approved Change Orders. Before issuance of final payment to any Subcontractor without any retainage, the Subcontractor shall submit satisfactory evidence that all payrolls, material bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Project have been paid or otherwise satisfied, warranty information is complete, as-built markups have been submitted, and instruction for the Owner's operating and maintenance personnel is complete. Final payment may be made to certain select Subcontractors whose Work is satisfactorily completed prior to the completion of the Project, but only upon approval of the Owner's Project Representative.

**4.4 Responsibility for Subcontractors.** As provided in Section 2.4.BB, Contractor shall be fully responsible to Owner for all acts and omissions of the Subcontractors, suppliers and other persons and organizations performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect Contract with Contractor just as Contractor is responsible for Contractor's own acts and omissions.

**4.5 Contingent Assignment of Subcontracts.** Each subcontract agreement for a portion of the Work is assigned by the Contractor to the Owner, provided that:

- (1) assignment is effective only after termination of the Contract by the Owner for cause pursuant to Article XIV and only for those subcontract agreements that the Owner accepts by notifying the Subcontractor and Contractor in writing; and
- (2) assignment is subject to the prior rights of the surety, if any, obligated under bond relating to the Agreement.

When the Owner accepts the assignment of a subcontract agreement, the Owner assumes the Contractor's rights and obligations under the subcontract. Upon such assignment, if the Work has been suspended for more than thirty (30) days, the Subcontractor's compensation shall be equitably adjusted for increases in cost resulting from the suspension. Upon such assignment to the Owner, the Owner may further assign the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity. If the Owner assigns the subcontract to a successor contractor or other entity, the Owner shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all of the successor contractor's obligations under the subcontract.

## ARTICLE V

### CHANGES IN WORK

**5.1 General.** Changes in the Work may be accomplished after execution of the Agreement, and without invalidating the Agreement, by Change Order, Work Directive Change or order for a minor change in the Work, subject to the limitations stated in this Article V and elsewhere in the Contract Documents. A Change Order shall be based upon agreement among the

Owner, Contractor and Architect/Engineer; a Work Directive Change requires agreement by the Owner and Architect/Engineer and may or may not be agreed to by the Contractor; an order for a minor change in the Work may be issued by the Architect/Engineer alone. Changes in the Work shall be performed under applicable provisions of the Contract Documents, and the Contractor shall proceed promptly, unless otherwise provided in the Change Order, Work Directive Change or order for a minor change in the Work.

**5.2 Minor Changes in the Work.** The Owner or Architect/Engineer shall have authority to order minor changes in the Work not involving adjustment in the Contract Sum or extension of the Contract Time and not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents. Such change will be effected by written order signed by the Architect/Engineer and shall be binding on the Owner and Contractor. The Contractor shall abide by and perform such minor changes. Such changes shall be effected by a Field Directive or a Work Directive Change. Documentation of changes shall be determined by the Construction Team, and displayed monthly in the Progress Reports. Because such changes shall not affect the Contract Sum to be paid to the Contractor, they shall not require a Change Order pursuant to Section 5.6.

**5.3 Emergencies.** In any emergency affecting the safety of persons or property, the Contractor shall act at its discretion to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. Any increase in the Contract Sum or extension of time claimed by the Contractor because of emergency Work shall be determined as provided in Section 5.6. However, whenever practicable, the Contractor shall obtain verbal concurrence of the Owner's Project Representative and Architect/Engineer where the act will or may affect the Contract Sum or Contract Time.

**5.4 Concealed Conditions.** If the Contractor encounters conditions at the site that are (1) subsurface or otherwise concealed physical conditions that differ materially from those indicated in the Contract Documents or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature, that differ materially from those ordinarily found to exist and generally recognized as inherent in construction activities of the character provided for in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall promptly provide notice to the Owner and the Architect/Engineer before conditions are disturbed and in no event later than ten (10) days after first observance of the conditions. The Architect/Engineer will promptly investigate such conditions and, if the Architect/Engineer determines that they differ materially and cause an increase or decrease in the Contractor's cost of, or time required for, performance of any part of the Work, will recommend an equitable adjustment in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, or both. If the Architect/Engineer determines that the conditions at the site are not materially different from those indicated in the Contract Documents and that no change in the terms of the Contract is justified, the Architect/Engineer shall promptly notify the Owner and Contractor in writing, stating the reasons. If the Contractor disputes the Architect/Engineer's determination or recommendation, the Contractor may proceed as provided in Article VIII. If the Owner disputes the Architect/Engineer's determination or recommendation, the Owner may appeal directly to the Purchasing Official and shall thereafter follow the process set forth in Section 8.5.

**5.5 Hazardous Materials.** In the event the Contractor encounters on the Project Site material reasonably believed to be hazardous, petroleum or petroleum related products, or other hazardous or toxic substances, except as provided in Section 2.4.U, the Contractor shall immediately stop Work in the area affected and report the condition to the Owner and the Architect/Engineer in writing. The Work in the affected area shall not thereafter be resumed except by Change Order or written amendment, if in fact the material or substance has not been rendered

harmless. The Work in the affected area shall be resumed when the Project Site has been rendered harmless, in accordance with the final determination by the Architect/Engineer or other appropriate professional employed by Owner. The Contractor shall not be required to perform without its consent any Work relating to hazardous materials, petroleum or petroleum related products, or other hazardous or toxic substances. In the event the Contractor encounters on the Project Site materials believed in good faith to be hazardous or contaminated material, and the presence of such hazardous or contaminated material was not known and planned for at the time the Contractor submitted its Bid (or Guaranteed Maximum Price proposal), and it is necessary for the Contractor to stop Work in the area affected and delays Work for more than a seven (7) day period, adjustments to the Contract Sum and/or Contract Time shall be made in accordance with this Article V.

#### **5.6 Change Orders; Adjustments to Contract Sum.**

A. Change Orders Generally. The increase or decrease in the Contract Sum resulting from a change authorized pursuant to the Contract Documents shall be determined:

- (1) By mutual acceptance of a lump sum amount properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data, to permit evaluation by the Architect/Engineer and Owner; or
- (2) By unit prices stated in the Agreement or subsequently agreed upon; or
- (3) By any other method mutually agreeable to Owner and Contractor.

If Owner and Contractor are unable to agree upon increases or decreases in the Contract Sum and the Architect/Engineer certifies that the work needs to be commenced prior to any such agreement, the Contractor, provided it receives a written Change Order signed by or on behalf of the Owner, shall promptly proceed with the Work involved. The cost of such Work shall then be determined on the basis of the reasonable expenditures of those performing the Work attributed to the change. However, in the event a Change Order is issued under these conditions, the Owner, through the Architect/Engineer, will establish an estimated cost of the Work and the Contractor shall not perform any Work whose cost exceeds that estimated without prior written approval by the Owner. In such case, the Contractor shall keep and present in such form as the Owner may prescribe an itemized accounting, together with appropriate supporting data of the increase in overall costs of the Project. The amount of any decrease in the Contract Sum to be allowed by the Contractor to the Owner for any deletion or change which results in a net decrease in costs will be the amount of the actual net decrease.

**5.7 Owner-Initiated Changes.** Without invalidating the Agreement and without notice to any Surety, Owner may, at any time, order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work. These will be authorized by a written amendment, a Field Directive, a Change Order, or a Work Directive Change, as the case may be. Upon receipt of any such document, Contractor shall promptly proceed with the Work involved which will be performed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents (except as otherwise specifically provided). A Work Directive Change may not change the Contract Sum or the Contract Time; but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Work Directive Change will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Sum or Contract Time.

**5.8 Unauthorized Work.** Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time with respect to any Work performed that is not required by the Contract Documents.

**5.9 Defective Work.** Owner and Contractor shall execute appropriate Change Orders (or written amendments) covering changes in the Work which are ordered by Owner, or which may be required because of acceptance of defective Work, without adjustment to the Contract Sum.

**5.10 Estimates for Changes.** At any time Architect/Engineer may request a quotation from Contractor for a proposed change in the Work. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt, Contractor shall submit a written and detailed proposal for an increase or decrease in the Contract Sum or Contract Time for the proposed change. Architect/Engineer shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the detailed proposal to respond in writing. The proposal shall include an itemized estimate of all costs and time for performance that will result directly or indirectly from the proposed change. Unless otherwise directed, itemized estimates shall be in sufficient detail to reasonably permit an analysis by Architect/Engineer of all material, labor, equipment, subcontracts, overhead costs and fees, and shall cover all Work involved in the change, whether such Work was deleted, added, changed or impacted. Notwithstanding the request for quotation, Contractor shall carry on the Work and maintain the progress schedule. Delays in the submittal of the written and detailed proposal will be considered non-prejudicial.

**5.11 Form of Proposed Changes.** The form of all submittals, notices, Change Orders and other documents permitted or required to be used or transmitted under the Contract Documents shall be determined by the Owner. Standard Owner forms shall be utilized.

**5.12 Changes to Contract Time.** The Contract Time may only be changed pursuant to a Change Order or a written amendment to the Contract Documents. Any claim for an extension or shortening of the Contract Time shall be based on written notice delivered by the party making the claim to the other party. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within fifteen (15) days from detection or beginning of such occurrence and shall be accompanied by the claimant's written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the claimant has reason to believe it is entitled to because of the occurrence of said event. The Contract time will be extended in an amount equal to time lost due to delays beyond the control of Contractor. Such delays shall include, but not be limited to, acts or neglect by Owner or others performing additional Work; or to fires, floods, epidemics, abnormal weather conditions or acts of God. Failure to deliver a written notice of claim within the requisite 15-day period shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue said claim.

## ARTICLE VI

### ROLE OF ARCHITECT/ENGINEER

#### 6.1 General.

A. Retaining. The Owner shall retain an Architect/Engineer (whether an individual or an entity) lawfully licensed to practice in Florida. That person or entity is identified as the Architect/Engineer in the Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number.

B. Duties. Duties, responsibilities and limitations of authority of the Architect/Engineer as set forth in the Contract Documents shall not be restricted, modified or extended without written consent of the Owner and Architect/Engineer. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

C. Termination. If the employment of the Architect/Engineer is terminated, the Owner shall employ a successor Architect/Engineer as to whom the Contractor has no reasonable objection and whose status under the Contract Documents shall be that of the Architect/Engineer.

**6.2 Administration.** The Architect/Engineer will provide administration of the Agreement as described in the Contract Documents and will be an Owner's representative during construction until the date the Architect/Engineer approves the final Application for Payment. The Architect/Engineer will have authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents.

A. Site Visits. The Architect/Engineer will visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise agreed with the Owner, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work complete, and to determine in general if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. Unless specifically instructed by Owner, the Architect/Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work. The Architect/Engineer will not have control over, charge of, or responsibility for, the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for the safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, since these are solely the Contractor's rights and responsibilities under the Contract Documents.

B. Reporting. Based on the site visits, the Architect/Engineer will keep the Owner reasonably informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and report to the Owner (1) known deviations from the Contract Documents and from the most recent construction schedule submitted by the Contractor, and (2) defects and deficiencies observed in the Work. The Architect/Engineer will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The Architect/Engineer will not have control over or charge of and will not be responsible for acts or omissions of the Contractor, Subcontractors, or their agents or employees, or any other persons or entities performing portions of the Work.

**6.3 Interpretation of Project Plans and Specifications.** The Architect/Engineer will be the interpreter of the requirements of the Project Plans and Specifications. Upon receipt of comments or objections by Contractor or Owner, the Architect/Engineer will make decisions on all claims, disputes, or other matters pertaining to the interpretation of the Project Plans and Specifications.

**6.4 Rejection of Non-Conforming Work.** Upon consultation with Owner, the Architect/Engineer shall have the authority to reject Work which does not conform to the Project Plans and Specifications.

**6.5 Correction of Work.** The Contractor shall promptly correct all Work rejected by the Architect/Engineer for being defective or as failing to conform to the Project Plans and Specifications, whether observed before or after the Substantial Completion Date and whether or not fabricated, installed, or completed. The Contractor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected Work, including compensation for Architect/Engineer's additional services made necessary thereby.

**6.6 Timely Performance of Architect/Engineer.** The Contractor shall identify which requests for information or response from the Architect/Engineer have the greatest urgency and those items which require prioritizing in response by the Architect/Engineer. The Contractor shall also identify the preferred time period for response and shall request a response time which is reasonably and demonstrably related to the needs of the Project and Contractor. If Architect/Engineer claims that Contractor's expectations for a response are unreasonable, Owner shall require Architect/Engineer to communicate such claim to Contractor in writing together with the specific time necessary to respond and the date upon which such response will be made. If Contractor believes that Architect/Engineer is not providing timely services or responses, Contractor shall notify Owner of same in writing not less than two (2) weeks before Contractor believes performance or response time from Architect/Engineer is required without risk of delaying the Project.

## ARTICLE VII

### OWNER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**7.1 Project Site; Title.** The Owner shall provide the lands upon which the Work under the Contract Documents is to be done, except that the Contractor shall provide all necessary additional land required for the erection of temporary construction facilities and storage of his materials, together with right of access to same. The Owner hereby represents to the Contractor that it currently has and will maintain up through and including the Substantial Completion Date, good title to all of the real property constituting the Project Site. Owner agrees to resolve, at its expense, any disputes relating to the ownership and use of the Project Site which might arise during construction.

**7.2 Project Plans and Specifications; Architect/Engineer.** The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that Owner has previously entered into an agreement with Architect/Engineer. Pursuant to the terms of such agreement, the Architect/Engineer, as an agent and representative of Owner, is responsible for the preparation of Project Plans and Specifications which consist of drawings, specifications, and other documents setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction of the Project. All such Project Plans and Specifications shall be provided either by Owner or the Architect/Engineer, and Contractor shall be under no obligation to provide same and shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of the Project Plans and Specifications provided by the Architect/Engineer and all preliminary drawings prepared in connection therewith. The Contractor will be furnished a reproducible set of all drawings and

specifications reasonably necessary for the performance of Contractor's services hereunder and otherwise ready for printing. The Contractor shall be notified of any written modification in the agreement between Owner and Architect/Engineer.

**7.3 Surveys; Soil Tests and Other Project Site Information.** Owner shall be responsible for providing a legal description and certified land survey of the Project Site in a form and content and with such specificity as may be required by the Architect/Engineer and Contractor to perform their services. To the extent deemed necessary by Owner and Architect/Engineer, and solely at Owner's expense, Owner may engage the services of a geotechnical consultant to perform test borings and other underground soils testing as may be deemed necessary by the Architect/Engineer or the Contractor. Contractor shall not be obligated to provide such surveys or soil tests and shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of the information provided; subject, however, to the provisions of Section 2.4.S hereof. Owner shall provide Contractor, as soon as reasonably possible following the execution of the Contract Documents, all surveys or other survey information in its possession describing the physical characteristics of the Project Site, together with soils reports, subsurface investigations, utility locations, deed restrictions, easements, and legal descriptions then in its possession or control. Upon receipt of all surveys, soils tests, and other Project Site information, Contractor shall promptly advise Owner of any inadequacies in such information and of the need for any additional surveys, soils or subsoil tests. In performing this Work, Contractor shall use the standard of care of experienced contractors and will use its best efforts timely to identify all problems or omissions. Owner shall not be responsible for any delay or damages to the Contractor for any visible or disclosed site conditions or disclosed deficiencies in the Project Site which should have been identified by Contractor and corrected by Owner prior to the execution of the Contract Documents.

**7.4 Information; Communication; Coordination.** The Owner's Project Representative shall examine any documents or requests for information submitted by the Contractor and shall advise Contractor of Owner's decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable period of time to avoid unreasonable delay in the progress of the Contractor's services. Contractor shall indicate if any such documents or requests warrant priority consideration. However, decisions pertaining to approval of the Project Schedule as it relates to the date of Substantial Completion, the Project Cost, Contractor's compensation, approving or changing the Contract Sum shall only be effective when approved by Owner in the form of a written Change Order or amendment to the Contract Documents. Owner reserves the right to designate a different Owner's Project Representative provided Contractor is notified in writing of any such change. Owner and Architect/Engineer may communicate with Subcontractors, materialmen, laborers, or suppliers engaged to perform services on the Project, but only for informational purposes. Neither the Owner nor the Architect/Engineer shall attempt to direct the Work of or otherwise interfere with any Subcontractor, materialman, laborer, or supplier, or otherwise interfere with the Work of the Contractor. Owner shall furnish the data required of Owner under the Contract Documents promptly.

**7.5 Governmental Body.** The Contractor recognizes that the Owner is a governmental body with certain procedural requirements to be satisfied. The Contractor has and will make reasonable allowance in its performance of services for such additional time as may be required for approvals and decisions by the Owner and any other necessary government agency.

**7.6 Pre-Completion Acceptance.** The Owner shall have the right to take possession of and use any completed portions of the Work, although the time for completing the entire Work

or such portions may not have expired, but such taking possession and use shall not be deemed an acceptance of any Work not completed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**7.7 Ownership and Use of Drawings, Specifications and Other Instruments of Service.**

- (1) The Architect/Engineer and the Architect/Engineer's consultants shall be deemed the authors and owners of their respective instruments of service, including the Project Plans and Specifications, and will retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyrights. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and material or equipment suppliers shall not own or claim a copyright in the instruments of service. Submittal or distribution to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with this Project is not to be constructed as publication in derogation of the Architect/Engineer's or Architect/Engineer's consultants' reserved rights.
- (2) The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and material or equipment suppliers are authorized to use and reproduce the drawings and specifications provided to them solely and exclusively for execution of the Work. All copies made under this authorization shall bear the copyright notice, if any, shown on the Project Plans and Specifications or other instruments of service. The Contractor, Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors, and material or equipment suppliers may not use the drawings or specifications on other projects or for additions to this Project outside the scope of the Work without the specific written consent of the Owner, Architect/Engineer and the Architect/Engineer's consultants.

**7.8 Owner's Project Representative.** Owner's Project Representative is Owner's Agent, who will act as directed by and under the supervision of the Owner, and who will confer with Owner/Architect/Engineer regarding his actions. The Owner's Project Representative's dealings in matters pertaining to the on-site Work shall, in general, be only with the Owner/Architect/Engineer and Contractor and dealings with Subcontractors shall only be through or with the full knowledge of Contractor.

A. Responsibilities. Except as otherwise instructed in writing by Owner, the Owner's Project Representative will:

- (1) Attend preconstruction conferences; arrange a schedule of progress meetings and other job conferences as required in consultation with Owner/Architect/Engineer and notify those expected to attend in advance; and attend meetings and maintain and circulate copies of minutes thereof;
- (2) Serve as Owner/Architect/Engineer's liaison with Contractor, working principally through Contractor's superintendent, to assist in understanding the intent of the Contract Documents. As requested by Owner/Architect/Engineer, assist in obtaining additional details or information when required at the job site for proper execution of the Work;

- (3) Report to Owner/Architect/Engineer whenever he believes that any Work is unsatisfactory, faulty or defective or does not conform to the Contract Documents;
- (4) Accompany visiting inspectors representing public or other agencies having jurisdiction over the project; record the outcome of these inspections and report to Owner/Architect/Engineer;
- (5) Review applications for payment with Contractor for compliance with the established procedure for their submission and forward them with recommendations to Owner/Architect/Engineer; and
- (6) Perform those duties as set forth elsewhere within the Contract Documents.

B. Limitations. Except upon written instructions of Owner, Owner's Project Representative shall not:

- (1) Authorize any deviation from the Contract Documents or approve any substitute materials or equipment;
- (2) Exceed limitations on Owner/Architect/Engineer's authority as set forth in the Contract Documents;
- (3) Undertake any of the responsibilities of Contractor, Subcontractors or Contractor's superintendent, or expedite the Work;
- (4) Advise on or issue directions relative to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction unless such is specifically called for in the Contract Documents;
- (5) Advise on or issue directions as to safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work;
- (6) Authorize Owner to occupy the project in whole or in part; or
- (7) Participate in specialized field or laboratory tests.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **RESOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENTS;**

#### **CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION**

**8.1 Owner to Decide Disputes.** The Owner shall reasonably decide all questions and disputes (with the exception of matters pertaining to the interpretation of the Project Plans and Specifications which shall be resolved by the Architect/Engineer pursuant to Section 6.3) that may

arise in the execution and fulfillment of the services provided for under the Contract Documents, in accordance with the Procurement Ordinance.

**8.2 Finality.** The decision of the Owner upon all claims, questions, disputes and conflicts shall be final and conclusive, and shall be binding upon all parties to the Contract Documents, subject to judicial review as provided in Section 8.5 below.

**8.3 No Damages for Delay.** If at any time Contractor is delayed in the performance of Contractor's responsibilities under the Contract Documents as the result of a default or failure to perform in a timely manner by Owner or Owner's agents or employees, Contractor shall not be entitled to any damages except for compensation specifically authorized in Article III. Contractor's sole remedy will be a right to extend the time for performance. Nothing herein shall preclude Contractor from any available remedy against any responsible party other than Owner. Contractor shall be responsible for liquidated damages for delay if otherwise provided for in the Contract Documents.

**8.4 Permitted Claims Procedure.** Where authorized or permitted under the Contract Documents, all claims for additional compensation by Contractor, extensions of time affecting the Substantial Completion Date, for payment by the Owner of costs, damages or losses due to casualty, Force Majeure, Project Site conditions or otherwise, shall be governed by the following:

- (1) All claims must be submitted as a request for Change Order in the manner as provided in Article V.
- (2) The Contractor must submit a notice of claim to Owner's Project Representative and to the Architect/Engineer within fifteen (15) days of the beginning of such occurrence. Failure to submit a claim within the requisite 15-day period shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue said claim.
- (3) Within twenty (20) days of submitting its notice of claim, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner's Project Representative its request for Change Order, which shall include a written statement of all details of the claim, including a description of the Work affected.
- (4) After receipt of a request for Change Order, the Owner's Project Representative, in consultation with the Architect/Engineer, shall deliver to the Contractor, within twenty (20) days after receipt of request, its written response to the claim.
- (5) In the event the Owner and Contractor are unable to agree on the terms of a Change Order, the Owner shall have the option to instruct the Contractor to proceed with the Work. In that event, the Owner shall pay for those parts of the Work, the scope and price of which are not in dispute. The balance of the disputed items in the order to proceed will be resolved after completion of the Work, based upon completed actual cost.
- (6) The rendering of a decision by Owner with respect to any such claim, dispute or other matter (except any which have been waived by the making or acceptance of final payment) will be a condition precedent to any

exercise by Owner or Contractor of such right or remedies as either may otherwise have under the Contract Documents or by laws or regulations in respect of any such claim, dispute or other matter.

**8.5 Contract Claims and Disputes.** After completion of the process set forth in Section 8.4 above, any unresolved dispute under this Agreement shall be decided by the Purchasing Official in accordance with Section 2-26-63 of the Manatee County Code of Laws, subject to an administrative hearing process as provided in Section 2-26-64. The decision of the hearing officer in accordance with Section 2-26-64 of the Manatee County Code of Laws shall be the final and conclusive decision subject to exclusive judicial review in circuit court by a petition for certiorari.

**8.6 Claims for Consequential Damages.** The Contractor and Owner waive claims against each other for consequential damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement. This mutual waiver includes:

- (1) damages incurred by the Owner for rental expenses, for losses of use, income, profit, financing, business and reputation, and for loss of management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons, unless any of such damages or losses are covered by insurance placed by the Contractor; and
- (2) damages incurred by the Contractor for principal office expenses including the compensation of personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business and reputation, and for loss of profit except anticipated profit arising directly from the Work.

This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential damages due to either party's termination in accordance with Article XIV. Nothing contained in this Section 8.6 shall be deemed to preclude assessment of liquidated direct damages, when applicable, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INDEMNITY**

#### **9.1 Indemnity.**

A. Indemnification Generally. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Architect/Engineer, Architect/Engineer's consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, but only to the extent caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, a Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a

party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section 9.1.

B. Indemnification; Enforcement Actions. The Contractor's duty to indemnify and hold harmless the Owner in Section 9.1 above shall extend to fines, penalties and costs incurred by the Owner as related to any enforcement action taken by local, state, regional or federal regulatory entities. The Owner may deduct any of such fines, penalties and costs as described in this Section from any unpaid amounts then or thereafter due the Contractor under the Contract Documents. Any of such fines, penalties and costs not so deducted from any unpaid amounts due the Contractor shall be payable to the Owner at the demand of the Owner, together with interest from the date of the demand at the maximum allowable rate.

C. Claims by Employees. In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this Section 9.1 by an employee of the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under Section 9.1.A. shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or a Subcontractor under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

**9.2 Duty to Defend.** The Contractor shall defend the Owner in any action, lawsuit, mediation or arbitration arising from the alleged negligence, recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of the Work. Notwithstanding any other provisions within this Article IX, so long as Contractor, through its own counsel, performs its obligation to defend the Owner pursuant to this Section, Contractor shall not be required to pay the Owner's costs associated with the Owner's participation in the defense.

## ARTICLE X

### ACCOUNTING RECORDS; OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

**10.1 Accounting Records.** Records of expenses pertaining to all services performed shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures.

**10.2 Inspection and Audit.** The Contractor's records shall be open to inspection and subject to examination, audit, and/or reproduction during normal working hours by the Owner's agent or authorized representative to the extent necessary to adequately permit evaluation and verification of any invoices, payments or claims submitted by the Contractor or any of its payees during the performance of the Work. These records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures, Subcontractor files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful bidders), original estimates, estimating worksheets, correspondence, Change Order files (including documentation covering negotiated settlements), and any other supporting evidence necessary to substantiate charges related to the Contract Documents. They shall also

include, but not be limited to, those records necessary to evaluate and verify direct and indirect costs (including overhead allocations) as they may apply to costs associated with the Contract Documents. For such audits, inspections, examinations and evaluations, the Owner's agent or authorized representative shall have access to said records from the effective date of the Contract Documents, for the duration of Work, and until three (3) years after the date of final payment by the Owner to the Contractor pursuant to the Contract Documents.

**10.3 Access.** The Owner's agent or authorized representative shall have access to the Contractor's facilities and all necessary records to conduct audits in compliance with this Article. The Owner's agent or authorized representative shall give the Contractor reasonable advance notice of intended inspections, examinations, and/or audits.

**10.4 Ownership of Documents.** Upon obtainment of Substantial Completion or termination of the Agreement, all records, documents, tracings, plans, specifications, maps, evaluations, reports, transcripts and other technical data, other than working papers, prepared or developed by the Contractor shall be delivered to and become the property of the Owner. The Contractor at its own expense may retain copies for its files and internal use.

## ARTICLE XI

### PUBLIC CONTRACT LAWS

#### 11.1 Equal Opportunity Employment.

A. Employment. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, disability or age, and will take affirmative action to ensure that all employees and applicants are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, disability or age. Such action will be taken with reference to, but shall not be limited to, recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination, rates of training or retraining, including apprenticeship and on-the-job training.

B. Participation. No person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the proceeds of, or be subject to discrimination in the performance of the Agreement.

**11.2 Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.** Contractor acknowledges that it is responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, located at 8 U.S.C. Section 1324, et seq., and regulations relating thereto. Failure to comply with the above statutory provisions shall be considered a material breach and shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

**11.3 No Conflict of Interest.** The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company,

corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

A. No Interest in Business Activity. By accepting award of this Agreement, the Contractor, which shall include its directors, officers and employees, represents that it presently has no interest in and shall acquire no interest in any business or activity which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, including without limitation as described in the Contractor's own professional ethical requirements. An interest in a business or activity which shall be deemed a conflict includes but is not limited to direct financial interest in any of the material and equipment manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, or contractors who will be eligible to supply material and equipment for the Project for which the Contractor is furnishing its services required hereunder.

B. No Appearance of Conflict. The Contractor shall not knowingly engage in any contractual or professional obligations that create an appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to the services provided pursuant to the Agreement. The Contractor has provided the Affidavit of No Conflict, incorporated into the Contract Documents as Exhibit "C", as a material inducement for Owner entering the Agreement. If, in the sole discretion of the County Administrator or designee, a conflict of interest is deemed to exist or arise during the term of this Agreement, the County Administrator or designee may cancel this Agreement, effective upon the date so stated in a written notice of cancellation, without penalty to the Owner.

**11.4 Truth in Negotiations.** By execution of the Contract Documents, the Contractor certifies to truth-in-negotiations and that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting. Further, the original Contract Sum and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums where the Owner determines the Contract Sum was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. Such adjustments must be made within one (1) year after final payment to the Contractor.

**11.5 Public Entity Crimes.** The Contractor is directed to the Florida Public Entity Crimes Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, specifically section 2(a), and the Owner's requirement that the Contractor comply with it in all respects prior to and during the term of the Agreement.

## ARTICLE XII

### FORCE MAJEURE, FIRE OR OTHER CASUALTY

#### 12.1 Force Majeure.

A. Unavoidable Delays. Delays in any performance by any party contemplated or required hereunder due to fire, flood, sinkhole, earthquake or hurricane, acts of God, unavailability of materials, equipment or fuel, war, declaration of hostilities, revolt, civil strife, altercation or commotion, strike, labor dispute, or epidemic, archaeological excavation, lack of or failure of transportation facilities, or any law, order, proclamation, regulation, or ordinance of any

government or any subdivision thereof, or for any other similar cause to those enumerated, beyond the reasonable control and which with due diligence could not have been reasonably anticipated, shall be deemed to be events of Force Majeure and any such delays shall be excused. In the event such party is delayed in the performance of any Work or obligation pursuant to the Contract Documents for any of the events of Force Majeure stated in this Section 12.1, the date for performance required or contemplated by the Contract Documents shall be extended by the number of calendar days such party is actually delayed.

B. Concurrent Contractor Delays. If a delay is caused for any reason provided in Section 12.1.A. and during the same time period a delay is caused by Contractor, the date for performance shall be extended as provided in 12.1.A. but only to the extent the time is or was concurrent.

C. Notice; Mitigation. The party seeking excuse for nonperformance based on Force Majeure shall give written notice to the Owner, if with respect to the Contractor, or to the Contractor if with respect to the Owner, specifying its actual or anticipated duration. Each party seeking excuse from nonperformance based on Force Majeure shall use its best efforts to rectify any condition causing a delay and will cooperate with the other party, except that neither party shall be obligated to incur any unreasonable additional costs and expenses to overcome any loss of time that has resulted.

**12.2 Casualty; Actions by Owner and Contractor.** During the construction period, if the Project or any part thereof shall have been damaged or destroyed, in whole or in part, the Contractor shall promptly make proof of loss; and Owner and Contractor shall proceed promptly to collect, or cause to be collected, all valid claims which may have arisen against insurers or others based upon such damage or destruction. The Contractor shall diligently assess the damages or destruction and shall prepare an estimate of the cost, expenses, and other charges, including normal and ordinary compensation to the Contractor, necessary for reconstruction of the Project substantially in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. Within fifteen (15) days following satisfaction of the express conditions described in subsections (1), (2) and (3) below, the Contractor covenants and agrees diligently to commence reconstruction and to complete the reconstruction or repair of any loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Project to substantially the same size, floor area, cubic content, and general appearance as prior to such loss or damage:

- (1) Receipt by the Owner or the trustee of the proceeds derived from collection of all valid claims against insurers or others based upon such damage or destruction, and receipt of other sums from any source such that the funds necessary to pay the Project Cost and any additions to the Project Cost necessitated for repair or reconstruction are available;
- (2) Written agreement executed by the Contractor and the Owner, by amendment to the Contract Documents or otherwise, authorizing and approving the repair or reconstruction and any additions to the Project Cost necessitated thereby, including any required adjustment to the Contract Sum; and
- (3) Final approval by the Owner of the Project Plans and Specifications for such repair or reconstruction and issuance of any required building permit.

**12.3 Approval of Plans and Specifications.** The Owner agrees to approve the plans and specifications for such reconstruction or repair if the reconstruction or repair contemplated by such plans and specifications is economically feasible, and will restore the Project, or the damaged portion thereof, to substantially the same condition as prior to such loss or damage, and such plans and specifications conform to the applicable laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. The Owner agrees that all proceeds of any applicable insurance or other proceeds received by the Owner or the Contractor as a result of such loss or damage shall be used for payment of the costs, expenses, and other charges of the reconstruction or repair of the Project.

**12.4 Notice of Loss or Damage.** The Contractor shall promptly give the Owner written notice of any significant damage or destruction to the Project, defined as loss or damage which it is contemplated by Contractor will increase the Contract Sum or extend the Substantial Completion Date, stating the date on which such damage or destruction occurred, the then expectations of Contractor as to the effect of such damage or destruction on the use of the Project, and the then proposed schedule, if any, for repair or reconstruction of the Project. Loss or damage which the Contractor determines will not affect the Contract Sum or Substantial Completion Date will be reported to Owner and Architect/Engineer immediately, and associated corrective actions will be undertaken without delay.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

**13.1 Representations and Warranties of Contractor.** The Contractor represents and warrants to the Owner each of the following.

A. The Contractor is a construction company, organized under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, authorized to transact business in the State of Florida, with \_\_\_\_\_ as the primary qualifying agent. Contractor has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted, to own or hold its properties, and to enter into and perform its obligations hereunder and under each instrument to which it is or will be a party, and is in good standing in the State of Florida.

B. Each Contract Document to which the Contractor is or will be a party constitutes, or when entered into will constitute, a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Contractor enforceable against the Contractor in accordance with the terms thereof, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar laws from time to time in effect which affect creditors' rights generally and subject to usual equitable principles in the event that equitable remedies are involved.

C. There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened actions or proceedings before any court or administrative agency, within or without the State of Florida, against the Contractor or any partner, officer, or agent of the Contractor which question the validity of any document contemplated hereunder, or which are likely in any case, or in the

aggregate, to materially adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder, or materially adversely affect the financial condition of the Contractor.

D. The Contractor has filed or caused to be filed all federal, state, local, or foreign tax returns, if any, which were required to be filed by the Contractor, and has paid, or caused to be paid, all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns or on any assessments levied against the Contractor.

E. Neither Contractor nor any agent or person employed or retained by Contractor has acted fraudulently or in bad faith or in violation of any statute or law in the procurement of this Agreement.

F. The Contractor shall timely fulfill or cause to be fulfilled all of the terms and conditions expressed herein which are within the control of the Contractor or which are the responsibility of the Contractor to fulfill. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means and methods of construction.

G. It is recognized that neither the Architect/Engineer, the Contractor, nor the Owner has control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment, over a Subcontractor's methods of determining bid prices, or over competitive bidding, market, or negotiating conditions.

H. During the term of the Contract Documents, and the period of time that the obligations of the Contractor under the Contract Documents shall be in effect, the Contractor shall cause to occur and to continue to be in effect those instruments, documents, certificates, and events contemplated by the Contract Documents that are applicable to, and the responsibility of, the Contractor.

I. The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Owner and shall accomplish the construction of the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Project Plans and Specifications, and will not knowingly violate any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, or orders that are or will be applicable thereto.

J. Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective, and that Owner, representatives of Owner, and governmental agencies with jurisdictional interests will have access to the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspecting and testing. Contractor shall give Architect/Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required approvals and shall assume full responsibility, including costs, in obtaining required tests, inspections, and approval certifications and/or acceptance, unless otherwise stated by Owner.

K. If any Work (including Work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered without written concurrence of Architect/Engineer, it must, if requested by Architect/Engineer, be uncovered for observation. Such uncovering shall be at Contractor's expense unless Contractor has given Architect/Engineer timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Architect/Engineer has not acted with reasonable promptness in response to such notice. Neither observations by Architect/Engineer nor inspections, tests, or approvals by others shall relieve Contractor from Contractor's obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

L. If the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers, or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to furnish or perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof and terminate payments to the Contractor until the cause for such order has been eliminated. Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs for satisfactory reconstruction or removal and replacement with non-defective Work, including, but not limited to fees and charges of Architect/Engineers, attorneys and other professionals and any additional expenses experienced by Owner due to delays to other Contractors performing additional Work and an appropriate deductive change order shall be issued. Contractor shall further bear the responsibility for maintaining the schedule and shall not be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time or the recovery of delay damages due to correcting or removing defective Work.

M. If Contractor fails within seven (7) days after written notice to correct defective Work, or fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or fails to comply with any other provision of the Contract Documents, Owner may correct and remedy any such deficiency to the extent necessary to complete corrective and remedial action. Owner may temporarily exclude Contractor from all or part of the site, temporarily take possession of all or part of the Work, Contractor's tools, construction equipment and machinery at the site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, all for such duration as is reasonably necessary to correct the deficiency. All direct and indirect costs of Owner in exercising such rights and remedies will be charged against Contractor in an amount approved as to reasonableness by Architect/Engineer and a Change Order will be issued incorporating the necessary revisions.

N. If within three (3) years after the Substantial Completion Date or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by laws or regulations or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, Contractor shall promptly, without cost to Owner and in accordance with Owner's written instructions, either correct such defective Work or if it has been rejected by Owner, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of such instruction, Owner may have the defective Work corrected/removed and all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such removal and replacement will be paid by Contractor. Failing payment by the Contractor and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents to the contrary, Owner shall have the right to bring a direct action in the Circuit Court to recover such costs.

**13.2 Representations of the Owner.** To the extent permitted by law, the Owner represents to the Contractor that each of the following statements is presently true and accurate:

- A. The Owner is a validly existing political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- B. The Owner has all requisite corporate or governmental power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and to perform its obligations under the Contract Documents and each Contract Document contemplated hereunder to which it is or will be a party.
- C. The Contract Documents and each Contract Document contemplated hereby to which the Owner is or will be a party has been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of, and has been or will be duly executed and delivered by, the Owner, and neither the

execution and delivery thereof nor compliance with the terms and provisions thereof or hereof: (a) requires the approval and consent of any other person or party, except such as have been duly obtained or as are specifically noted herein; (b) contravenes any existing law, judgment, governmental rule, regulation or order applicable to or binding on the Owner; or (c) contravenes or results in any breach of, default under, or result in the creation of any lien or encumbrance upon the Owner under any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan, or credit agreement, the charter, ordinances, resolutions, or any other agreement or instrument to which the Owner is a party, specifically including any covenants of any bonds, notes, or other forms of indebtedness of the Owner outstanding on the date of the Contract Documents.

D. The Contract Documents and each document contemplated hereby to which the Owner is or will be a party constitutes, or when entered into will constitute, a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Owner enforceable against the Owner in accordance with the terms thereof, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar laws from time to time in effect which affect creditors' rights generally, and subject to usual equitable principles in the event that equitable remedies are involved.

E. There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Owner, threatened actions or proceedings before any court or administrative agency against the Owner which question the validity of the Contract Documents or any document contemplated hereunder, or which are likely in any case or in the aggregate to materially adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder or the financial or corporate condition of the Owner.

F. The Owner shall use due diligence to timely fulfill or cause to be fulfilled all of the conditions expressed in the Contract Documents which are within the control of the Owner or which are the responsibility of the Owner to fulfill.

G. During the pendency of the Work and while the obligations of the Owner under the Contract Documents shall be in effect, the Owner shall cause to occur and to continue to be in effect and take such action as may be necessary to enforce those instruments, documents, certificates and events contemplated by the Contract Documents that are applicable to and the responsibility of the Owner.

H. The Owner shall assist and cooperate with the Contractor in accomplishing the construction of the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Project Plans and Specifications, and will not knowingly violate any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, contracts, or agreements that are or will be applicable thereto or, to the extent permitted by law, enact or adopt any resolution, rule, regulation, or order, or approve or enter into any contract or agreement, including issuing any bonds, notes, or other forms of indebtedness, that will result in the Contract Documents or any part thereof, or any other instrument contemplated by and material to the timely and effective performance of a party's obligations hereunder, to be in violation thereof.

## ARTICLE XIV

### TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

**14.1 Termination for Cause by Owner.** This Agreement may be terminated by Owner upon written notice to the Contractor should Contractor fail substantially to perform a material obligation in accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents through no fault of the Owner. In the event Owner terminates for cause and it is later determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that such termination for cause was not justified, then in such event such termination for cause shall automatically be converted to a termination without cause pursuant to Section 14.2.

A. Nonperformance. If the Contractor fails to timely perform any of its obligations under the Contract Documents, including any obligation the Contractor assumes to perform Work with its own forces, or if it persistently or repeatedly refuses or fails, except in case for which extension of time is provided, to supply enough properly skilled workmen or proper materials, or fails, without being excused, to maintain an established schedule (failure to maintain schedule shall be defined as any activity that falls thirty (30) days or more behind schedule) which has been adopted by the Construction Team, or it fails to make prompt payment to Subcontractors for materials or labor, or disregards laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, or otherwise is guilty of substantial violations of the Agreement the Owner may, after seven (7) days written notice, during which period the Contractor fails to perform such obligation, make good such deficiencies and perform such actions. The Contract Sum shall be reduced by the cost to the Owner of making good such deficiencies, and the Contractor's compensation shall be reduced by an amount required to manage the making good of such deficiencies. Provided, however, nothing contained herein shall limit or preclude Owner from pursuing additional damages from Contractor because of its breach.

B. Insolvency. If the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt, or if it makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or if a receiver is appointed because its insolvency, then the Owner may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, and after giving the Contractor and its surety, if any, fourteen (14) days written notice, and during which period the Contractor fails to cure the violation, terminate the Agreement. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment. Owner shall be entitled to recover all costs and damages arising because of failure of Contractor to perform as provided in the Contract Documents, as well as reasonable termination expenses, and costs and damages incurred by the Owner may be deducted from any payments left owing the Contractor.

C. Illegality. Owner may terminate the Agreement if Contractor disregards laws or regulations of any public body having jurisdiction.

D. Rights of Owner. The Owner may, after giving Contractor (and the surety, if there is one) seven (7) days written notice, terminate the services of Contractor for cause; exclude Contractor from the Project Site and take possession of the Work and of all Contractor's tools, construction equipment and machinery at the Project Site and use the same to the full extent they could be used (without liability to Contractor for trespass or conversion); incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Project Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and finish the Work as Owner may deem expedient. In such case, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment beyond an amount equal to the value of material and equipment not incorporated in the Work, but delivered and suitably stored,

less the aggregate of payments previously made. If the direct and indirect costs of completing the Work exceed the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner. Such costs incurred by Owner shall be verified by Owner in writing; but in finishing the Work, Owner shall not be required to obtain the lowest quote for the Work performed. Contractor's obligations to pay the difference between such costs and such unpaid balance shall survive termination of the Agreement. In such event and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Contract Documents to the contrary, Owner shall be entitled to bring a direct action in the Circuit Court to recover such costs.

**14.2 Termination without Cause by Owner.** The Owner, through its County Administrator or designee, shall have the right to terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, without cause upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor. In the event of such termination for convenience, the Owner shall compensate Contractor for payments due through the date of termination, and one subsequent payment to cover costs of Work performed through the date of termination, subject to the terms and conditions of Section 3.1. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any other further recovery against the Owner, including, but not limited to, anticipated fees or profit on Work not required to be performed, or consequential damages or costs resulting from such termination.

A. Release of Contractor. As a condition of Owner's termination rights provided for in this subsection, Contractor shall be released and discharged from all obligations arising by, through, or under the terms of the Contract Documents, and the Payment and Performance Bond shall be released. Owner shall assume and become responsible for the reasonable value of Work performed by Subcontractors prior to termination plus reasonable direct close-out costs, but in no event shall Subcontractors be entitled to unabsorbed overhead, anticipatory profits, or damages for early termination.

B. Waiver of Protest. Contractor hereby waives any right to protest the exercise by Owner of its rights under this Section that may apply under the Procurement Ordinance.

**14.3 Suspension without Cause.** Owner may, at any time and without cause, suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety (90) days by written notice to Contractor, which will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to any suspension if Contractor makes an approved claim therefor.

**14.4 Termination Based Upon Abandonment, Casualty or Force Majeure.** If, after the construction commencement date (i) Contractor abandons the Project (which for purposes of this paragraph shall mean the cessation of all construction and other activities relating to the Project, excluding those which are necessary to wind down or otherwise terminate all outstanding obligations with respect to the Project, and no recommencement of same within one hundred twenty (120) days following the date of cessation), or (ii) the Project is stopped for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days due to an instance of Force Majeure or the result of a casualty resulting in a loss that cannot be corrected or restored within one hundred twenty (120) days (excluding the time required to assess the damage and complete the steps contemplated under Section 12.2), the Owner shall have the right to terminate the Agreement and pay the Contractor its compensation earned or accrued to date.

**14.5 Vacation of Project Site; Delivery of Documents.** Upon termination by Owner pursuant to Section 14.2 or 14.4, Contractor shall withdraw its employees and its equipment, if any, from the Project Site on the effective date of the termination as specified in the notice of termination (which effective date shall not be less than two (2) working days after the date of delivery of the notice), regardless of any claim the Contractor may or may not have against the Owner. Upon termination, the Contractor shall deliver to the Owner all original papers, records, documents, drawings, models and other material set forth and described in the Contract Documents.

**14.6 Termination by the Contractor.** If, through no act or fault of Contractor, the Work is suspended for a period of more than ninety (90) consecutive days by Owner or under an order of court or other public authority, or Owner fails to act on any Application for Payment or fails to pay Contractor any sum finally determined to be due; then Contractor may, upon fourteen (14) days written notice to Owner terminate the Agreement and recover from Owner payment for all Work executed, any expense sustained plus reasonable termination expenses. In lieu of terminating the Agreement, if Owner has failed to act on any Application for Payment or Owner has failed to make any payment as aforesaid, Contractor may upon fourteen (14) days written notice to Owner stop the Work until payment of all amounts then due.

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