



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RFQ 17-1105GE

Perico Preserve Tree Installation

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (hereinafter "County") invites your participation in the following requests for quotes (RFQ). The specifications stated herein are of the minimum requirements. All quotes submitted must be in accordance with the Request for Quotes documents in their entirety.

NON-MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL CONFERENCE: In order to ensure all prospective quoters have sufficient information and understanding of County's needs, an information Conference will be held at: 9:00 AM on April 18, 2017 at the Perico Preserve, 11700 Manatee Ave. W, Bradenton, FL 34209. Attendance is not mandatory, but is highly encouraged

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DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATIONS REQUESTS: 3:00 PM on April 20, 2017

TIME AND DATE DUE: 3:00 PM on April 24, 2017

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**Manatee County Financial Management Department
Procurement Division**

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE: _____

SECTION A
INFORMATION TO QUOTERS

A.01 QUOTATION FORM DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

Any quotes received after the stated time and date will not be considered. Acceptable methods of delivery of quotes are as follows:

Email Address: george.earnest@mymanatee.org

FAX: (941) 749-3034

US MAIL to: Manatee County Procurement Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton FL 34205

A.02 QUOTATION FORMS

All blank spaces on the quotation form must be filled in as noted with amounts extended and totaled and no changes shall be made in the wording of the forms or in the items thereupon. In the event a change is made in your submittal, the quoter shall write its initials by the change. Any quote may be rejected which contains any omissions, alterations, irregularities of any kind, or which shall in any manner fail to conform to the requirements of this RFQ.

A quote made by an individual, either in his/her own or proper person or under a trade or firm name, shall be executed under the individual's signature. If made by a partnership, the quote shall be executed by two or more of the general partners. If made by a corporation, the quote shall be executed by its President or other legally authorized corporate officer or agent.

Quotes must be submitted on attached provided forms, although additional pages may be attached. **Quoters must fully complete all pages of the Quote Forms. Quote Forms must be executed by an authorized signatory who has the legal authority to make the Quote and bind the company. Quoters must fully comply with all requirements of this RFQ in its entirety.** Failure to comply shall result in default of the resulting Contract, whereupon, the defaulting Contractor shall be required to pay for any and all re-procurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by County.

A.03 MATHEMATICAL ERRORS

Quotation Forms without imbedded mathematical formulas:

In the event of multiplication/extension error(s), the unit price shall prevail. In the event of addition error(s) the extension totals will prevail. In the event the dollar amount for contract contingency is omitted, it will be added to the total price of the quote.

Quotation Forms with imbedded mathematical formulas:

Interactive Quotation Forms that contain mathematical formulas may be used for automating lengthy and complex quotation forms. In the event these forms are used and a multiplication/extension error(s) is discovered, the unit price entered by the vendor shall prevail. The vendor shall assume the responsibility and accuracy of the information input in the quotation form and therefore shall verify that the calculations are correct before submitting their quote.

Regardless of which type of quotation form is used, all quotes shall be reviewed mathematically and corrected by the Procurement Division, if necessary, using these standards, prior to additional evaluation.

A.04 EXAMINATION OF QUOTE DOCUMENTS AND SITE(S)

It is the responsibility of each quoter before submitting a quote to (a) examine all RFQ documents thoroughly; (b) consider federal, state, and local codes, laws, and regulations which may affect costs, progress, performance, or furnishing of the work; (c) study and carefully correlate quoter's observations with the RFQ documents; and (d) notify the County of all conflicts, errors, or discrepancies in the RFQ documents prior to the deadline for clarification requests.

A.05 NON-EXCLUSIVE

Unless otherwise stated in this quote specification, any contracts resulting from this quote are nonexclusive. The County reserves the right, in its sole opinion, to purchase items listed in this quote through the State of Florida contracts, cooperatives, other current government contracts, and nonprofit contracts as provided in the Manatee County Procurement Policy. The County reserves the rights to solicit separate quotes for requirements that are a portion of a larger contract quote/bid as a whole. Additionally at the County's sole option, additional contracts may be entered into as a result of such situations as unusual volumes, time/delivery requirements, special requirements, other brands, lease, project specific requirements, or similar situations.

A.06 MODIFICATION OF RFQ DOCUMENTS

If a Quoter wishes to recommend changes to the RFQ documents, the Quoter shall furnish, in writing, data and information necessary to aid County in evaluating the request to modify the Specifications. County is not obligated to make any changes to the RFQ documents. Unless an Addendum is issued, the RFQ documents shall remain unaltered. **Quoters must fully comply with the RFQ documents in their entirety.**

A.07 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Each quoter shall examine all RFQ documents and shall judge all matters relating to their adequacy and accuracy. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFQ shall be made through the Manatee County Procurement Division. Owner shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any Owner employee, representative, or others.

3:00 PM on April 20, 2017 shall be the deadline to submit to the Procurement Division, in writing, all inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFQ.

This deadline has been established to maintain fair treatment of all potential quoters, while maintaining progression of the Work.

The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

It shall be the **responsibility of each quoter, prior to submitting a quote**, to contact the Procurement Division (see contact information on the cover page) to **determine if any addenda were issued** and to make such addenda a part of their quote.

A complete set of the RFQ documents must be used in preparing quotes. County assumes no responsibility for errors and misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of quote documents.

A.08 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 the County or any privately owned or leased property held by the 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 the 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 the County.

(b) Contractor/Vendor agrees that it shall not, as a result of a public records request or for any 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 the County’s Property Management Director or to comply with a court order requiring such release or disclosure. To the extent Contractor/Vendor receives a request for such records, it shall immediately contact the County’s designated Contract Manager who shall coordinate the County’s response to the request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor/Vendor may

1. Disclose or release Security System Plans to:

- (A) The property owner or leaseholder; or
- (B) Another state or federal agency to prevent, detect, guard against, respond to, investigate, or manage the consequences of any attempted or actual act of terrorism, or to prosecute those persons who are responsible for such attempts or acts.

2. Disclose or release 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 the County:

- (A) To another governmental entity if disclosure is necessary for the receiving entity to perform its duties and responsibilities;
- (B) To a licensed architect, engineer, or contractor who is performing work on or related to the building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by the County and is contractually bound by the Contractor/Vendor to comply with this Article/Section; or
- (C) Upon a showing of good cause before a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) For purposes of this Article/Section, the term “Security System Plan” includes all:

1. Records, information, photographs, audio and visual presentations, schematic diagrams, surveys, recommendations, or consultations or portions thereof relating directly to the physical security of the facility or revealing security systems;
2. Threat assessments conducted by any agency or any private entity;
3. Threat response plans;
4. Emergency evacuation plans;
5. Sheltering arrangements; or
6. Manuals for security personnel, emergency equipment, or security training.

A.09 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any RFQ, prospective quoters or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such quoter shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating to the RFQ with any officer, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Procurement Official or the contact identified on the first page of this RFQ, pursuant to the Manatee County Code of Laws. This prohibition includes copying such persons on all written communication, including email correspondence. This requirement begins with the issuance of an RFQ and ends upon execution of the final agreement or when the RFQ has been cancelled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Laws.

A.10 UNBALANCED QUOTING PROHIBITED

County recognizes that large and/or complex projects will often result in a variety of methods, sources, and prices. However, where in the opinion of the County such variation does not appear to be justified, given quote requirements and industry and market conditions, the quote will be presumed to be unbalanced. Examples of unbalanced quotes will include:

- a. Quotes showing omissions, alterations of form, additions not specified, or required conditional or unauthorized alternate quotes.
- b. Quotes quoting prices that substantially deviate, either higher or lower, from those included in the quotes of competitive quoters for the same line item unit costs.
- c. Quotes where the unit costs offered are in excess of or below reasonable cost analysis values.

In the event County determines that a quote is presumed unbalanced, it will request the opportunity to and reserves the right to, review all source quotes, bids, price lists, letters of intent, etc., which the quoter obtained and upon which the quoter relied upon to develop its quote. County reserves the right to reject as nonresponsive any presumptive unbalanced quotes where the quoter is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the unbalanced unit costs.

A.11 WITHDRAWAL OF QUOTES

Quoters may withdraw quotes as follows:

- a. After the quotes are opened or a selection has been determined, but before an agreement is signed, a quoter alleging a material mistake of fact may be permitted to withdraw their quote if:
 1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
 2. Quoter submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made. Request to withdraw a quote must be in writing and approved by the Procurement Official.

A.12 IRREVOCABLE OFFER

Any quote may be withdrawn up until the time and date set for opening of the quote. Any quote not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of ninety (90) days to sell to Manatee County the goods or services set forth in the attached RFQ until one or more of the quotes have been duly accepted by County.

A.13 QUOTE EXPENSES

All expenses for submitting quotes to the County are to be borne by the quoter.

A.14 RESERVED RIGHTS

County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all quotes, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Also, County reserves the right to accept all or any part of the quote and to increase or decrease quantities to meet additional or reduced requirements of County. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by County depending on available competition and current needs of County. For all items combined, the quote of the lowest, responsive, responsible quoter will be accepted, unless all quotes are rejected.

The lowest, responsible quoter shall mean that quoter who makes the lowest quote to sell goods and/or services of a quality which meets or exceeds the quality of goods and/or services set forth in the RFQ documents or otherwise required by County.

To be responsive, a quoter shall submit a quote which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the RFQ. **Quoters must fully comply with the RFQ documents in their entirety.**

To be a responsible quoter, the quoter shall have the capability in all respects to perform fully the quote requirements, and the tenacity, perseverance, experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit which will assure good faith performance.

Also, County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any quoter to furnish the service requested. Information County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the quoter. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to current financial statements, verification of availability of equipment and personnel, and past performance records.

A.15 APPLICABLE LAWS

Quoter 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 agreement. Any involvement with the Manatee County Procurement Division shall be in accordance with the Manatee County Procurement Ordinance as amended.

A.16 COLLUSION

By submitting a quote in response to this RFQ, quoter certifies that it has not divulged, discussed or compared its quote with any other quoter, and has not colluded with any other quoter or parties to this quote whatsoever. Also, quoter certifies, and in the case of a joint quote each party thereto certifies as to their own organization, that in connection with this quote:

- a. any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and/or cost data, with any other quoter or with any competitor;
- b. any prices and/or cost data quoted for this quote have not been knowingly disclosed by the quoter and will not knowingly be disclosed by the quoter, prior to the scheduled opening, directly or indirectly to any other quoter or to any competitor;
- c. no attempt has been made or will be made by the quoter to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a quote for the purpose of restricting competition;
- d. the only person or persons interested in this quote, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this quote or in the resulting agreement to be entered into; and
- e. no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the resulting agreement upon an agreement or understanding or a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee except bona fide employees or established commercial agencies maintained by quoter for purpose of doing business.

A.17 CODE OF ETHICS

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

By submitting a quote, the quoter represents to County that all statements made and materials submitted are truthful, with no relevant facts withheld. If a quoter is determined to have been untruthful in their quote or any related presentation, such quoter will be disqualified from eligibility to provide the goods and/or services described in this RFQ, and may also be disqualified from furnishing future goods or services to, and from submitting any future quotes to supply goods or services to Manatee County.

A.18 PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, as that term is defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, may not submit a quote to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a quote with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit quotes on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under an agreement with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months following the date of being placed on the convicted list.

In addition, the Manatee County Procurement Code prohibits the award of any quote to any person or entity who/which has, within the past five (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 Procurement Official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a responsible matter.

To ensure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to do business with County to execute and file with the Procurement 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 County. In the case of a business entity other than a partnership or a corporation, such affidavit shall be executed by an authorized agent of the entity. In the case of a partnership, such affidavit shall be executed by the general partner(s). A Public Contracting and Environmental Crimes Certification form is attached herein for this purpose.

A.19 CONTRACT

The Agreement made as a result of the acceptance of any quote from this Request for Quotes shall be made in the form of a Purchase Order and the successful Quoter shall be bound by the terms and conditions contained in this Request for Quotes as well as the Purchase Order.

Should a conflict exist between the terms and conditions contained in this Request for Quotes and the resulting Purchase Order, the terms contained in this Request for Quotes shall take precedence.

A.20 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Manatee County reserves the right to terminate any contract, at any time, with or without cause.

A.21 PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

It is the intent of this Request for Quotation to include requirements and to obtain quotes on behalf of Manatee County and reserve the right for the entities belonging to the Sarasota Bay Chapter of NIGP to obtain purchases from this quote proposal. This opportunity is also made available to any and all local, County, Public Educational Institutions, non-profits, and the State of Florida.

Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Manatee County will not be financially responsible for the purchase of other entities from this solicitation.

A.22 DISCOUNTS

Any and all discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the quote and not shown separately. The prices indicated on the Quotation Form shall be the prices used in determining award.

A.23 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 quoter is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in his quote for any sales or service taxes. Nothing herein shall affect the quoter's normal tax liability.

The successful quoter shall be responsible for the payment of taxes of any kind and character, including, but not limited to sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes payable on account of the work performed and materials furnished under the award in accordance with the laws and regulations of the place of the project which are applicable during the performance of the work. Nothing herein shall affect the quoter's normal tax liability.

A.24 DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the RFQ documents, all equipment, materials and articles provided shall be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the RFQ documents, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition.

A.25 DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified, all prices are to be FOB Destination.

A.26 AUTHORIZED PRODUCT REPRESENTATION

The quoter, by virtue of submitting the name and specifications of a manufacturer's product, will be required to furnish the named manufacturer's product. Failure to do so may, in the County's sole discretion, be deemed a material breach of the resulting agreement and shall constitute grounds for County's immediate termination of the resulting agreement.

A.27 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS

The successful quoter shall pay all royalties and license fees for equipment or processes in conjunction with the equipment and/or services being furnished. Successful quoter shall defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright, and shall save County harmless from loss on account thereof, including costs and attorney's fees'

A.28 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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 Quote Opening should contact the person named on the cover page of this RFQ document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

A.29 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, County hereby notifies all quoters that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this RFQ and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or marital status in consideration of quote award.

A.30 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE / DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

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

A.31 SUBCONTRACTORS

The successful quoter will obtain prior written approval from the County for any subcontractor(s) and the work they will perform. A subcontractor is defined as any entity performing work within the scope of the project who is not an employee of the successful quoter.

Quoters subcontracting any portion of the work shall include a list of subcontractors along with their quote. The list shall include: name and address of subcontractor, type of work to be performed and the percent of the contract amount to be subcontracted.

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the successful quoter 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 quoter to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the successful quoter 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 within the United States shall be employed under this contract.

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

If County has reasonable objection to any subcontractor, the County may request the successful quoter to submit an acceptable substitute without an increase in contract sum or contract time.

If successful quoter declines to make any such substitution, the County may award the resulting agreement to the next lowest qualified quoter that proposes to use acceptable subcontractors, who County does not make written objection to. In the event the successful quoter declines to make any such substitution post award, the County may exercise its right to terminate the agreement.

The successful quoter shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees and subcontractors. New employees brought in after contract award shall follow the same requirement stated above for the life of the contract.

A.32 DISCLOSURE

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

Quotes 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 quote shall be conducted at the quote opening.

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

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT OWNER'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: (941) 742-5845, debbie.scaccianoce@mymanatee.org, Attn: Records Manager, 1112 Manatee Ave W., Bradenton, FL 34205.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 119.0701, to the extent CONTRACTOR is performing services on behalf of the COUNTY, contractor must:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by public agency to perform the service.
- 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 contractor 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 contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements.

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

A.33 LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local business is defined as a business legally authorized to engage in the sale of the goods and/or services, and which certifies within its quote that for at least six (6) months prior to the announcement of the Request For Quotes it has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one full-time employee at that location.

Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of agreements:

1. Purchases or agreements which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions governing the funds prohibit the preference.
2. Any quote announcement which specifically provides that local preference, as set forth in this section, is suspended due to the unique nature of the goods or services sought, the existence of an emergency as found by either the County Commission or County Administrator, or where such suspension is, in the opinion of the County Attorney, required by law.
3. For a competitive solicitation for construction services in which fifty percent (50%) or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds which have been appropriated at the time of the competitive solicitation.

To qualify for local preference under this section, **a local business must provide certification to County** by completing an “**Affidavit as to Local Business**” form which is available for download at www.myanatee.org/vendor. Click on “Affidavit for Local Business” to access and print the form. Complete, notarize, and mail the notarized original to: Manatee County Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205.

It is the responsibility of the quoter to ensure accuracy of the affidavit and notify County of any changes affecting same.

A.34 VENDOR REGISTRATION

Registering your business will provide Manatee County a sourcing opportunity to identify supplies of goods and services, plus identify local businesses.

You may register online at www.mymanatee.org/vendor. If you need any assistance, please call (941) 749-3014, Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excluding holidays, and the Procurement Division can assist you as needed.

Registration is not mandatory; however, by taking the time to register, you are helping the County to provide timely notification of quotation, bid and proposal opportunities to your business.

A.35 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

All quoters are encouraged to use as many environmentally preferable “green” products, materials, supplies, etc. as possible in order to promote a safe and healthy environment. Environmentally preferable are products or services that have a reduced adverse effect on the environment.

Quoters shall acknowledge whether or not their organization has an environmental sustainability initiative by checking the appropriate box on the quote form. In addition, the quoter shall submit a summary of their environmental sustainability initiative along with their quote. This information will be used as a determining factor in the award decision when all other evaluative factors, including local preference policies are otherwise equal.

A.36 Epayables

Manatee County Board of County Commissioners and the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court have partnered to offer the ePayables program, which allows payments to be made to vendors via credit cards.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court will issue a unique credit card number to vendor after goods are delivered or services rendered, vendors submit invoices to the remit to address on the purchase order. When payments are authorized, an email notification is sent to the vendor. The email notification includes the invoice number(s), invoice date(s), and amount of payment. There is no cost for vendors to participate in this program; however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please complete the ePayables Application attached herein and return the completed form via email to Ms. Lori Bryan, Supervisor at lori.bryan@manateeclerk.com.

A.37 FUNDING

This quote is subject to the appropriation of funds in an amount sufficient to allow continuation of the County’s performance in accordance with the terms and conditions of this quote. The county shall provide prompt written notice to the vendor that sufficient funds have not been appropriated to continue its full and faithful performance under the terms of this quote, and shall, effective thirty (30) days after giving such notice or upon the expiration of the time for which funds were appropriated, whichever occurs first, be thereafter released of all further obligations in any way related to the quote.

A.38 **CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCY/HURRICANE OR DISASTER – TERM CONTRACTS**

It is hereby made a part of this Request for Quotation that before, during and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, flood, or other acts of God that Manatee County shall require a “first priority” basis for services. It is vital and imperative that the majority of citizens are protected from any emergency situation which threatens public health and safety, as determined by the County.

Therefore, the Contractor agrees to provide services to the County or other governmental entities as opposed to a private citizen, on a first priority basis. The County expects to pay contractual prices for all services required during an emergency situation. Contractor shall furnish a twenty-four (24) hours phone number in the event of such an emergency.

A.39 **PRECEDENCE**

Statements contained in the Terms and Conditions, Scope of Work, or Quote Summary section of this Request for Quotation, which vary from the information contained in this section A, Information to Quoters, shall have precedence.

END OF SECTION A

SECTION B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

B.01 PURPOSE

It is the intent of Manatee County to establish a single agreement with a qualified quoter for the installation of trees at the Perico Preserve, 11700 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 34209. It is the specific purpose of this quotation to establish an agreement for the required services to secure cost and availability.

B.02 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Vendor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or of his right, title, or interest therein, or his power to execute such Agreement, or to assign any monies due or to become due there under to any other person, firm or corporation unless first obtaining the written consent of the County. The giving of such consent to a particular subcontractor assignment shall not dispense with the necessity of such consent to any further or other assignment.

B.03 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be considered in default in performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that performance of such obligations, or any of them, is delayed or prevented by Force Majeure. Force Majeure shall include, but not be limited to, hostility, revolution, civil commotion, strike, epidemic, accident, fire, flood, wind, earthquake, lack of or failure of transportation facilities, any law, proclamation, regulation ordinance or other act of government, or any act of God or any cause whether of the same or different nature, existing or future; provided that the cause, whether or not enumerated in this item B.03, is beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the party seeking relief.

B.04 PRICES & TERM

Quoters shall quote unit prices, F.O.B. destination, including all discounts in accordance with unit of quantity indicated on Quote Form. The prices quoted shall be firm for the contract period and shall include payment in full for all transportation, labor, and equipment used in providing the services as specified herein.

B.05 PAYMENT (Net 45)

Payment shall be lump sum at the completion of the project and acceptance by the County. Within forty-five (45) days after submittal by the vendor, acceptance by the County, and presentation of an appropriate invoice, the County shall pay the total amount due. The invoice must indicate the Purchase Order number.

B.06 CANCELLATION

Any failure of the contractor to furnish or perform the Work (including commencement of the Work, supplying sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment) in accordance with the contract, the County may order the stop of the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated. If the vendor fails to perform the Work in accordance with the contract, the County reserves the right to terminate the contract and select the next qualified quoter or re-advertise this procurement in part or in whole.

B.07 INDEMNIFICATION

The successful vendor covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County, its agents and employees, from and against all claims, suits, actions, damages, causes of action, or judgments arising out of the terms of the resulting agreement for any personal injury, loss of life, or damage to the property sustained as a result of the performance or non-performance of services or delivery of goods; from and against any orders, judgments, or decrees, which may be entered against the County, its agents or employees; and from and against all costs, attorney's fees, expenses and other liabilities incurred in the defense of any such claim, suit or action, and the investigation thereof. Nothing in the award, resulting agreement, contract or Purchase Order shall be deemed to affect the rights, privileges and immunities of the County as set forth in Florida Statute Section 768.28.

B.08 REGULATIONS

It shall be the responsibility of the quoter to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA and/or other Federal or State of Florida rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

B.09 CONFORMANCE TO SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Awarded Quoter shall conform to all safety, site rules and regulations affecting the services. These include but are not limited to: keeping public areas free of waste materials, caution tape, cones, removing all rubbish from site(s) daily before leaving the premises and strictly adhering to all local and/or State safety codes.

END OF SECTION B

SECTION C
SCOPE OF WORK

C.01 **SCOPE OF WORK**

The Awarded Quoter shall furnish all labor, material, equipment, and supervision needed to install the native trees listed in this RFQ and provide a temporary irrigation system for the County to use in establishing the trees. All service personnel shall be uniformed (with the Contractor's name prominent on the uniform) and be skilled in all services as listed herein.

The work to be completed is summarized as follows:

1. 138 (one hundred and thirty-eight) 30-Gallon trees,
2. 60 (sixty) 15-Gallon trees,
3. 184 (one hundred and eighty-four) 3-Gallon trees,
4. 26 (twenty-six) full grown cabbage palms,
5. the installation of a temporary "above ground" irrigation system serving 30-Gallon, 15-Gallon, and cabbage palms. (Excluding only the 3-Gallon trees)

C.02 **WORK SPECIFICATIONS**

The installation of trees shall be performed in accordance with specifications listed in the University of Florida, IFAS Extension Publication titled "Specifications for Planting Trees and Shrubs in the Southeastern U.S." (Publication # ENH856). See Exhibit 1 attached. **THIS SPECIFICATION WILL BE FOLLOWED OR CONTRACTOR WILL RE-PLANT AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COUNTY.** This includes fertilization, mulching, and staking. Contractor shall be prepared and equipped to flood the trees with water when they are planted to remove air pockets. Trees shall be Florida #1 Grade or better as applicable in accordance with "Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants 2015". Trees not meeting these standards will be rejected.

The temporary above ground irrigation system will receive water from a County owned and operated 1000-Gallon water trailer equipped with a trash pump. The expectation is for the contractor to install a working system that County staff can hook up a 2" quick connect male end and run as needed to establish planted trees. The trailer and pump will be made available on the site to confirm proper operation of the system. Irrigation may be set up with several watering zones to account for pressure capabilities of County pump and to prevent the need for trail closure. Upon approval of the system by County staff, contractor will not be responsible for maintenance of the system. System should include tubing, emitter lines, emitters, pressure regulators, backflow preventers, etc.

Contractor is responsible for installation of trees and temporary irrigation system to satisfaction of County Project Manager. Upon approval of materials and installation by County Project Manager watering will be the County's responsibility and therefore no warranty on survivorship is expected.

At commencement of this project Manatee County staff will meet onsite with the Contractor to supervise plantings and identify specific logistical issues, such as planting areas, and access routes. All plant materials and equipment brought onto this site shall be free of dirt, seeds, or vegetation which could introduce exotic species onto this site. Trees will be installed generally in locations as shown below. County staff will flag the exact locations of each tree prior to planting. All areas are accessible by heavy equipment except for the 1,285' "Purple Line", which consists of 3-Gallon trees to be planted by hand.

TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS



PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

Note: Spacing is in feet.

Red Zone					
Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Spacing	% of total	QTY
Slash Pine	<i>Pinus eliottii</i> var. <i>densa</i>	15 Gal	30	100%	60
Green Zone					
Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Spacing	% of total	QTY
Laurel Oak	<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	30 Gal	20	20%	14
Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	30 Gal	20	20%	14
Gumbo Limbo	<i>Bursera simaruba</i>	30 Gal	20	20%	14
Strangler Fig	<i>Ficus aurea</i>	30 Gal	20	20%	14
Cabbage Palm	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	< 10' CT	20	20%	14
Orange Zone					
Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Spacing	% of total	QTY
Buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	30 Gal	20	100%	58
355' Blue Line					
Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Spacing	% of total	QTY
Buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	30 Gal	10	33%	12
Cabbage Palm	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	< 10' CT	10	33%	12
Seagrape	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>	30 Gal	10	33%	12
1285' Purple Line					
Common Name	Scientific Name	Size	Spacing	% of total	QTY
Buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	3 Gal	7	50%	92
Seagrape	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>	3 Gal	7	50%	92

C.03 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY

The Contractor shall continuously maintain adequate protection of all their work from damage and shall protect all property from loss arising in connection with the work. The Contractor shall at all times so conduct their work as to assure the least possible obstruction to traffic and inconvenience to the general public in the vicinity of the work and to insure the protection of persons and property, satisfactorily to the County. No road or street shall be closed to the public, except with the permission of the County. Fire hydrants on or adjacent to the work shall be kept accessible at all times.

C.04 WORK AUTHORIZATION

The work schedule shall be coordinated with the Project Manager for a completion date of no later than May 31, 2017, before any work is to commence.

C.05 WORKING HOURS

All work shall be performed during daylight hours. The project completion deadline is May 31, 2017.

END OF SECTION C

SECTION D
QUOTE SUMMARY

D.01 **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF QUOTERS**

The Contractor shall have been in this line of business for at least three (3) years in the state of Florida at the same address. All quoters must submit with their quote the Questionnaire/References form included herein.

D.02 **BASIS OF AWARD**

The award shall be made to the lowest responsive, responsible quoter, meeting all specifications.

In evaluating quotes, the Owner shall consider the qualifications of the quoters; and if required, may also consider the qualifications of the Subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed. Owner may also consider the operating costs, maintenance requirements, performance data and guarantees of major items of materials and equipment proposed for incorporation in the Work.

Whenever two or more quotes are equal with respect to price, the quote received from a local business shall be given preference in award.

Whenever two or more quotes are equal with respect to price, and all other evaluative factors are otherwise equal, including local preference policies, if the company provides documented environmentally preferable “green” products, materials, or supplies, they shall be given preference in award.

Whenever two or more quotes which are equal with respect to price are received, and neither of these quotes are from a local business, and neither of these quotes provides documented “green” products, the award shall be determined by a chance drawing, coin toss, or similar tie-breaking method conducted by the Procurement Division and open to the public.

END OF SECTION D

SECTION E
INSURANCE AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS

The Successful Quoter will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated herein have been obtained. The Successful Quoter shall obtain and submit to the Procurement Division within ten (10) calendar days from the date of notice of intent to award, at his expense, the following minimum amounts of insurance (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy):

Insurance / Bond Type	Required Limits
1. ☒ Automobile Liability:	Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form including coverage for all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles. \$ <u>1,000,000</u> combined single limit, or \$ _____ bodily injury and \$ _____ property damage. Coverage must also include \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (No Fault), \$ _____ Hired-Non Owned Liability and \$10,000 Medical Payments. <i>This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.</i>
2. ☒ Commercial General Liability: (Occurrence Form - patterned after the current ISO form)	Coverage shall be afforded under a per occurrence policy form. \$<u>1,000,000</u> single limit per occurrence; \$<u>1,000,000</u> aggregate \$ _____ Products/Completed Operations Aggregate \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability \$100,000 Fire Damage Liability \$10,000 Medical Expense, and \$ _____ Third Party Property Damage. \$ _____ Project Specific Aggregate (Required on projects valued at over \$10,000,000) <i>This policy shall contain severability of interests' provisions.</i>
3. ☒ Employer's Liability:	\$<u>100,000</u> each accident \$ _____ disease each employee \$ _____ disease policy limit
4. ☒ Worker's Compensation:	Statutory Limits of Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and all Federal Government Statutory Limits & Requirements. 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. <u>Note:</u> 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 employee liability coverage for all personnel on the worksite and in compliance with the above requirements.

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	<u>Note:</u> 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.
5. ☐ Other Insurance, as noted:	a. ☐ Aircraft Liability \$ _____ per occurrence Coverage shall be carried in limits of not less than \$5,000,000 each occurrence if applicable to the completion of the services under this Agreement. b. ☐ Installation Floater If the resulting Agreement does not include construction of or additions to above ground building or structures, but does involve the installation of machinery or equipment, Successful Quoter shall provide an "Installation Floater" with the minimum amount of insurance to be 100% of the value of such addition(s), building(s), or structure(s). c. ☐ Pollution \$ _____ per occurrence d. ☐ Professional Liability and/or Errors and Omissions (E&O) Liability Professional (E&O) Liability shall be afforded for the Bodily Injury and Property Damage for not less than \$ _____ Each Claim, \$1,000,000 Policy Aggregate. e. ☐ Builder's Risk Insurance When this 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, the following insurance coverage must be afforded: Coverage Form: Completed Value, All Risk (Roadways/Buildings and Machinery/Equipment) in an amount equal to 100% of the value upon completion or the value of the equipment to be installed. Coverage should 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. The policy shall not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$10,000.

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	f. ☐ Cyber Liability Coverage must comply with Florida Statute 501.171 and must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for 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, and \$_____ Public Relations Expense. The policy must not carry a self-insured retention/deductible greater than \$_____. g. ☐ Hazardous Materials Insurance Hazardous materials includes all materials and substances that are now designated or defined as hazardous by Florida or Federal law or by the rules of regulations of Florida or any Federal Agency. <i>Pollution Liability</i> Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for limits not less than the value of the contract, subject to a \$_____ minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate. <i>Asbestos Liability (If handling within scope of Contract)</i> Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for limits not less than the value of the contract, subject to a \$_____ minimum, for Bodily Injury and Property Damage to include sudden and gradual release, each claim and aggregate. <i>Disposal</i> Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for limits not less than the value of the contract, subject to a \$_____ minimum, for Liability for Sudden and Accidental Occurrences, each claim and an aggregate and not less than the value of the contract, subject to a \$_____ minimum, for Liability for Non-Sudden Occurrences, each claim and aggregate. <i>Hazardous Waste Transportation Insurance</i> Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for limits not less than the value of the contract, subject to a \$_____ minimum, per accident. The Successful Quoter shall designate the hauler and have the hauler furnish a Certificate of Insurance for Automobile Liability Insurance with Endorsement MCS-90

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	for liability arising out of the transportation of hazardous materials. The Successful Quoter must also provide the EPA Identification Number. (a) h. ☐ Liquor Liability Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for limits not less than \$_____ Each Occurrence and Aggregate. (b) i. ☐ Garage Keeper's Liability 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 must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for limits not less than equal to the full replacement value of the lot or garage. (c) j. ☐ Bailee's Customer Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence policy form for limits not less than equal to the full replacement value of the lot or garage. k. ☐ Watercraft \$_____ per occurrence
6. ☐ Bid Bond:	A construction project over \$200,000 requires a Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid offer. Bid bond shall be submitted with the sealed bid and shall include project name, location, and / or address and project number. In lieu of the bond, the quoter 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.
7. ☐ Payment and Performance Bond:	A construction project over \$100,000 requires a Payment and Performance Bond be submitted by Successful Quoter 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.

Reviewed by Risk: WLK

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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 Quoter, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the Successful Quoter; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Successful Quoter. 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 Quoter 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 Quoter'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 Quoter'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 Quoter for the County.

II. GENERAL INSURANCE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL POLICIES:

- a. 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 Quoter 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.
- b. 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.

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In addition, when requested in writing from the County, Successful Quoter 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

- c. The project's solicitation number and title shall be listed on each certificate.
 - d. Successful Quoter 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.
 - e. Successful Quoter agrees that should at any time Successful Quoter fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the County may terminate this contract.
 - f. The Successful Quoter waives all subrogation rights against Manatee 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.
 - g. The Successful Quoter has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
 - h. It is the Successful Quoter's responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. Successful Quoter shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or Successful Quoter 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.
 - i. 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 Quoter's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.
- III.** Successful Quoter 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 Quoter's obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
- IV.** The enclosed Hold Harmless Agreement shall be signed by the Successful Quoter and shall become a part of the contract.

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- V. Successful Quoter 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.
- VI. No award shall be made until the Procurement Division has received the Certificate of Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement in accordance with this section.

VII. BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Payment and Performance Bonds. Prior to commencing work, the Successful Quoter shall obtain, for the benefit of and directed to County, a Payment and Performance Bond satisfying the requirements of Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, covering the faithful performance by the Successful Quoter 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 Quoter 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 Quoter being deemed nonresponsive. Bonds must be in the form prescribed in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, and must not contain notice, demand or other terms and conditions, including informal pre-claim meetings, not provided for in Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

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 Section 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, prior to commencing work, the Successful Quoter 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 Section 255.05(1)(b), Florida Statutes, County will make no payment to the Successful Quoter until the Successful Quoter 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 the Agreement with the premiums paid by the Successful Quoter. Failure of the Successful Quoter 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 quoter or re-advertise this IFB.

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

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QUOTER'S INSURANCE STATEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED has read and understands the aforementioned insurance and bond requirements of this RFQ and shall provide the insurance and bonds required by this section within ten (10) days from the date of notice of intent to award.

Quoter Name: _____ Date: _____

Authorized
Quoter's
Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Insurance Agency: _____

Agent Name: _____ Agent Phone: _____

Surety Agency: _____

Surety Name: _____ Surety Phone: _____

Please return this completed and signed statement with your quote.

QUOTATION FORM

DATE DUE: 3:00 PM on April 24, 2017

To: Manatee County Procurement
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803
Bradenton, Florida 34205
Attention: George Earnest CPPB, Buyer
Or via email: george.earnest@mymanatee.org
Or via Fax @ (941) 749-3034

RE: RFQ 17-1105GE Perico Preserve Tree Installation

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we have carefully reviewed the quote documents, and with full knowledge and understanding of the aforementioned herewith submit this quote, meeting each and every specification, term, and condition contained in the Request for Quotes.

We understand that the quote specifications, terms, and conditions in their entirety shall be made a part of any agreement or contract between Manatee County and the successful quoter. Failure to comply shall result in contract default, whereupon, the defaulting contractor shall be required to pay for any and all reprocurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by the County.

COMPANY NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

(Print Name & Title of Signer) DATE: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

TEL. NO.: _____ FAX NO.: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Acknowledge Addendum No. ____ Dated: _____

QUOTATION FORM
RFQ 17-1105GE, PERICO PRESERVE TREE INSTALLATION

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>
1	RED ZONE – Slash Pine	\$	X 60 Ea =	\$
2	GREEN ZONE – Laurel Oak	\$	X 14 Ea =	\$
3	GREEN ZONE – Live Oak	\$	X 14 Ea =	\$
4	GREEN ZONE – Gumbo Limbo	\$	X 14 Ea =	\$
5	GREEN ZONE – Strangler Fig	\$	X 14 Ea =	\$
6	GREEN ZONE – Cabbage Palm	\$	X 14 Ea =	\$
7	ORANGE ZONE – Buttonwood	\$	X 58 Ea =	\$
8	BLUE LINE – Buttonwood	\$	X 12 Ea =	\$
9	BLUE LINE – Cabbage Palm	\$	X 12 Ea =	\$
10	BLUE LINE – Seagrape	\$	X 12 Ea =	\$
11	PURPLE LINE – Buttonwood	\$	X 92 Ea =	\$
12	PURPLE LINE - Seagrape	\$	X 92 Ea =	\$
13	Installation of temporary watering system	\$	X 1 Lump Sum =	\$
Grand Total For Award Purposes (Sum of Items 1 to 13 Extended Totals)				\$

Company Name _____

END OF QUOTATION FORM

ATTACHMENT "A" - CONTRACTOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE

**RFQ 17-1105GE
PERICO PRESERVE TREE INSTALLATION**

The Quoter warrants the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained.
(Attach additional pages if necessary.)

1. **Contact Information:**

Company Name: _____
Physical Address: _____
City: _____ State of Incorporation: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: () _____ Fax Number: () _____
Email address: _____

2. Quoting as: an individual ____; a partnership ____; a corporation ____; a joint venture ____

3. Quoter is authorized to do business in the State of Florida: ____ Yes ____ No
For how many years? _____

4. Have you ever been assessed liquidated damages under a contract during the past five (5) years? If so, state when, where (contact name, address, and phone number) and why.

5. Have you ever failed to complete Work awarded to you? Or failed to complete projects within contract time? If so, state when, where (contact name, address, phone number) and why:

6. Will you subcontract any part of this Work? If so, describe which portion(s) and to whom.

Company Name _____

7. Three current references from commercial projects in Florida for similar services.

A. CUSTOMER NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ SERVICE PERIOD: _____

SERVICE DETAILS: _____

B. CUSTOMER NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ SERVICE PERIOD: _____

SERVICE DETAILS: _____

C. CUSTOMER NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ SERVICE PERIOD: _____

SERVICE DETAILS: _____

Company Name _____

END OF ATTACHMENT "A"

ATTACHMENT "B"
STATEMENT OF NO QUOTE

If you do not intend to quote please return this form immediately to:

Manatee County Procurement
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803
Bradenton, Florida 34205

We, the undersigned, have declined to quote on RFQ No.: 17-1105GE Perico Preserve Tree Installation, for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Specifications too restrictive, i.e., geared toward one brand or manufacturer.
- ☐ Insufficient time to respond
- ☐ We do not offer this product or service
- ☐ Our schedule would not permit us to perform
- ☐ Unable to meet specifications
- ☐ Unable to meet Bond requirement
- ☐ Specifications unclear (explain below)
- ☐ Unable to meet insurance requirements
- ☐ Remove us from your "Bidders List"
- ☐ Other (specify below)

REMARKS:

We understand that if we do not submit a Quote and this Statement of No Quote is not executed and returned, our name may be deleted from your Bidders List for this commodity or service.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(Print or type name and title of above signer)

END OF ATTACHMENT "B"

Attachment "C"

PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2-26-54, MANATEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE

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 the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by _____
[print individual's name and title]

_____ for _____
[print 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 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 the 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 bidders or prospective bidders 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, in the sole opinion of the County's Procurement Director, 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 an entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he 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 among 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 judgement has been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall prove the same with documentation satisfactory to the County's Procurement Director. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with the County.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR MANATEE COUNTY IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY CONTRACT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER OR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT **SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.**

[Signature]

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____ by _____.

Personally known _____ OR Produced 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.

END OF ATTACHMENT "C"

Specifications for Planting Trees and Shrubs in the Southeastern U.S.¹

Edward F. Gilman²

Digging the Hole

Before digging the hole in well drained soil:

1. Locate the point where the topmost root emerges from the trunk (it should be within the top 2 inches of the ball), and
2. Measure the distance between the topmost root and the bottom of the root ball. Dig the hole about 10% less than this distance and as wide as possible (at least 1.5 times the width of the ball). Remove excess soil to ensure that the topmost root is no more than 2 inches below the surface. Sever circling roots where appropriate. The root ball should be positioned in the hole so the finished grade of the landscape soil is even with or slightly lower than the point where the topmost root emerges from the trunk (Figure 1 and Figure 2). Then apply soil or mulch so it covers the sides of the root ball.

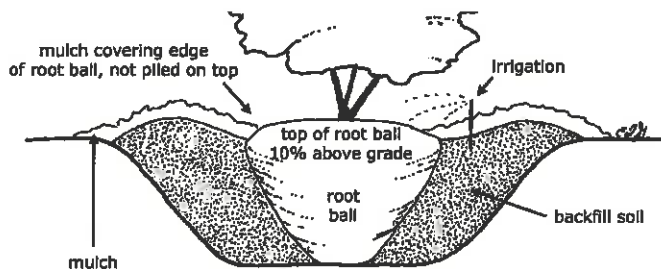


Figure 1. The root ball should be positioned in the hole so that the finished grade of the backfill soil and landscape soil is lower than the top of the root ball

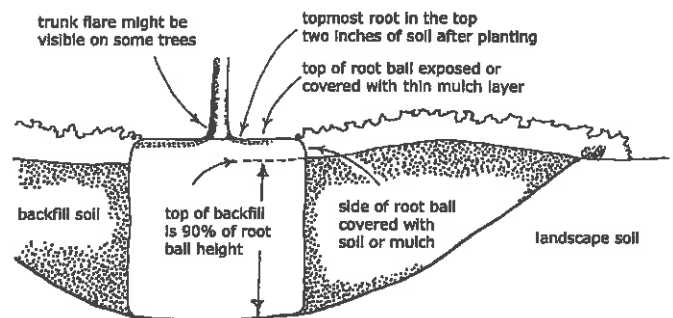


Figure 2. Apply a 3-inch-thick layer of mulch around the plant to help discourage weeds. Apply only a thin layer over the root ball.

Be sure that when you are finished planting, there is *no landscape soil* and little or no mulch placed on top of the root ball. Landscape soil (as well as thick mulch layers more than 1 or 2 inches deep) spread over the root ball can prevent water and air from entering the root ball. When finished planting, the point where the topmost root in the root ball originates from the trunk should be within the top two inches of the root ball. The trunk flare might be visible on some trees depending on age and tree type. **In poorly drained soil**, position the top of the root ball 10% or more above the surrounding landscape soil.

Tip: Never place any soil over the root ball.

Fertilization

Slow-release (or controlled-release) fertilizer can be applied on top of the root ball and backfill soil or on top of

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the mulch at planting. There is no need to mix it with the backfill soil or place it at the bottom of the planting hole because most roots end up close to the soil surface in urban and suburban landscapes. Under most circumstances, mulch will not steal the fertilizer from the tree. Adding slow-release fertilizer at planting has not been associated with either improved survival or increased growth after planting. It will not hurt the plant provided it is applied according to the directions on the product. On the other hand, adding soluble fertilizer to a newly installed plant could burn roots if too much is applied. This will injure the plant and could kill it. Any nitrogen source can be applied to established trees with about the same effect.

Mulching

Weed and turf suppression during establishment is essential. Apply a 3-inch-thick layer of mulch around the plant to help discourage weeds (Figure 2). An area 2 feet in diameter for each inch of tree trunk diameter (minimum diameter should be 8 feet for trees with a trunk diameter less than 3 inches) should be maintained during the establishment period. If you wish to place mulch over the root ball, apply only a thin layer over the outer half of the root ball. This keeps the trunk dry and allows rainwater, irrigation, and air to easily enter the root ball. Mulch resting on the trunk or layered too thick can kill the plant by starving it of oxygen, killing the bark, causing stem and root decay, preventing hardening off, encouraging rodent damage to the trunk, keeping soil too wet, and repelling water. Mulch on the root ball has little impact on water lost from the tree since most of the moisture that leaves the root ball does so by transpiration, not evaporation. Only a small amount (< 10%) leaves the root ball by evaporation from the surface of the root ball.

Staking

In many instances, if root balls are heavy enough, stakes are not necessary. Stake to stabilize the root ball (Figures 3, 4 and 5). Many field-grown trees do not need staking because their root balls are heavy enough to stabilize the tree in the ground. Some container-grown trees will require staking in open areas because root balls are much lighter in weight.

Establishment

Trees and shrubs provided with regular irrigation through the first growing season after transplanting require about 3 months (hardiness zones 9-11) to 6 months (zones 7-8), per inch of trunk diameter to fully establish roots in the landscape soil. Plants that are under-irrigated during this establishment period often require additional time to

establish because roots grow more slowly. Most trees are under-irrigated during the establishment period. Because roots are not fully established, be prepared to irrigate through the entire establishment period, especially in drought.

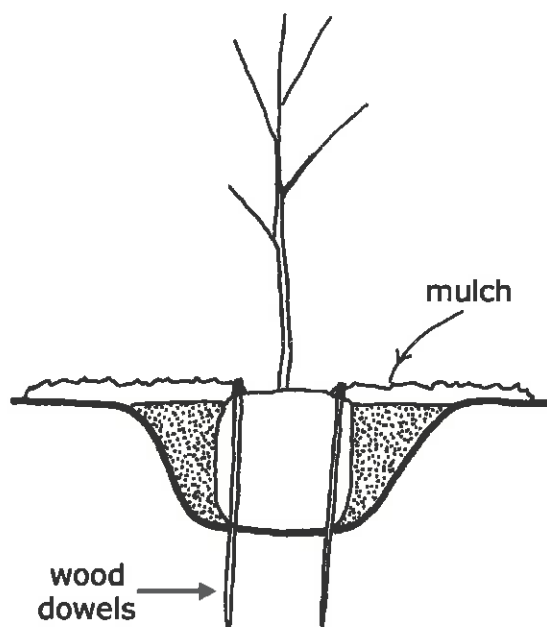


Figure 3. Two or three (2 shown) wood dowels driven through edge of root ball. These do not have to be removed because they simply rot in place. There is no danger of this system girdling the trunk since nothing is attached to the trunk.

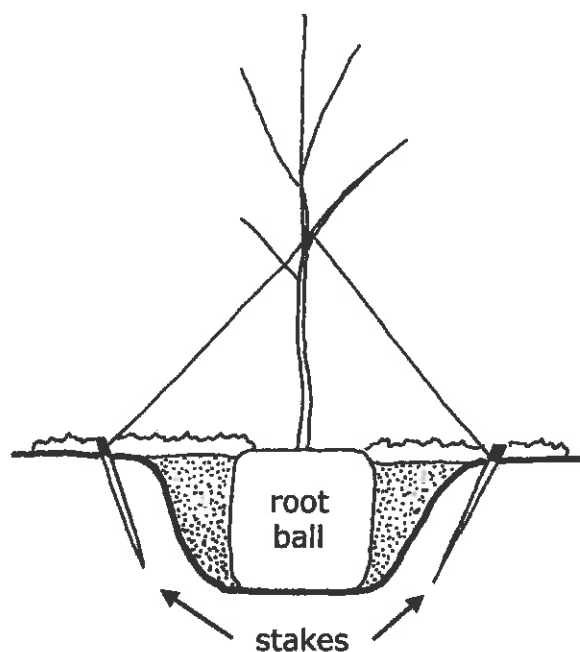


Figure 4. Traditional staking could girdle the trunk.

Irrigation

Unlike established plants, research clearly shows that recently transplanted trees and shrubs establish most quickly with light, frequent irrigation. For trees planted in spring or summer, provide two (cooler hardiness zones) to three irrigations (warmer hardiness zones) each week during the first few months after planting (Table 1). Daily irrigation in the warmest hardiness zones provides the quickest establishment. Following the initial few months of frequent irrigation, provide weekly irrigation until plants are fully established. At each irrigation, apply about 2 to 3 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter (e.g. 4-6 gallons for a 2-inch tree) over the root ball. There is no need to wet the soil outside the root ball in most instances in the eastern U.S. where rainfall is plentiful. There may be a benefit to wetting soil outside the root ball in drier climates. Never add irrigation if the root ball is saturated.

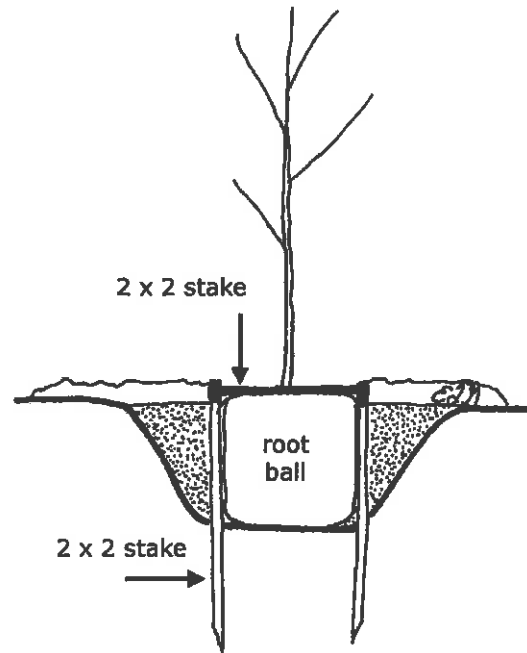


Figure 5. One horizontal 2-inch x 2-inch stake screwed to two vertical 2 x 2s against the side of the root ball. A second set is used on the other side for larger trees if needed.

Table 1. Irrigation Scheduling for Recently Planted Trees

Size of Nursery Stock	Irrigation Schedule for Vigor ^{1,3}	Irrigation Schedule for Survival ^{2,3,4}
< 2 inch caliper	Daily for 2 weeks; every other day for 2 months; weekly until established.	Twice weekly for 2-3 months
2-4 inch caliper	Daily for 1 month; every other day for 3 months; weekly until established.	Twice weekly for 3-4 months
> 4 inch caliper	Daily for 6 weeks; every other day for 5 months; weekly until established.	Twice weekly for 4-5 months

¹ Delete daily irrigation when planting in winter. Irrigation frequency can be reduced slightly (e.g. two to three times each week instead of every other day) when planting hardened-off, field-grown trees that were root-pruned during production. Establishment takes three (hardiness zones 10-11) to four (hardiness zones 8-9) months per inch trunk caliper.

² Irrigation frequency can be reduced slightly (e.g. to once or twice each week) when planting hardened-off, field-grown trees that were root-pruned during production.

³ At each irrigation, apply 2 to 3 gallons per inch trunk caliper to the root ball. Ensure that all water soaks into the root ball. Do not water if root ball is wet/saturated on the irrigation day.

⁴ Trees take much longer to establish than 3 to 4 months per inch trunk caliper when under-irrigated. Be prepared to irrigate the following summer.