

INVITATION FOR BID
CONSTRUCTION
NO. 22-TA004384DJ
PALMETTO POINT BACKFLOW
INSTALLATIONS
PROJECT NO. 6091870
OCTOBER 19, 2022

Manatee County BCC
Procurement Division
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PALMETTO POINT BACKFLOW INSTALLATIONS**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as County), will receive sealed bids from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida, to provide Palmetto Point Backflow Installations, as specified in this Invitation for Bid Construction to include backflow installations.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE DUE:

The Due Date and Time for submission of Bids in response to this Invitation for Bid Construction (IFBC) is **December 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM ET**. Bids must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 prior to the Due Date and Time.

SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE:

A non-mandatory Information Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on November 2, 2022, at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave West, Dolphin Room, 5th Floor, Bradenton, FL 34205. Attendance to non-mandatory information conferences is not required, but is strongly encouraged.

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:

The deadline to submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this Invitation for Bid Construction to the Manatee County Procurement Division is November 15, 2022. 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: Dave Janney, Senior Procurement Agent
(941) 749-3056, Fax (941) 749-3034
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Manatee County Financial Management Department
Procurement Division

AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE: _____

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SECTION A, INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

To receive consideration, entities who submit a response to this Invitation for Bid Construction (Bidders) must meet the minimum qualification requirements and comply with the following instructions. Bid responses (Bids) will be accepted from single business entities, joint ventures, partnerships or corporations.

A.01 BID DUE DATE

The Due Date and Time for submission of Bids in response to this Invitation for Bid Construction (IFBC) is **December 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM ET**. Bids must be delivered to the following location: Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205 and time stamped by a Procurement representative prior to the Due Date and Time.

Effective Monday (August 1, 2022), all visitors coming into the Administration Building will need to check in with 311 staff on the first floor by the main entrance to obtain a visitors' badge to access all floors. Badges will be signed out and provided by 311 staff members. Visitors will be instructed to turn the badge in to the 311 staff upon departure.

Bids received after the Due Date and Time will not be considered. **It shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to deliver its Bid to the Manatee County Procurement Division for receipt on or before the Due Date and Time.** If a Bid is sent by U.S. Mail, courier or other delivery services, the Bidder will be responsible for its timely delivery to the Procurement Division. Bids 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 Bidder's request and expense.

A.02 SOLICITATION INFORMATION CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT:

A non-mandatory Information Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on November 2, 2022, at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave West, Dolphin Room, 5th Floor, Bradenton, FL 34205.

No County escorted site visit will be conducted for this solicitation; however, it is a minimum qualification requirement that the Bidder, or its representative(s) has made an inspection of the construction site for work specified in this IFBC.

Attendance to mandatory information conferences and/or site visits are required to meet the minimum qualification requirements of the IFBC. Attendance to non-mandatory information conferences and/or site visit is not required, but is strongly encouraged.

A.03 PUBLIC OPENING OF BIDS

Bids will be opened immediately following the Due Date and Time at the Manatee County Administration Building, Suite 803 in the presence of County officials. Bidders or their representatives may attend the Bid opening.

Manatee County will make public at the opening the names of the business entities which

submitted a Bid and the total bid price submitted. No review or analysis of the Bids will be conducted at the Bid opening.

A.04 SUBMISSION OF BIDS

The contents of the Bid sealed package must include:

- One (1) bound original clearly identifying Bidder and marked “ORIGINAL”.
- One (1) electronic format copy clearly identifying Bidder.

Electronic format copy should be submitted on a Universal Serial Bus (USB) portable flash memory drive 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 Bid copies. Electronic copies must be searchable and contain an identical Bid to the original.

Submit the Bid package in a sealed container with the following information clearly marked on the outside of the package: IFBC NO. 22-TA004384DJ, Palmetto Point Backflow Installations, Bidder’s name, and Bidder’s address. Bids must be delivered to the Manatee County Procurement Division prior to the Due Date and Time at the following address:

Manatee County Procurement Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803
Bradenton, FL 34205

A.05 DISTRIBUTION OF SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS

All documents issued pursuant to this IFBC are distributed electronically and available for download at no charge at www.mymanatee.org > *Bids and Proposals*. Documents may be viewed and downloaded for printing using Adobe Reader® software.

At its sole discretion, the County may utilize third-party providers to distribute proposals. Visit the third-party’s website for more information regarding this service. Participation in the third-party system is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Additionally, the IFBC and all related documents are available for public inspection at the Manatee County Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, 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 Manatee County Black Chamber of Commerce of all active solicitations, who then distributes the information to its members.

A.06 EXAMINATION OF BID DOCUMENTS AND SITE(S)

It is the responsibility of each bidder before submitting a bid, to (a) examine the IFBC documents thoroughly; (b) visit the Project Site(s) to become familiar with local

conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work; (c) consider federal, state, and local codes, laws, and regulations that may affect costs, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work; (d) study and carefully correlate bidder's observations with the IFBC documents; and (e) notify County in writing of all conflicts, errors, or discrepancies in the IFBC documents.

Each bidder may, at bidder's own expense, make or obtain any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests and studies, and obtain any additional information and data which pertain to the physical conditions at or contiguous to the Project Site(s) or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work and which bidder deems necessary to determine his bid for performing and furnishing the Work in accordance with the time, price and other terms and conditions of the IFBC documents. County will provide each bidder access to the site(s) to conduct such explorations and tests.

Bidder shall fill all holes, clean up and restore the Project Site(s) to its former condition upon completion of such explorations. The lands upon which the Work is to be performed, rights-of-way and easements for access thereto, and other lands designated for use by successful bidder in performing the Work are identified in the IFBC documents.

All additional lands and access thereto required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment are to be provided by successful bidder. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing structures are to be obtained and paid for by County unless otherwise provided in the IFBC documents.

Inspection of the Project Site(s) is a requirement to be considered for award of this bid. Prior to submitting a bid, each bidder shall examine the Project Site(s) and all conditions thereon fully familiarizing themselves with the full scope of the Work. Failure to become familiar with Project Site conditions will in no way relieve the successful bidder from the necessity of furnishing any materials or performing any Work that is required to complete the Project in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. Bidder shall acknowledge inspection of the Project Site(s) on his/her signed, submitted Bid Form.

A.07 ADDENDA

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

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

A.08 BID FORMS

Bids must include the forms provided in this IFBC. If needed, additional pages may be attached to a form. Bidders must fully complete and execute all Bid Forms. Bid Forms must be executed by an authorized official of the company who has the legal authority to bind the company.

A.09 BID EXPENSES

All costs incurred by Bidder in responding to this IFBC will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

A.10 QUESTION AND CLARIFICATION PERIOD

Each Bidder shall examine all IFBC 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 IFBC, including the sample Agreement, shall be made in writing via email to the Manatee County Procurement Division to the Designated Procurement Contact or to purchasing@mymanatee.org. All questions received and responses given will be provided to potential bidders via an addendum to this IFBC.

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.11 FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS

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

A.12 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):
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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 Bidder 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 Bidder 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.13 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any IFBC, prospective bidders, bidders, or their agents, representatives or persons acting at the request of such bidder shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating to the IFBC with any officer, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Purchasing Official or the contact identified in this IFBC, 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 IFBC and ends upon execution of the final Agreement or when the IFBC has been cancelled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Code of Laws.

A.14 UNBALANCED BIDDING 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 bid requirements and industry and market conditions, the Bid will be presumed to be unbalanced. Examples of unbalanced Bids will include:

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

In the event County determines that a Bid is presumed unbalanced, it will request the opportunity to and reserves the right to, review all source quotes, bids, price lists, letters of intent, and other supporting documentation which the Bidder obtained and upon which the Bidder relied upon to develop its Bid. County reserves the right to deem any presumptive unbalanced Bid where the Bidder is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the unbalanced unit costs as non-responsive.

A.15 FRONT LOADING OF BID PRICING PROHIBITED

Prices offered for performance and/or acquisition activities which occur early in the Project Schedule, such as mobilization; clearing and grubbing; or maintenance of traffic; that are substantially higher than pricing of competitive bidders within the same portion of the Project Schedule, will be presumed to be front loaded. Front loaded bids could reasonably appear to be an attempt to obtain unjustified early payments creating a risk of insufficient incentive for the bidder to complete the Work or otherwise creating an appearance of an undercapitalized bidder.

In the event County determines that a bid is presumed to be front loaded, it will request the opportunity to, and reserves the right to, review all source quotes, bids, price lists, letters of intent, and other documents which the bidder obtained and upon which the bidder relied upon to develop the pricing or acquisition timing for these bid items. County reserves the right to reject as nonresponsive any presumptive front-loaded bids where the bidder is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the front-loaded costs.

A.16 WITHDRAWAL OR REVISION OF BIDS

Bidders may withdraw Bids under the following circumstances:

- a. If Bidder discovers a mistake(s) prior to the Due Date and Time. Bidder may withdraw its Bid 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 Bids. A copy of the request shall be retained, and the unopened Bid returned to the Bidder; or
- b. After the Bids are opened but before a contract is signed, Bidder alleges a material mistake of fact if:
 - 1. The mistake is clearly evident in the solicitation document; or
 - 2. Bidder submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made in the Bid. Request to withdraw a Bid must be in writing and approved by the Purchasing Official.

A.17 IRREVOCABLE OFFER

Any Bid may be withdrawn up until the Due Date and Time. Any Bid not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days to provide the goods or services set forth in this IFBC or until one or more of the Bids have been duly accepted by County, whichever occurs first.

A.18 RESERVED RIGHTS

County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive irregularities and minor technicalities, and to request resubmission. Also, County reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid 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 bid of the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder will be accepted, unless all bids are rejected.

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

To be responsive, a Bidder shall submit a Bid which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the IFBC.

To be a responsible bidder, the bidder shall have the capability in all respects to perform fully the bid 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 bidder to furnish the service requested. Information County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the bidder. 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.19 APPLICABLE LAWS

Bidder 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.20 COLLUSION

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

- a. All 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 bidder or with any competitor;
- b. All prices and/or cost data quoted for this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Bidder, prior to the scheduled opening, directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor;
- c. No attempt has been made, or will be made, by Bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;

- d. The only person or persons interested in this bid is/are named in Bidder's Bid and that no person other than those identified has any interest in the Bid or in the resulting Agreement to be entered into.
- 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 Bidder for purpose of doing business.

A.21 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this and any bid, if a Bidder 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 Bidder will be ineligible for award to perform the work described in this IFBC, and may be disqualified from submitting on any future quote or bid requests to supply goods or services to Manatee County. By submitting a bid, the Bidder represents to County that all statements made, and materials submitted are truthful, with no relevant facts withheld.

A.22 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 bid to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform Work as a contractor, supplier, Subcontractor, or consultant under 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 Code of Laws prohibits the award of any bid 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 Purchasing 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 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 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.23 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

Florida Statutes § 287.135, as amended from time to time, may contain limitations on the part of a company to conduct business with the County. Submission of a response to this solicitation shall be subject to all procedural requirements contained within that statute including the submission of any required certification of eligibility to contract with the County. It shall be the responsibility of the company responding to this solicitation to concurrently review the current version of the statute and ensure it is compliant. To the extent a certification is required, it shall be provided on the form located at Appendix F *Vendor Certification Regarding Scrutinized Companies Lists*.

A.24 AGREEMENT

The successful Bidder will be required to execute the Agreement, a sample of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The County will transmit the Agreement to the successful Bidder for execution. The successful Bidder agrees to deliver the required number of duly executed copies of the Agreement, with any other required documents, to the County within ten calendar days of receipt.

A.25 LEGAL NAME

Bidders shall clearly indicate the full legal name, including any d/b/a, address, email address, and telephone number on the Bid Form. Bid Forms shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer must be an official of the organization and have the authority to bind the bidder to the submitted bid.

When bidder is a partnership, the Bid Form shall be signed in the name of the firm and by all partners required under the terms of the partnership agreement. When a corporation is a bidder, the authorized corporate officers shall sign.

Bidders who are corporations or limited partnerships shall provide a certified copy of their permit to transact business in the State of Florida, preferably along with the Bid Form, or within forty-eight (48) hours after request by County.

When submitting a bid as a joint venture, it must have filed paper documents with the Division of Profession's Construction Industry Licensing Board prior to submitting a bid.

A.26 DISCOUNTS

All discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the bid and not shown separately. Unless otherwise specified in this IFBC, pricing must be all inclusive, including delivery costs. The prices indicated on the Pricing Form shall be the prices used in determining award.

A.27 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

Bidder is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in its bid for any sales or service taxes.

The successful Bidder 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.28 QUALITY

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the IFBC documents, all goods provided shall be new, the latest make or model, of the best quality, of the highest grade of workmanship, and of the most suitable for the purpose intended.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the IFBC 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.29 AUTHORIZED PRODUCT REPRESENTATION

Bidder, 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.30 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS

The successful Bidder shall pay all royalties and license fees for equipment or processes in conjunction with the equipment and/or services being furnished. Successful Bidder 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.31 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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 bid 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.32 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 Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure minority business enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this IFBC 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.33 MINORITY AND/OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity provides the certification process and maintains the database of certified MBE/DBE firms. Additional information may be obtained at https://www.dms.myflorida.com/agency_administration/office_of_supplier_diversity_osd or by calling (850) 487-0915.

A.34 DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified, all prices shall include all delivery cost (FOB Destination).

A.35 MATHEMATICAL ERRORS

- a. Bid pricing 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 Bid.
- b. Bid pricing forms with imbedded mathematical formulas: Interactive bid pricing forms that contain mathematical formulas may be provided to automate lengthy and complex bid forms. In the event bid pricing forms with imbedded formulas are used and a multiplication/extension error(s) is discovered in the formula, the unit price entered by the Bidder shall prevail.
- c. Bidder shall assume the responsibility and accuracy of the information input in the bid pricing form and therefore shall verify that the calculations are correct before submitting its Bid.
- d. Regardless of the type of bid pricing form used, all Bids shall be reviewed mathematically by the County using these standards.

A.36 SUBCONTRACTORS

The successful bidder will obtain prior written approval from the County for any subcontractor(s) and the work each 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 Bidder.

Bidders subcontracting any portion of the work shall include a list of subcontractors along with their bid. 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.

A.37 E-Verify

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the successful Bidder 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 Bidder to perform employment duties within Florida and (b) all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the successful Bidder 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 bid in response to this IFBC, the successful Bidder commits that all employees and subcontractors will undergo e-verification before placement on this contract.

The successful Bidder 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.38 DISCLOSURE

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

Bids 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 bids shall be conducted at the public opening.

Based on the above, County will receive bids at the time and date stated and will make public at the opening the names of the business entities of all that submitted a bid.

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

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 119.0701, to the extent successful Bidder is performing services on behalf of the County, successful Bidder 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 successful Bidder 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 Bidder transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the successful Bidder shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the successful Bidder keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the successful Bidder 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.

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

Phone: (941) 742-5845

Email: debbie.scaccianoce@mymanatee.org

Mail: Manatee County BCC

Attn: Records Manager

1112 Manatee Ave W.

Bradenton, FL 34205.

A.39 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 Bid that for at least six (6) full months prior to the advertisement of this IFBC 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:

- a. 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.
- b. Any bid 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.
- c. For a competitive solicitation for construction services in which fifty percent (50%) or more of the cost will be paid from state.
- d. To qualify for local preference under this section, **a local business must certify to County** by completing an **"Affidavit as to Local Business Form,"** which is available for download at www.mymanatee.org/vendor. Click on "Affidavit for Local Business"

to access and print the form. Complete, notarize, and mail the notarized original to the following address: Manatee County Procurement Division, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205.

- e. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure accuracy of the Affidavit as to Local Business and notify County of any changes affecting same.

A.40 VENDOR REGISTRATION

Registering your business will provide Manatee County a sourcing opportunity to identify suppliers of needed goods and services and identify local businesses. To register as a supplier with the County go to www.mymanatee.org/vendor. For assistance with supplier registration, call the Procurement Division main number at (941) 749-3014. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., excluding County holidays.

A link to Vendor Registration is listed on the Procurement Division’s web page at <http://www.mymanatee.org/home/government/departments/financial-management/purchasing.html>. Click on “*Register as a Vendor*”, then “*Vendor Registration Form*”. Registration is not mandatory to submit a Bid.

A.41 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

Bidder shall acknowledge in its Bid if Bidder has an environmental sustainability initiative. In addition, Bidder shall submit with its Bid a brief summary of Bidder’s environmental sustainability initiative. This information will be used as a determining factor in the award decision when all other factors, including local preference, are otherwise equal.

A.42 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 Bidder is interested in participating in this program, complete the ePayables Application attached herein and return the completed form via email to tina.mancini@manateeclerk.com.

A.43 BASIS OF AWARD

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

Award shall be to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder(s) meeting specifications which includes delivery time requirements, qualification requirements, and having the lowest total offer for requirements listed on the Bid Form for the Work as set forth in this IFBC. Bid prices shall include costs for furnishing all labor, equipment and/or materials for the completion of the Work to the County's satisfaction, in accordance with and in the manner set forth and described in the IFBC documents and within the prescribed time.

Only one (1) completion schedule for 365 calendar days shall be submitted and considered.

In evaluating Bids, County shall consider the qualifications of the Bidders; and if required, may also consider the qualifications of the subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed. County 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 responsive, responsible bids which are equal with respect to price and all other evaluation factors are received, the bid from the local business shall be given preference in award.

Whenever two or more responsive, responsible bids which are equal with respect to price are received, and both or neither of these bids are from a local business, 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.

Bidder acknowledges that County has, or may hire, others to perform work similar to or the same as that which is within the scope of work of this IFBC. In the event that the successful Bidder cannot meet the delivery time or availability requirements of materials, the County, at its sole discretion can obtain the goods and services from other sources.

A.44 SCOPE OF WORK

The successful Bidder shall furnish and install all materials, equipment and labor which is reasonably inferable and necessary for the proper completion of the Work specified in this IFBC, whether specifically indicated in the IFBC or not.

The successful Bidder shall furnish all shop drawings, work drawings, labor, materials, equipment, tools, services and incidentals necessary to complete all Work required by these Specifications.

The successful Bidder shall perform the Work complete, in place and ready for continuous service and shall include any repairs, replacements, and / or restoration required as a result of damages caused prior to acceptance by the County.

The Scope of Work consist of installing approximately 200 - 3/4" and 200 - 1" Reduced Pressure Zone (RPZ) assemblies.

A.45 COMPLETION OF WORK

The Work will be completed and ready for final inspection within the specified calendar days from the date the Contract Time commences to run. Completion time shall be based on 365 calendar days.

A.46 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the successful Bidder fails to achieve substantial completion of the Work within the contract time and as otherwise required by the Agreement (to include not only the entire Work but any portion of the Work as set forth therein), the County shall be entitled to retain or recover from the successful Bidder, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the sum of \$50.00 per calendar day, commencing upon the first day following expiration of the contract time and continuing until the actual date of substantial completion.

Such liquidated damages are hereby agreed to be a reasonable estimate of damages the County will incur because of delayed completion of the Work. The County may deduct liquidated damages as described in this paragraph from any unpaid amounts then or thereafter due the successful bidder under this Agreement. Any liquidated damages not so deducted from any unpaid amounts due the successful bidder shall be payable to the County at the demand of the County, together with interest from the date of the demand at the maximum allowable rate.

A.47 CONTRACT CONTINGENCY WORK

Contract contingency is a monetary allowance used solely at County's discretion to handle unexpected conditions as required to satisfactorily complete the Work in accordance with the IFBC documents. A Field Directive must be issued by an authorized County representative to authorize use of contract contingency funds.

The percentage for contract contingency is listed on the Bid Form. Bidder shall enter the dollar amount for contract contingency based on the percentage of the total base bid. The total contract award will include contract contingency.

Appropriate uses of contract contingency include increases to existing bid item quantities that do not change the initial Scope of Work, which may be directed by County staff; modification items not originally bid which were unforeseen yet necessary during the Work to provide a safe, complete Project and that do not change the initial Scope of

Work; and unanticipated conflicts and/or design changes required during construction which are necessary to provide a safe, complete Project and that do not change the initial Scope of Work.

Inappropriate uses of contract contingency include anything that changes the initial Scope of Work, including the Contract Sum and Contract Time, and adding bid items not previously contemplated that change the initial Scope of Work.

A.48 LICENSES AND PERMITS

The successful Bidder 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 Bidder 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.49 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 or by hand delivery to the Procurement Division at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, 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.50 ACCESSIBILITY

The County is committed to making its documents and information technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities by meeting the requirements of Section 504 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 or by phone at 941-748-4501 X3014.**

Successful Bidder shall ensure all its electronic information, documents, applications, reports, and deliverables required under this Agreement are in a format that meets the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and best practices (W3C WCAG 2).

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

A.51 SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

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

Scheduled Item	Scheduled Date
Non-Mandatory Solicitation Information Conference at Manatee County Admin. Building, Dolphin Room, 5th Floor, 1112 Manatee Ave West, Bradenton, FL 34205	November 2, 2022, @ 10:00 AM
Question and Clarification Deadline	November 15, 2022
Final Addendum Posted	November 23, 2022
Bid Response Due Date and Time	December 6, 2022, 11:00 AM, ET
Projected Award	January 2023

NOTE: Any statements contained in the Scope of Work, Bid Summary, Construction Agreement, General Conditions of the Construction Agreement and/or Exhibits which vary from the information in Section A, Information for Bidders, shall have precedence over the Information for Bidders.

END OF SECTION A

SECTION B, BID FORMS

(To be completed and returned with Bid)

APPENDIX A, MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

Bidders must submit the information and documentation requested in this Attachment that confirms Bidder meets the following minimum qualification requirement(s):

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

No documentation is required. The County will verify registration.

2. Bidder, or its representative(s), has made an inspection of the construction site for work specified in this IFBC on or after the date of advertisement of this IFBC and prior to the Due Date and Time.

Bidder must submit a statement on company letterhead and signed by an authorized official of Bidder that Bidder, or its representative(s), has made an inspection of the construction site, listing the date of the inspection and the individuals, by name, who conducted the inspection.

3. Bidder, or Bidder's subcontractor combined must possess a Certified Plumbing Contractor license issued by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation for a period of at least three (3) consecutive years since November 1, 2019. License must be current and valid through the Due Date for submission of bids for this IFBC.

If Bidding as a Certified Plumbing Contractor, provide a copy of the license, issued by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and documentation confirming Bidder or Bidders Subcontractor has been licensed and or certified for the period of November 1, 2019, through the date of submission of the bid.

4. Bidder, on the day the bid is submitted, has a certified or registered Qualifying Agent, as required by Section 489.119, Florida Statutes, and that Qualifying Agent has been the same Qualifying Agent of Bidder for a period of at least two (2) consecutive years, since November 1, 2020.

Submit a copy of Bidder's Qualifying Agent's registration or certification along with supporting documentation confirming Qualifying Agent has been the Qualifying Agent for Bidder for two years, since November 1, 2020.

5. Bidder is not on the Florida Department of Management Services Suspended, Debarred, Convicted Vendor Lists.

No documentation is required. The County will verify.

6. If Bidder is submitting as a joint venture must 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 Bidder is a joint venture, provide a copy of Bidder's approved filing with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

7. Bidder has no reported conflict of interests in relation to this IFBC.

If no conflicts of interests are present, Bidder must submit a fully completed copy of Appendix J.

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 Bidder's firm or any of its branches.

END OF APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B, BIDDER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid. Bidder warrants the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID

1. Contact Information:

FEIN #: _____
License #: _____
License Issued to: _____
Date License Issued (MM/DD/YR): _____
Company Name: _____
Physical Address: _____
City: _____ State of Incorporation: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: () _____ Fax Number: () _____
Email address: _____

2. Bidding as: an individual __; a partnership __; a corporation __; a joint venture __

3. If a partnership, list names and addresses of partners; if a corporation, list names of officers, directors, shareholders, and state of incorporation; if joint venture, list names and address of ventures' and the same if any venture are a corporation for each such corporation, partnership, or joint venture:

4. Bidder is authorized to do business in the State of Florida: Yes No

For how many years? _____

5. Your organization has been in business (under this firm's name) as a

Is this firm in bankruptcy? _____

6. Attach a list of projects where this specific type of Work was performed.

BIDDER: _____

7. Is this firm currently contemplating or in litigation? Provide summary details.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Have you ever been debarred or prohibited from providing a bid to a governmental entity? If yes, name the entity and describe the circumstances.

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

12. If any part of work will be subcontracted, list MBE/DBE/WBE/VETERAN to be utilized. Include the estimated dollar amount of the portion of Work each will perform.

BIDDER: _____

13. What equipment do you own to accomplish this Work? (A listing may be attached)

14. What equipment will you purchase/rent for the Work? (Specify which)

15. If applicable to the Work for this IFBC, Drilling Supervisor Qualifications: Contractor shall provide a boring specialist who shall remain on the project site during the entirety of the directional boring operation. This includes, but is not limited to, drilling fluid preparation, seaming, boring and pulling. The boring specialist shall have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in supervising directional bores of similar nature, diameter, materials and lengths. (Reference: Specification Section 02619, Horizontal Directional Drilling).

Provide the contact information for a minimum of three (3) projects wherein the boring specialist has performed this type of work, diameter, materials and lengths.

Boring specialist's name: _____

Boring specialist's years of experience in supervising directional bores _____

Provide contact name, and contact number for projects:

16. If applicable to the Work for this IFBC, Pipe Fusion Qualifications: All boring and fusing equipment shall be certified for operation. The Contractor responsible for thermal butt fusing pipe and fittings shall have manufacturer certification for performing such work or a minimum of five (5) years of experience performing this type of work.

Thermal butt fusing pipe and fittings contractor or subcontractor's name: _____

Attach a copy of contractor's/subcontractor's manufacturer certification to this Questionnaire

OR

Provide contractor's/subcontractor's years of experience in thermal butt fusing pipe and fittings

If manufacturer certification is not provided, include contact name, and contact number for projects that confirms five years of experience:

BIDDER: _____

17. If applicable to the Work for this IFB, Pipe Bursting Qualifications: The Contractor shall be certified by the manufacturer of the pipe bursting system that they are fully trained licensed installer of the manufacturer's pipe bursting system. Contractor shall provide a letter to the County documenting this requirement. (Reference: Specification Section 02619A, Pipe Bursting (PB) of Existing Mains).

18. List the following regarding the surety which is providing the bond(s):

Surety's Name: _____

Address: _____

Name, address, phone number and email of surety's resident agent for service of process in Florida:

Agent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

19. Is Bidder a local business as defined in Section A.38, Local Preference?

Yes

No

If yes, by signing below Bidder certifies that for at least six months prior to the advertisement date of this IFB it has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota counties with at least one full-time employee at that location.

BIDDER: _____

BY: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE/DATE: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF QUALIFYING LOCAL LOCATION: _____

NAME OF QUALIFYING EMPLOYEE AT LOCAL LOCATION: _____

20. Confirm if Bidder has an environmental sustainability initiative as defined in Section A.41.

Yes No

If yes, submit a brief summary (2-3 paragraphs) of the environmental sustainability initiative.

BIDDER: _____

APPENDIX C, ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION

IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V, MANATEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE

Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid. 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 an Owner's Agreement for public improvements, procurement of goods or services (including professional services) or an Owner's lease, franchise, concession or management agreement, or shall receive a grant of Owner's monies unless such person or entity has submitted a written certification to Owner 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 Owner's Purchasing Official, 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.

(Continued)

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 Owner's Purchasing Official. Upon presentation of such satisfactory proof, the person or entity shall be allowed to contract with Owner.

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 AGREEMENT OR BUSINESS TRANSACTION SHALL PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS, OR TERMINATION, OR BOTH, IF THE CONTRACTING OFFICER OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT **SUCH** PERSON OR ENTITY HAS MADE FALSE CERTIFICATION.

[Signature]

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

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

Who is personally known / has produced _____ as
identification

[Type of identification]

My commission expires _____

Notary Public Signature

[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.

APPENDIX D, FLORIDA TRENCH SAFETY ACT

Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid. This form must be signed in the presence of a notary public or by an officer authorized to administer oaths.

1. This Sworn Statement is submitted with **IFBC NO. 22-TA004384DJ**
2. This Sworn Statement is submitted by _____ 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 _____.
3. Name of individual signing this Sworn Statement is: _____, Whose relationship to the above entity is: _____.
4. The Trench Safety Standards that will be in effect during the construction of this project shall include, but are not limited to: Laws of Florida, Chapters 90-96, TRENCH SAFETY ACT, and OSHA RULES AND REGULATIONS 29 CFR 1926.650 Subpart P, effective October 1, 1990.
5. The undersigned assures that the entity will comply with the applicable Trench Safety Standards and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County and Engineer of Record, and any of their agents or employees from any claims arising from the failure to comply with said standard.

6. The undersigned has appropriated the following costs for compliance with the applicable standards:

Trench Safety Measure (Description)	Units of Measure (LF, SY)	Unit Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
a. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____

7. The undersigned intends to comply with these standards by instituting the following procedures:

THE UNDERSIGNED, in submitting this bid, represents that they have reviewed and considered all available geotechnical information and made such other investigations and tests as they may deem necessary to adequately design the trench safety system(s) to be utilized on this project.

(Authorized signature / Title)

SWORN to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.
(Impress official seal)

Notary Public, State of _____ : _____

My commission expires: _____



Angelina M. Colonnese

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MANATEE COUNTY

1115 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205 - Phone (941) 749-1800 Fax (941) 741-4082, P.O. Box 25400, Bradenton, Florida 34206 - www.manateeclerk.com

Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid.

APPENDIX E: ePAYABLES APPLICATION

Company name _____

Contact person _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

FINANCE USE ONLY

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Open orders: YES or NO

PEID _____

CREATE DATE _____

CONFIRMED _____ WITH _____

Name and phone number

IFAS _____

BANK _____

INITIALS _____

Return completed form Via email to:

tina.mancini@manateeclerk.com

Via fax to: (941) 741-4011

Via mail:

PO Box 1000

Bradenton, FL 34206

Revised: September 30, 2015

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Clerk of the Circuit Court – Clerk of Board of County Commissioners – County Comptroller – Auditor and Recorder

APPENDIX F, SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION
IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

This certification is required pursuant to Florida State Statute Section 287.135.

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.

Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid.

Company _____ FID _____ or EIN _____ No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I, _____, as a representative of _____ certify and affirm that this company 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

APPENDIX G, MANATEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS

IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid.

Bidder shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County and all of the County’s officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against all claims, liability, loss and expense, including reasonable costs, collection expenses, attorneys’ fees, and court costs which may arise because of the negligence (whether active or passive), misconduct, or other fault, in whole or in part (whether joint, concurrent, or contributing), of Respondent, its officers, employees, representatives and agents in performance or non-performance of its obligations under the Contract/Agreement. Bidder recognizes the broad nature of this indemnification and hold harmless clause, as well as the provision of a legal defense to the County when necessary, and voluntarily makes this covenant and expressly acknowledges the receipt of such good and valuable consideration provided by the County in support of these indemnification, legal defense and hold harmless contractual obligations in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. This clause shall survive the termination of this Contract/Agreement. Compliance with any insurance requirements required elsewhere within this Contract/Agreement shall not relieve Bidder of its liability and obligation to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County as set forth in this article of the Contract/Agreement.

Nothing herein shall be construed to extend the County’s liability beyond that provided in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

PROJECT NUMBER AND/OR NAME	
INSURANCE AGENT	
RESPONDENT SIGNATURE	DATE

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 / has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Signature _____

Print Name _____

APPENDIX H, INSURANCE STATEMENT

IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

Bidder must fully complete and return this form with its Bid.

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

Bidder Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature
(Authorized
Official): _____

Printed
Name/Title: _____

Insurance Agency: _____

Agent Name: _____ Agent Phone: _____

APPENDIX I, ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDENDA

IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda:

Addendum No. _____	Date Received:

Print or type Bidder’s information below:

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

APPENDIX J, AFFIDAVIT OF NO CONFLICT

IFBC No. 22-TA004384DJ

COUNTY OF _____

STATE OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this ____ day of _____, 20__ personally appeared, _____, a principal with full authority to bind _____ (hereinafter the "Affiant"), who being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

(a) is not currently engaged or will not become engaged in any obligations, undertakings or contracts that will require the Affiant to maintain an adversarial role against the County or that will impair or influence the advice, recommendations or quality of work provided to the County; and

(b) has provided full disclosure of all potentially conflicting contractual relationships and full disclosure of contractual relationships deemed to raise a question of conflict(s); and

(c) has provided full disclosure of prior work history and qualifications that may be deemed to raise possible question of conflict(s).

Affiant makes this affidavit for the purpose of inducing Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, to enter into an Agreement for Palmetto Point Backflow Installations.

If applicable, on a separate page Bidder shall disclose the name of any officer, director or agent of Bidder who is also an employee of the County and the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the Bidder's firm or any of its branches. If no conflicts of interest are present, submit a statement to that affect.

Signature

Print Name

SUBSCRIBED to and sworn before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

[Notary Seal]

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Notary Signature

Print Name

Personally known OR produced identification. Type of identification produced _____

_____.

APPENDIX K, BID PRICING FORM

IFBC No.22-TA004384DJ, Palmetto Point Backflow Installations

Total Bid Price/Offer for Bid A: \$ _____ Complete. Base on a completion time of 365 calendar days.

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we have carefully reviewed the IFBC Documents in their entirety and with full knowledge and understanding of the Bid information and all its requirements, submit this Bid, which is complete in meeting each specification, term, and condition contained therein.

As Bidder, we understand that the IFBC documents, including but not limited to, all specifications, terms, and conditions shall be made a part of any resulting Agreement between County and the successful Bidder. Failure by successful Bidder to comply with such specifications, terms and conditions shall result in Agreement default, whereupon, the defaulting successful Bidder shall be required to pay for all re-procurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by County, and agrees to forfeit its bid bond.

Authorized Signature(s): _____

**Name and Title of Above
Signer(s):**

Date: _____

**APPENDIX K, BID PRICING FORM
 22-TA004384DJ PALMETTO POINT BACKFLOW INSTALLATIONS
 COUNTY PROJECT NO. 6091870**

Bidders must provide prices for each available line item on each tab for their bid to be considered responsive.

LINE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	U/M	UNIT PRICE BID A 365 CALENDAR DAYS	EXTENDED PRICE BID A 365 CALENDAR DAYS
REDUCED PRESSURE ZONE ASSEMBLIES					
1.	3/4" REDUCED PRESSURE ZONE ASSEMBLIES	200.00	EA		
2.	1" REDUCED PRESSURE ZONE ASSEMBLIES	200.00	EA		
SUBTOTAL					
CONTINGENCY - 10%		10%			
GRAND TOTAL					

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

*To be considered responsive, it is the sole responsibility of the bidder to correctly calculate and manually enter all sub-total, contingency and total bid price fields.

SECTION C, BID ATTACHMENTS

BID ATTACHMENT 1, INSURANCE AND BOND REQUIREMENTS

The CONTRACTOR will not commence work under the resulting Agreement until all insurance coverages indicated by an “X” herein have been obtained. The CONTRACTOR 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 \$1,000,000 Property Damage
- \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (No Fault)
- \$1,000,000 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:

- \$1,000,000 Single Limit Per Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 Aggregate
- \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability
- \$100,000 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
- \$100,000 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, CONTRACTOR 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

CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR’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.

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

1. 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 Bidder, his agents, representatives, and employees; products and completed operations of the successful Bidder; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the successful Bidder. 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 Bidder 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 Bidder'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 Bidder's insurance and shall be non-contributory.
- c. The insurance policies must be on an occurrence form.

2. 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 Bidder 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 Bidder 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 Bidder 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 Bidder 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 Bidder agrees that should at any time successful Bidder fail to meet or maintain the required insurance coverage(s) as set forth herein, the County may terminate this contract.
6. The successful Bidder 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.
7. The successful Bidder has sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and policy deductibles.
8. It is the successful Bidder's responsibility to ensure that his agents, representatives and subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements set forth herein. successful Bidder shall include his agents, representatives, and subcontractors working on the project or at the worksite as insured under its policies, or successful Bidder 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 Bidder's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.

- III.** Successful Bidder 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 Bidder's obligation to provide and maintain the insurance coverage specified.
- IV.** The enclosed Hold Harmless Agreement shall be signed by the successful Bidder and shall become a part of the contract.
- V.** Successful Bidder 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.

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BID ATTACHMENT 2, SCOPE OF SERVICES

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Contractor shall furnish all equipment, labor, materials, supplies, licensing, transportation, agreements, permitting, final inspections and other components necessary to the required number of backflow assemblies in the Palmetto Point neighborhood in Palmetto, FL.

Contractor shall procure and install, at minimum, approximately 400 residential reduced pressure zone (RPZ) assemblies. Each RPZ assembly then shall be tested and inspected in accordance with Manatee County Utilities Department Cross Connection Control Manual.

Approximately 200 ¾” RPZ are to be installed and 200 1” RPZ are to be installed.

Manatee County Building Permits, in the amount of \$75 each, will be required for all private properties, with up to 10 adjacent properties included on each permit. This item includes all permits, material, labor, equipment, excavation, restoration, certification and inspection fees, temporary measures, removal and disposal of existing meter boxes, and taxes necessary to connect the RPZ to the water service meter (at the roadway right-of-way) in a manner conforming to all pertinent sections of the Florida Building Code – Building and Plumbing and the Manatee County Building Department. This activity shall be coordinated with the private property owner to ensure minimum interruption of potable water service.

The RPZ assembly must be from the County’s Approved Product List and shall conform to all Manatee County Utility Standards, also attached to this document.

All new RPZs must be reported to the County’s Cross Connection division through the Backflow Prevention Assembly Testing and Inventory online application within 7 days of installation

After the installation of the RPZ, the affected area shall be restored to previous or improved condition. This may include but not limited to, sodding, concrete work, paver installation, and laying of shell.

All services and fees applicable to the contractor and county’s plumbing services contract are valid and must be adhered to.

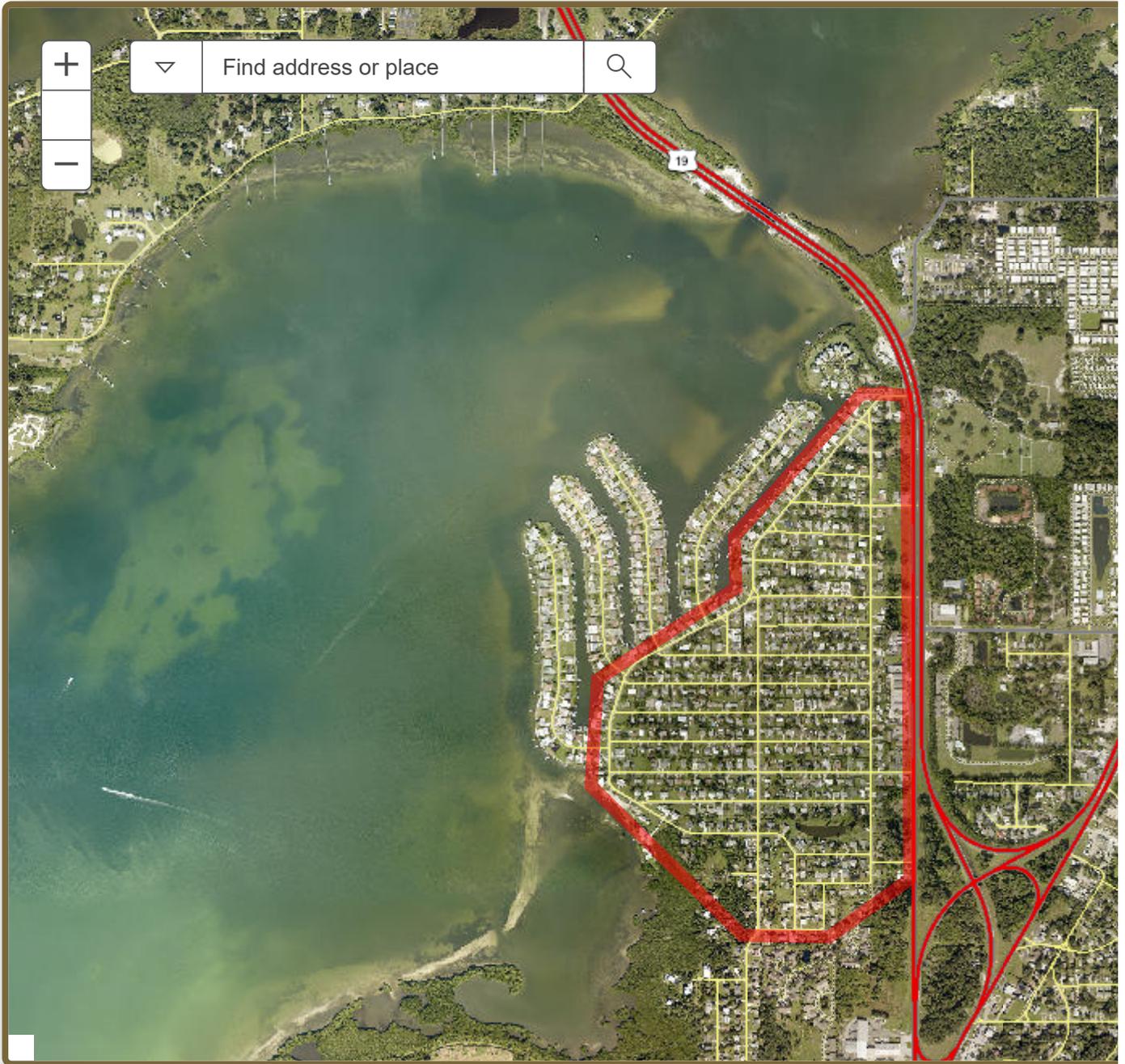
Installation locations will be provided to the awarded bidder.

The construction time frame for this project is 365 calendar days.

BID ATTACHMENT 3, SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

- 1) Project Map
- 2) County Approved Product List
- 3) County Utility Standard

Widgets

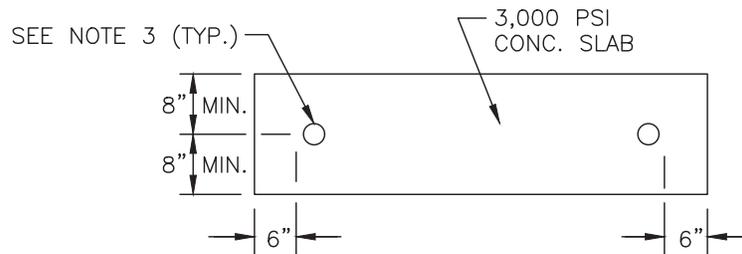
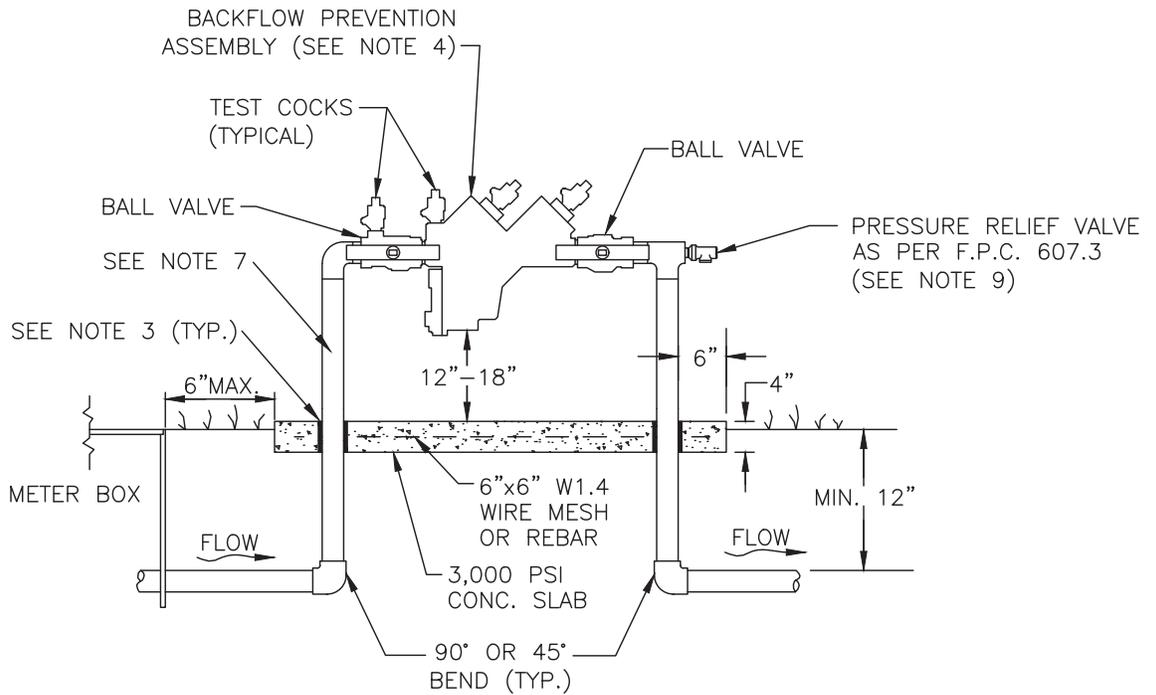




APPROVED PRODUCTS LIST

NOVEMBER 2019

Category		Submittal	Potable Water	Reclaimed Water	Wastewater	Manufacturer	Model Number	Notes		
Valves	Air Release Valves		✓	✓	✓	GA Industries	Fig-929	Min. inlet size shall be 2" Orifice, float, linkage, and hardware shall be 316 SS The seal shall be made of Buna N elastomer		
			✓	✓	✓	H-TEC	Model 986-SS	<u>For waterways and canals crossing only</u> Min. inlet size shall be 2" Body, bolts, nuts, and washers shall be 316 SS The seal shall be made of Buna N elastomer		
	Privately-Owned		✓			-	-	Any privately-owned backflow prevention assembly that is approved by the University of Southern California (USC), with the exception of Wilkins 375XL (3/4" and 1"), Watts LF009QT (3/4" and 1"), and Ames LF4000B (3/4" and 1"), will be accepted by Manatee County County-Owned approved models are also acceptable		
	Backflow Prevention Assembly		County-Owned		2-1/2" - 12"		Wilkins (Zurn)	350DA	Double Check Valve Assembly w/ Meter	
								375DA	Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly w/ Meter	
								375DA-OS & Y	Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly w/ Meter (OS&Y)	
							Ames	2000SS	Double Check Valve Assembly	
								3000SS	Double Check Valve Assembly w/ Meter	
								4000SS	Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly	
					1/2" - 2"		Apollo Valves	5000SS	Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly w/ Meter	
								Watts	Model LF007 Series	Double Check Valve Assembly
								Model 909 Series	Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly	
								Watts	Model 909 Series	Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly
	Ball Valves		✓	✓	✓	FNW	Fig. 200A	<u>For use with ARV</u> Body, cap, stem, and ball shall be 316 SS/CF8M Min. Cold-Working Pressure shall be 1000 PSI		
			✓	✓	✓	Apollo Valves	Model 76F			
	Blowoff Valves		On Ground Discharge		✓	Hydro-Guard	HG-1	Design considerations shall minimally include site drainage patterns, cross connection prevention, grounding, dichlorination requirements, and discharge permits		
							Pipe Discharge		✓	HG-2



NOTES:

1. BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY MUST BE INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY DOWNSTREAM OF METER, AS SHOWN ABOVE
2. COPPER PIPE TYPE "L" (OR "K") OR BRASS PIPE MINIMUM SCHEDULE 40 SHALL BE USED TO A MINIMUM DEPTH OF 12" BELOW GRADE.
3. PIPES PASSING THROUGH CONCRETE SLAB SHALL BE PROPERLY PROTECTED; POLYETHYLENE WRAPPED OR PVC SLEEVED. COPPER SHALL NOT COME IN CONTACT WITH THE CONCRETE.
4. THE SYSTEM MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE FLORIDA PLUMBING CODE (LATEST EDITION) AND CHAPTER 2-31, ARTICLE X OF THE MANATEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES.
5. ALL EXPOSED EDGES OF CONCRETE SHALL BE CHAMFERED 1/2".
6. BACKFLOW PREVENTER SHALL BE TESTED AT THE TIME OF INSTALLATION.
7. PRESSURE REDUCING VALVE IS REQUIRED UPSTREAM OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY, IF SYSTEM PRESSURE EXCEEDS 80 PSI.
8. 3' MINIMUM CLEARANCE FROM LANDSCAPING PLANTS AND 10' MIN. CLEARANCE FROM TREES TO EDGE OF CONCRETE SLAB AND CLEAR OPENING FOR ACCESS FROM STREET.
9. IN ADDITION TO THE PRV, THE BUILDING DEPT. MAY REQUIRE AN APPROVED DEVICE FOR THERMAL EXPANSION CONTROL DOWNSTREAM OF THE ASSEMBLY.
10. FITTINGS AND CONNECTIONS FOR ABOVE-GROUND INSTALLATIONS SHALL NOT ALLOW ANY MOVEMENT OR ROTATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY.
11. REFER TO DETAIL US-15 WATER METER & BACKFLOW PREVENTER FOR LIFT STATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE AT SEWAGE PUMPING STATION.
12. BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLIES USED FOR POTABLE APPLICATIONS SHALL BE LEAD FREE AS DEFINED IN THE REDUCTION OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER ACT, SECTION 1417 OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT, 42 U.S.C. 300g-6, AS MAY BE AMENDED, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

MANATEE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		3/4" & 1" BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY	UW-13
REV. BY	DATE	February 25, 2020 DATE OF APPROVAL	

BID ATTACHMENT 4, CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL MANUAL

Manatee County Utilities Department

Cross Connection Control Manual



PREPARED BY MANATEE COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
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PROGRAM APPROVED BY:
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, FEBRUARY 10, 1992

Effective Date: January 1, 2021



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I. PROTECTING THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

The purpose of this Manual is to protect the County's Public Water System from potential contamination resulting from cross connections and backflow of non-potable water into the County's Public Water System.

A. Background

A cross connection occurs in a plumbing system when the potable water supply is connected to a non-potable water source. Sources of non-potable water include irrigation systems and auxiliary water sources, such as reclaimed water, surface waters, and swimming pools. A cross connection that is not protected by an appropriate backflow preventer can experience a backflow of water, which could then contaminate the public water supply.

The Manatee County Cross Connection Control Program (CCCP) safeguards the County's Public Water System from unintentional contamination. A backflow prevention assembly is a key component to prevent unwanted substances from entering the County's distribution system. Backflow is a reversal of the normal direction of water flow, which has the potential to introduce used water or mixtures of used water and other liquids, gases, or other substances into the County's Public Water System. Backflow may occur as the result of back-pressure, back-siphonage, or both. Back-pressure is a condition where the pressure in a Facility's system is higher than the incoming supply pressure. Back-siphonage is a condition where the incoming supply pressure in a piping system is reduced such that flow is induced from the Facility's system. A backflow preventer is an assembly, a device or a method that prevents the reversal of flow of liquids into a potable water supply system.

B. Authority

The County's CCCP is required to satisfy requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, codified in Title XIV of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq. The federal law authorizes delegation of the administration and enforcement of drinking water standards to state governments. The Florida Safe Drinking Water Act, Part IV of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, requires the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to adopt and enforce the State's primary and secondary drinking water standards. The State's regulations require each community water system to establish and implement a cross connection control program utilizing backflow protection at or for service connections to the community water system. The rules require that the program include a written plan that is developed using recommended practices of the American Water Works Association (often referred to as the "AWWA Manual M-14").

Manatee County established its CCCP through the adoption of Resolution R-87-125, which became effective on July 20, 1987. Effective January 1, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the County's Cross Connection Backflow Prevention Ordinance No. 13-35, which replaced Resolution R-87-125. Effective January 1, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 20-44, which replaced Ordinance 13-35. Ordinance No. 20-44 authorized the County Utilities Department (Department) to specify the details of the CCCP in this Manual. The Board of County Commissioners adopted this Manual by Resolution R-20-146.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Manual, the definitions contained in this section apply unless otherwise specifically stated. Words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural.

ABPA shall mean the American Backflow Prevention Association.

Air gap shall mean a physical separation between the free-flowing discharge end of a potable water supply pipeline and an open or non-pressure receiving vessel. An approved air gap shall be at least double the diameter of the supply pipe as measured vertically above the top of the rim of the receiving vessel. In no case shall the air gap be less than one (1) inch.

Approved shall mean accepted by the County as meeting an applicable standard, specification or requirement or as suitable for the proposed use.

ASSE shall mean the American Society of Sanitary Engineers.

Auxiliary water source(s) shall mean any water source on or available to a Facility other than the County's Public Water System. Auxiliary water sources include water from another Public Water System, swimming pools, any natural source such as a well, spring, river, stream, pond, lake, bay, harbor, sea, or used water, reclaimed water, irrigation quality water, or industrial fluids.

AWWA shall mean the American Water Works Association.

AWWA Manual M-14 shall mean the most current edition of the American Water Works Association Manual of Water Supply Practices–M14, Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control: Recommended Practices.

Backflow prevention assembly shall mean a mechanical device approved to prevent the backflow of non-potable water into a potable water supply system through a cross connection by meeting either (1) the standards set forth by the AWWA, the ASSE, the FCCC, or the Utility Standards, whichever is most stringent, approved for the prevention of backflow by the FCCC, and is published in the FCCC's list of Approved Backflow Prevention Assemblies, or (2) the applicable Utility Standards or the requirements of the Manatee County CCCP in effect at the time of original installation and approved by the County at the time of original installation.

Backflow prevention assembly test equipment shall mean electronic or mechanical instruments recommended by the manufacturer and approved by the Department to field-test the operational performance of a backflow prevention assembly.

Certificate shall mean a certificate of competency as a Contractor V or higher issued by the State Fire Marshal as provided in Chapter 633, Florida Statutes.

Contamination shall mean an impairment of the quality of the County's Public Water System by sewage, industrial fluids, or wastes, compounds, or other materials to a degree which creates an actual hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of disease.

Contractor shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 489.105(3), Florida Statutes, as amended.

Contractor V or higher shall have the same definition as set forth in Section 633.102(3)(e), Florida Statutes, as amended.

Cross connection shall mean any physical arrangement whereby the County's Public Water System is connected, directly or indirectly, with any other water supply system, sewer, drain, conduit, pool, storage reservoir, plumbing fixture, or other device which contains or may contain contaminated water, sewage, or other wastes or liquids of unknown or unsafe quality, which may be capable of imparting contamination to the County's Public Water System as the result of backflow. Bypass arrangements, jumper connections, removable sections, swivel or changeable devices, or other temporary or permanent devices, through which or because of which backflow could occur, are considered to be cross connections unless otherwise specified in this Manual.

Degree of hazard shall mean an evaluation of the potential risk to the public health, safety, and welfare, and the potential adverse effect upon the County's Public Water System.

Double check detector backflow prevention assembly (DCDA) shall mean a backflow prevention assembly consisting of two (2) independently operating approved check valves with replaceable seats and tightly closing approved shut-off valves on each side of the check valves, plus properly located and approved connections (test cocks) for testing the water tightness of each check valve with a bypass (detector) containing an approved water meter and an approved double check valve assembly (DC) to detect leaks or unauthorized use of water. Double check detector backflow prevention assemblies (DCDA) must be approved by the FCCC and the Department.

Double check valve assembly (DC) shall mean a backflow prevention assembly consisting of two (2) internally loaded independently operating check valves with replaceable seats and tightly closing approved shut-off valves on each side of the check valves, plus properly located and approved connections (test cocks) for testing the water tightness of each check valve. The check valve shall permit no leakage in a direction reverse of normal flow. The closure element shall be internally weighted or otherwise loaded to promote rapid and positive closure and supplied with replacement valve seats. Double check valve assemblies (DC) must be approved by the FCCC and the Department.

Facility shall mean a residence, building, structure, property, business, operation, or premises of any kind that is connected or seeks to connect to the County's Public Water System.

Facility owner(s) shall mean the owner(s) of a residence, building, structure, property, business, operation, or premises of any kind that is connected or seeks to connect to the County's Public Water System to receive water through the service connection. The term Facility Owner shall also include any agent or representative of a Facility Owner acting for or on behalf of the Facility Owner.

Facility's system shall mean the system beginning beyond the County's service connection. The Facility's system may include a potable water system, an industrial piping system, or both, and may be supplied by the County's Public Water System, auxiliary water sources, or both.

FCCC shall mean the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research.

Fire protection system shall have the same definition as set forth in Section 633.102(11), Florida Statutes, as amended.

Flood hazard area shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 2-10-22 of the Manatee County Code, and as designated on the current flood insurance rate maps for the County adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

FW&PCO shall mean the Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association.

Health hazard shall mean an actual cross connection or potential cross connection involving any substance that could, if introduced into the County's Public Water System, cause death or illness, spread disease, or have a high probability of causing such effects.

Industrial fluids shall mean any fluid or solution which may be chemically, biologically, or otherwise contaminated or polluted in a form or concentration that would constitute a hazard if introduced into the County's Public Water System. These may include, but are not limited to, the following: polluted or contaminated waters; all types of processed waters and used waters originating from the County's Public Water System which may deteriorate in sanitary quality; chemicals in fluid form; plating acids and alkalis; circulated cooling waters connected to an open cooling tower or cooling towers that are chemically or biologically treated or stabilized with toxic substances; contaminated natural waters, such as from wells, springs, rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, bays, harbors, and seas; irrigation canals or systems; oils, gases, glycerin, paraffins, or caustic or acid solutions; and other liquids and gaseous fluids used for industrial or other purposes or for firefighting purposes.

License shall mean a certificate of competency issued by the State or a local license issued by the County and registered with the State as provided in Part I of Chapter 489, Florida Statutes.

List of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall mean the list of backflow prevention assembly service providers, who have been determined by the Department to meet the criteria of a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider based on their submission of qualifications for their certifications and the most recent calibration results on their testing equipment. Certifications, licenses, testing equipment calibration results, and general liability insurance shall be maintained and up to date; failure to submit documentation to the department may result in removal from the list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers. All backflow prevention assembly service providers meeting these requirements are permitted to perform work on backflow prevention assemblies for potable water lines applicable to their licenses or fire system lines applicable to their certificates. To remain on the list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers, qualified providers must comply with the requirements specified in this Manual and the requirements under which they were certified.

Non-health hazard shall mean an actual cross connection or potential cross connection involving any substance that generally would not be a health hazard, but would constitute a nuisance or be aesthetically objectionable, if introduced into the County's Public Water System.

Non-potable water shall mean water that is not safe for human consumption or that is of questionable quality.

Pest control shall have the same definition as set forth in Section 482.021(22), Florida Statutes.

Pest control operator shall mean a certified operator as defined by Section 482.021(4), Florida Statutes.

Plumbing Contractor shall have the same definition as set forth in Section 489.105(3)(m), Florida Statutes.

Pollution hazard shall mean an actual or potential threat to the physical properties or the potability of the County's Public Water System, which would constitute a nuisance or be aesthetically objectionable or could cause damage to the County's Public Water System or its appurtenances, but would not be dangerous to health.

Potable water shall mean water that is safe for human consumption as determined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Public Water System shall mean a public potable water supply or system which has been approved by the FDEP and which is operating under a valid FDEP operating permit.

Reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly (RP) shall mean a backflow prevention assembly consisting of two (2) independently acting approved check valves with replaceable seats together with a hydraulically operating, mechanically independent pressure differential relief valve located between the check valves and at the same time below the first check valve. The unit shall include properly located and approved connections (test cocks) and tightly closing and approved shut-off valves at each end of the assembly. Reduced pressure principle assemblies (RP) must be approved by the FCCC and the Department.

Reduced pressure principle detector backflow prevention assembly (RPD) shall mean a backflow prevention assembly consisting of two (2) independently acting approved check valves with replaceable seats together with a hydraulically operating, mechanically independent pressure differential relief valve located between the check valves and at the same time below the first check valve. The unit shall include properly located and approved connections (test cocks) and tightly closing and approved shut-off valves at each end of the assembly with a bypass (detector) arrangement consisting of an approved water meter and an approved reduced pressure principle detector assembly (RPD). Reduced pressure principle detector assemblies (RPD) must be approved by the FCCC and the Department.

Reclaimed water shall mean water that has received at least advanced secondary treatment and basic disinfection and is reused after flowing out of a domestic wastewater treatment Facility.

Service connection shall mean:

- (1) The terminal end of a connection from the Public Water System where the sanitary control of the potable water from the County's Public Water System stops at the point of delivery to the Facility's system; or
- (2) The downstream end of a meter installed at the point of connection.

Surface water shall mean any source or supply of water which contains in part or entirety water from a lake, canal, pond, retention area, or wetland in excess of ten (10) percent.

Swimming pool shall mean an above-ground or in-ground artificial basin filled with water and used for swimming or other leisure activities. This definition includes spas and hot tubs.

System hazard shall mean an actual or potential threat of severe damage to the physical properties of the County's Public Water System from pollution or contamination, which would have a protracted effect on the quality of the County's Public Water System.

UF/TREEO shall mean the University of Florida Training, Research and Education for Environmental Occupations.

Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor shall have the same definition set forth in Section 489.105(3)(n), Florida Statutes.

Used water shall mean any water supplied by the County's Public Water System after it has passed through the Facility's service connection and is no longer under the sanitary control of the County's Public Water System.

Utility Standards shall mean the current version of the document entitled "Manatee County Public Works Utility Standards," approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

III. CROSS CONNECTION BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS

No service connection that creates any potential hazard to the County's Public Water System shall be installed or maintained unless the County's Public Water System is protected by a backflow prevention assembly as required by this Manual. Service of water to any Facility shall be discontinued by the County if a backflow prevention assembly is installed, tested, or maintained in a manner that fails to comply with this Manual, or if there is evidence of tampering with a backflow prevention assembly. Service shall not be restored until such conditions or defects are corrected to the Department's satisfaction.

A. Backflow Prevention Requirements for Facilities Connected to Water Service after July 20, 1987

An appropriate and approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed and maintained as part of each service connection existing after July 20, 1987, wherever and whenever any of the following conditions are present:

1. An auxiliary water source exists or is installed.
2. Industrial fluids or any other objectionable substances are handled in such a manner as to create a hazard to the County's Public Water System.
3. Unknown internal plumbing or piping arrangements exists, which make it impracticable or impossible to ascertain whether a cross connections exist.
4. A commercial or industrial Facility, or a residential multistory or multifamily Facility exists or is constructed.
5. The property is located in a flood hazard area.
6. A swimming pool exists or is installed.
7. An irrigation system exists or is installed.

8. Any cross connection is found.

B. Backflow Prevention Requirements for Facilities Connected to Water Service before July 20, 1987

Facilities connected to water service prior to July 20, 1987 were granted certain exemptions from installing and maintaining a backflow prevention assembly under Manatee County Ordinance 13-35. Ordinance 20-44, which repealed Ordinance 13-35, removes these exemptions. The Department is authorized to administer and enforce the following requirements:

1. Each service connection existing on or before July 20, 1987 shall be required to install and maintain an appropriate and approved backflow prevention assembly wherever and whenever any of the following conditions are present:
 - a. Any cross connection is found.
 - b. A swimming pool is installed or renovated.
 - c. An irrigation system is installed or renovated.
 - d. An auxiliary water source is installed or renovated.
 - e. A plumbing permit is required for any improvement, renovation, or repairs at any Facility in which any of the following conditions exist, whether or not the permit is actually obtained:
 - i. An auxiliary water source exists.
 - ii. Industrial fluids or any other objectionable substances are handled in such a manner as to create a hazard to the County's Public Water System.
 - iii. Unknown internal plumbing or piping arrangements exist, which make it impracticable or impossible to ascertain whether cross connections exist.
 - iv. A commercial or industrial Facility, or residential multistory or multifamily Facility exists.
 - v. The property is located in a flood hazard area.
 - vi. A swimming pool exists.
 - vii. An irrigation system exists.

2. If a facility is not required to install and maintain a backflow prevention assembly due to conditions listed in 1.a – 1.e above, an appropriate and approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed no later than five years from the effective date of Ordinance No. 20-44 or by January 1, 2026 and maintained as part of each service connection existing on or before July 20, 1987 wherever and whenever any of the following conditions are present:
 - a. An auxiliary water source exists.
 - b. Industrial fluids or any other objectionable substances are handled in such a manner as to create a hazard to the County's Public Water System.
 - c. Unknown internal plumbing or piping arrangements exist, which make it impracticable or impossible to ascertain whether cross connections exist.
 - d. A commercial or industrial Facility, or residential multistory or multifamily Facility exists.
 - e. The property is located in a flood hazard area.
 - f. A swimming pool exists.
 - g. An irrigation system exists.

C. Type of Backflow Prevention Assembly Required

The required backflow prevention assemblies for water service and fire protection services are set forth in the Appendix 4 to this Manual, pages A4-A5.

A reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly is suitable to protect against both low and high hazards. A double check valve assembly is suitable to protect against low hazards only. Therefore, for the purposes of this Manual, reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly provides the highest degree of protection excluding an air gap.

The type of backflow prevention assembly required shall depend upon the degree of hazard that may exist as follows:

1. In cases where there is an auxiliary water source that is surface water, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
2. In cases where there is an auxiliary water source that is groundwater, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
3. In cases where there is an auxiliary water source that is a swimming pool, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.

4. In cases where there is an auxiliary water source that is reclaimed water, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
5. In case where there is an in-ground irrigation system, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
6. In cases where there are any substances that would be objectionable but not hazardous to health, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
7. In cases of any Facility where material is stored or handled so as to create a hazard to the County's Public Water System, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
8. In cases of any Facility where, because of security requirements or other prohibitions or restrictions, it is impossible or impractical to make a complete cross connection survey, the County's Public Water System shall be protected against backflow by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
9. In cases of any Facility where the Department determines an undue health threat is posed because of the presence of extremely toxic substances, the County's Public Water System shall be protected by an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly.
10. In cases of any Facility located in a flood hazard area, the County's Public Water System shall be protected, at minimum, by an approved double check valve assembly.
11. In cases of any Facility where two (2) or more conditions listed in paragraphs 1 through 10 above exist, the approved backflow prevention assembly shall provide the highest degree of protection for any of the conditions existing at the same service connection.

D. Hazard Classifications

Unless otherwise specified in this Manual, the Department shall use the AWWA standards and guidelines in determining all classifications of hazards.

Single-family residential Facilities shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. If such residential Facilities have auxiliary water sources or other types of systems or operations on-site which would classify the system as hazardous or are located in a flood hazard area, an approved backflow prevention assembly shall be installed as required by this Manual.

Multifamily residential Facilities with a single service connection or individual service connections having auxiliary water sources or other types of systems or operations on-site that would classify

the system as hazardous or are located in a flood hazard area shall have an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly installed as required by this Manual.

Multistory buildings shall have an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly installed as required by this Manual.

Commercial and industrial Facilities shall have an approved reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly installed, as required by this Manual.

In some instances, it may be difficult or impossible to accurately determine a Facility's cross connection status because plumbing plans of the Facility's potable water system are nonexistent, unreliable, or unobtainable. In instances where the conditions that require a backflow prevention assembly are potentially present, but a cross connection survey is not feasible, an approved reduced pressure assembly shall be installed.

Facility Owners shall be responsible for monitoring changes in use of the Facility and the degree of hazard that those changes represent to the County's Public Water System in accordance with this Manual. Failure to provide this information to the Department in a timely manner may result in discontinuance of water service to the Facility until the Facility Owner has corrected the hazard or/and improved level of protection, pursuant to this Manual, and reported the information to the Department.

E. Backflow Prevention Assembly Requirements and Design Standards

Approved backflow prevention assemblies shall have the following features:

1. Shall be testable in line.
2. Shall be repairable in line.
3. Shall have approved shut-off valves located at each end of the backflow prevention assembly.
4. Shall be supplied with ammonia resistant silicone discs or other material having the same ammonia resistant properties and approved by the Department.
5. Backflow prevention assemblies installed on or after January 1, 2014 shall be lead free as defined in the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act, Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-6, as may be amended, and in compliance with all applicable regulations.

In addition, the design of all Facilities' systems shall be consistent with the standards and specifications contained in the current edition of the Florida Plumbing Code or the Utility Standards, whichever is more stringent. The design of all backflow prevention assemblies shall utilize the current edition of the AWWA standards and guidelines and FCCC approved backflow prevention assemblies, unless otherwise specified in this Manual or approved by the Department.

Facility Owners shall be responsible for determining if the Facility's system requires an uninterrupted supply of water that would be adversely affected by routine maintenance or other

activities involving the approved backflow prevention assembly. Facility Owners shall be responsible for installing or requesting a parallel approved backflow prevention assembly. An unprotected bypass around a backflow prevention assembly for use when such assembly needs testing, repair, or replacement is prohibited.

Backflow prevention assemblies must be accessible to County employees at all times. A minimum distance from landscaping as specified in the Utility Standards, is required for all backflow prevention assembly installations. A minimum one-foot (1') distance from landscaping shall be maintained thereafter.

F. Installation Requirements

All backflow prevention assembly installations shall comply with the requirements specified in the current edition of the Florida Plumbing Code or the Utility Standards, whichever is more stringent.

Backflow prevention assemblies on potable water lines must be installed and tested by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider on the approved list, who holds a valid license as a Plumbing Contractor or who works under the direct supervision of a Plumbing Contractor, except in the following two limited situations:

1. Facility Owners may install approved backflow prevention assemblies on their own property, if the installation meets the requirements of this Manual. The initial test of a backflow prevention assembly installed by a Facility Owner must be conducted by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider on the approved list, who holds a valid license as a Plumbing Contractor or who works under the direct supervision of a Plumbing Contractor.
2. Backflow prevention assemblies on potable water lines serving commercial properties may be installed and initially tested by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider on the approved list, who holds a valid license as an Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor or who works under the direct supervision of an Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor, if the Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor is performing work as part of a larger construction project at the commercial property, and the installation meets the requirements of this Manual.

Backflow prevention assemblies on fire system lines must be installed and tested by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider on the approved list, who holds a valid minimum certificate as a fire protection system Contractor V or higher.

All approved backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed above final finished grade, unless otherwise approved by the Department.

Approved backflow prevention assemblies shall not be installed above final finished grade in any type of vault, unless such vault is constructed to allow at least thirty percent (30%) of its sidewalls to be open or ventilated at grade level. These openings or vents shall be unobstructed and of sufficient size to permit any vented water to freely pass through the openings to the outside.

Approved backflow prevention assemblies shall not be installed in any position other than horizontal, unless the assembly has received approval for such installation by the assembly's manufacturer and the FCCC.

Approved backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed in outside locations and shall be protected from possible damage caused by normal traffic.

All approved backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed at a height consistent with the Utility Standards.

At the time of installation, approved backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested, then tagged and certified. All tests, tagging, and certification reports must be completed by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider as required by this Manual.

A permit is required for new installations of backflow prevention assemblies. After a Facility's approved backflow prevention assembly has been installed and initially tested, certified, and approved, the Facility Owner shall contact the County to arrange for final inspection. The County inspector shall make a site inspection of the new backflow prevention assembly. Until the Facility's approved backflow prevention assembly passes the final inspection, the service connection shall not be activated.

Any time a replacement is required for a backflow prevention assembly, such new approved backflow prevention assembly shall comply with all provisions of this Manual.

All backflow prevention assemblies installed on or after July 20, 1987, and existing as of the effective date of this Manual that do not meet the requirements of this Manual, but were approved by the County at the time of original installation and that have been properly maintained, are exempt from the installation standards of this Manual, provided that any such backflow prevention assembly satisfactorily protects the County's Public Water System. Whenever any such existing backflow prevention assembly is moved from its present location or requires replacement, the backflow prevention assembly shall be replaced by an approved backflow prevention assembly that meets all the requirements of this Manual.

G. Testing, Service, and Reporting Requirements

To be in compliance with County requirements, backflow prevention assemblies must:

1. Be tested immediately following installation;
2. Be tested at least once every year;
3. Be tested only by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider in accordance with this Manual;
4. Be tested utilizing procedures approved by the AWWA or its equivalent and the FCCC;

5. Be tested with test equipment approved by the AWWA or its equivalent and the Department, such equipment to be calibrated within the last twelve (12) months;
6. Be tagged at the time of testing with a tag that contains the name of the qualifying company, the license number or certificate number of the certified backflow prevention assembly service provider, the month of the test, and the year of expiration, with a tag that is sized to industry standards. No backflow prevention assembly shall be tagged before being tested; and
7. Be reported to the Department no later than seven (7) days following the test.

The Department may require a more frequent test schedule for backflow prevention assemblies serving Facilities classified in accordance with this Manual as high hazard or that frequently fail regularly scheduled tests, as necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

If an inactive water service is reactivated and more than one year has passed since the last successful test, the service connection associated with such service shall not be activated until the backflow prevention assembly has been tested and approved.

Repairs, Replacements and Failed or Expired Tests

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall observe new installations and replacements of backflow prevention assemblies to ensure the assembly is the correct type of protection for the degree of hazard and properly installed in accordance with the CCC Manual and Utility Standards installation requirements. If the newly installed or replaced assembly is not the correct type of protection, or installation requirements are not proper, the backflow prevention assembly service provider shall report a failed field test and note the discrepancy on the backflow preventer test report form.

Backflow prevention assemblies that fail a required test shall be reported to the Department within one (1) business day of the testing. Required repairs shall be performed by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider. Facility Owners may repair a backflow prevention assembly on their own property, provided that at the completion of the repairs, the backflow prevention assembly is tested and tagged by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider and test results are reported to the Department and Facility Owner within one (1) business day.

Any backflow prevention assembly that is unable to be repaired shall be replaced immediately. At the completion of the replacement, the backflow prevention assembly shall be tested and tagged by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider consistent with the installation requirements of this Manual.

Until such repairs or replacements are completed, the service connection shall be deactivated if deemed necessary by the Department to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Testing Equipment and Methods

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall test backflow prevention assemblies using equipment recommended by such assembly's manufacturer and approved by the Department.

Only AWWA and FCCC methods shall be used when testing backflow prevention assemblies.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall have their testing instruments certified for accuracy at least once every year or as often as the equipment manufacturer recommends, whichever is more frequent. The certified backflow prevention assembly service provider shall forward a copy of the instrument's calibration report to the Department. The Department shall deem unacceptable testing reports prepared by certified backflow prevention assembly service providers if such annual calibration reports are not received by the Department. Calibration reports shall only be accepted from sources approved by the Department. The Department shall approve testing sources based on manufacturer and industry standards.

Reporting Responsibilities

Facility Owners are directly responsible for all reports and reporting procedures regarding backflow prevention assemblies installed to protect the County's Public Water System. The Facility Owner may designate an agent to act on behalf of the Facility Owner, but in no way does such action alleviate the Facility Owner's responsibility.

Reports for initial certification tests, scheduled tests, repairs, and replacements of a Facility's backflow prevention assembly must be completed by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider as required by this Manual. Such reports shall be forwarded to the Department by the certified backflow prevention assembly service provider electronically through the Department's website. The certified backflow prevention assembly service provider shall transmit all completed reports to the Department no later than seven (7) days following the annual test of the backflow prevention assembly. At the completion of the repairs and new installations, the backflow prevention assembly shall be tested and tagged by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider as required by this Manual and test results shall be reported to the Department within one (1) business day of the testing. The certified backflow prevention assembly service provider shall notify the Facility Owner(s) of any failed test results within one (1) business day following the test.

Facility Owners shall notify the Department within 24 hours if their backflow prevention assembly has been damaged, is discharging abnormally, or has failed any tests, as follows:

1. Notify the Department by emailing water.saver@mymanatee.org or by calling (941)792-8811 Ext. 5267 or Ext. 5283. If the Department's offices are closed, notify the after-hours on-call personnel.
2. Contact a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider from the approved list for immediate repairs, replacement and testing of the device.

IV. CROSS CONNECTION BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Department shall include staff of qualified personnel to perform and/or oversee the following services as required by this Manual:

1. Site (field) inspections;
2. Cross connection control systems approval;
3. Emergency services and inspections;
4. Educational assistance regarding cross connection control;
5. Maintenance and correlation of data generated by the Cross Connection Control Program;
6. Administration of all fees of the program;
7. Review of qualifications established under this Manual for certified backflow prevention assembly service providers;
8. Maintenance of the approved list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers and removal from the list of any service provider whose conduct is contrary to the requirements of this Manual, the Code of Conduct, or the best interest of the County or its Public Water System; and
9. Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and submission of reports relating to backflow prevention assemblies at Facilities.

The Department shall review and approve the information and data submitted by Facility Owners and approved backflow prevention assembly service providers for the installation, testing, repair, replacement, and relocation of backflow prevention assemblies required under this Manual or that existed prior to the effective date of this Manual.

The Department shall be responsible for evaluating the hazard posed by the Facility's system or Facility's use.

The Department may deny or disconnect a service connection in which:

1. a hazard exists to the County's Public Water System, unless otherwise prohibited by this Manual or the Manatee County Code; or
2. the Facility Owner fails to install, test, operate, maintain, repair, or replace an appropriate and approved backflow prevention assembly in accordance with the County Code and this Manual.

The Department may inspect all new approved backflow prevention assembly installations for compliance with the AWWA Manual M-14, the Utility Standards, and this Manual.

The Department shall not accept any tests or reports for any backflow prevention assembly, unless submitted by an approved backflow prevention assembly service provider from the approved list, consistent with the requirements of this Manual.

The Department shall compile and maintain all significant data resulting from reports submitted under this Manual.

The Department shall require additional data on any report deemed necessary, prudent, or helpful in the administration of this Manual.

V. CROSS CONNECTION BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Facility Owners

The Facility Owner shall be responsible for ensuring, by installation of an appropriate and approved backflow prevention assembly, that water from any other water source or any other harmful substance does not enter the County's Public Water System.

Facility Owners whose Facilities pose a hazard to the County's Public Water System shall comply with provisions of this Manual and act pursuant to the directions of the Department in order to prevent or decrease contamination of the public water supply.

Upon order by the Department, the Facility Owner shall install or cause to be installed an approved backflow prevention assembly and shall maintain such backflow prevention assembly at the Facility Owner's expense.

The Facility Owner shall be directly responsible and wholly liable for all procedures regarding the Facility's backflow prevention assembly.

No Facility Owner shall alter the backflow prevention assembly protecting the County's Public Water System, unless such alteration is approved by the Department.

No Facility Owner shall circumvent the Facility's backflow prevention assembly protecting the County's Public Water System.

No Facility Owner shall operate the Facility's internal water system when any part of that system is malfunctioning in a manner that poses a hazard to the County's Public Water System.

The Facility Owner shall immediately report to the Department any malfunction or damage which could affect the backflow prevention assembly's ability to protect the County's Public Water System.

The Facility Owner shall be responsible for arranging all installations, tests, maintenance, repairs, replacements, and relocations of backflow prevention assemblies in accordance with this Manual at the Facility Owner's expense. In addition, the Facility Owner shall be responsible for maintaining copies of all documentation and results of all tests, repairs, and replacements for the backflow prevention assemblies protecting the County's Public Water System on file at the Facility's location for at least one year.

The Facility Owner shall be responsible for ensuring that each backflow prevention assembly is tested as required by this Manual.

The Facility Owner shall be responsible for reporting to the Department any installations, tests, repairs, replacements, and relocations of backflow prevention assemblies at the Facility.

The Facility Owner shall not relocate or remove a backflow prevention assembly prior to receiving written approval from the Cross Connection Control Program.

A failure on the part of the Facility Owner to comply with the regulations in this Cross Connection Control Manual or in Chapter 2-31 of the Manatee County Code could result in a disconnection or denial of water service; a code enforcement action; a civil lawsuit for monetary damages; an action for injunctive relief; or other legal action for fees or costs.

B. Certified Backflow Prevention Assembly Service Providers

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall ensure that all installations, tests, maintenance, repairs, replacements, and relocations completed on any backflow prevention assembly protecting the County's Public Water System are performed in compliance with manufacturer's recommendations, the AWWA Manual M-14, the Utility Standards, and this Manual.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall submit to the Department all information relating to installations, tests, repairs, replacements, and relocations on any backflow prevention assembly protecting the County's Public Water System as requested by the Department.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall ensure that all information submitted to the Department is reliable and accurate.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall maintain copies of all documentation and results of all tests, repairs, and replacements on backflow prevention assemblies protecting the County's Public Water System and any related correspondence for at least one year.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall only perform those activities for which their certification is valid and approved as specified in this Manual. Reports submitted by non-certified or non-approved personnel shall not be accepted by the Department.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall notify Facility Owners if any backflow prevention assembly serving their property fails a test within one (1) business day of the test date.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall comply with the AWWA Manual M-14, the Utility Standards, and all provisions and requirements of this Manual.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall not relocate or remove a backflow prevention assembly prior to receiving written approval from the Department's Cross Connection Control Program.

Code of Conduct

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall sign and abide by the Department's Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct provides for accountability to practice the standardized procedures as set forth in this Manual while establishing an acceptable standard of care for all MCUD water customers. The Code of Conduct can be found in Appendix 9 (pages A10-A-12) of this Manual.

Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers who fail to comply with the Manatee County Cross Connection Control Manual and the Code of Conduct and may be subject to disciplinary action. The Manatee County Utilities Department will determine the appropriate level of disciplinary action, depending on the frequency, nature and severity of the offense, which may include the following:

- (1) Verbal consultation or email correspondence to address code violation.
- (2) Written warning issued to the certified backflow prevention assembly service provider.
- (3) Suspension of testing privileges in Manatee County, which includes removal from the list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers and revoking access to Department's reporting website, until specified corrective actions have been completed.
- (4) Revocation of testing privileges in Manatee County which includes removal from the list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers and revoking access to Department's reporting website.

When disciplinary action is imposed on a certified backflow prevention service provider, the Department will clearly state what violation has occurred, along with what actions are required to return to compliance, including the deadline for compliance.

C. Pest Control Operators

Tanks, vehicles, equipment, and machines used for pest control activities must be filled at designated protected potable water locations or the reclaimed water filling station at the County's water reclamation plant. Use of potable water from unspecified locations or private residences to fill tanks, vehicles, equipment, or machines is prohibited.

To be a protected potable water location, there must be overhead piping arrangements with installed reduced pressure backflow prevention assembly and a minimum one-inch air gap between fluids in the tank and fill discharge. If an overhead piping arrangement cannot be used, a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly must be installed on the fill line.

VI. QUALIFICATIONS OF CERTIFIED BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY SERVICE PROVIDERS

A certified backflow prevention assembly service provider must hold, at a minimum, a valid and current certification from the UF/TREEO, FW&PCOA, ABPA, or equivalent minimum thirty-two (32) hour certification program as a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider, and

1. a valid and current license as a Plumbing Contractor or work under the direct supervision of a Plumbing Contractor for potable water lines; or
2. a valid and current certificate as a fire protection system Contractor V or higher for fire system lines; or
3. a valid and current license as an Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor or work under the direct supervision of an Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor for potable water lines serving commercial properties, if the Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor is performing work as part of a larger construction project at the commercial property..

To be on the approved list maintained by the Department, the certified backflow prevention assembly service provider must read and execute a copy of the Code of Conduct (included in the Appendix of this Manual) and submit such executed copy and all other proper documentation to the Department.

A certified backflow prevention assembly service provider on the approved list who holds a valid license as a Plumbing Contractor or who works under the direct supervision of a Plumbing Contractor may install, test, repair, replace or relocate backflow prevention assemblies on potable water lines.

A certified backflow prevention assembly service provider on the approved list who holds a valid certificate as a fire protection system Contractor V or higher or who works under the direct supervision of a fire protection system Contractor V or higher may install, test, repair, replace or relocate backflow prevention assemblies for fire system lines.

A certified backflow prevention assembly service provider on the approved list who holds a license as an Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor or who works under the direct supervision of an Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor may install, replace, relocate, and test, backflow prevention assemblies on potable water lines serving commercial properties, if the Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor is performing work as part of a larger construction project at the commercial property. An Underground Utility and Excavation Contractor may only conduct the initial test of backflow prevention assemblies installed by that contractor.

Conduct that fails to comply with the requirements of this Manual, the Code of Conduct, or the best interest of the County or its Public Water System shall be grounds for removal from the list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers or termination of any County contracts for the provision of services under this Manual.

All persons providing services to the County or the Facility specified in this Manual shall comply with all provisions and requirements of this Manual.

VII. EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Although Manatee County Utilities Department Cross Connection Control Program takes precautions to prevent any cross connection between the County's Public Water System and non-potable water, emergencies do occur. When they do, they require quick, correct and decisive responses. Certified Backflow Prevention Assembly Service Providers are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Report any existing cross connection immediately to the Cross Connection Control Program (941) 792-8811 ext. 5267 or ext. 5283 Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:00 pm. If needed, turn the water off at the backflow prevention assembly shut off valve(s).
2. If an emergency requires immediate water meter turn off after hours, on weekends or holidays call (941) 792-8811 and choose an emergency assistance option. In addition, an email shall be sent to water.saver@mymanatee.org within 24 hours describing existing issues and any corrective action scheduled and/or implemented.
3. If there is an actual or possible cross connection with a fire line supply, DO NOT TURN WATER OFF UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. Notify the Cross Connection Control Program who will then notify the appropriate Fire District.
4. The CCCP Compliance Officer will be dispatched during regular business hours and take appropriate action as conditions warrant. Once the cross connection has been eliminated, water service may be restored.
5. Any property found to have a confirmed cross connection will be required to install and maintain a backflow prevention assembly regardless of existing conditions or degree of hazard on the property once the cross connection has been eliminated.
6. All confirmed cross connections will be entered into the required Cross Connection Log and reported to Florida Department of Environmental Protection for inclusion in the Cross Connection Control Program Annual Report Form 62-555.900(1).



APPENDIX

- 1) State of Florida Letter of Approval Cross Connection Control Program (Page A-1)
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

February 10, 1992

In the matter of a cross-connection control program:

Public Water System Name: Manatee County Public Works Department

PWSID NO.: 6411132

Ms. Vicky Zimarino
Manatee County Public Works Department
4501 66th St. W.
Bradenton, FL 34209

Dear Ms. Zimarino:

Rule 17-610.470(1), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), requires that cross-connection control programs be developed for public water systems that serve areas that also are provided reclaimed water under a reuse system permitted under Part III of Chapter 17-610, F.A.C. Rule 17-610.491, F.A.C. requires that such cross-connection control programs be accepted by the Department before the reuse system is placed into operation.

On January 28, 1992, the Department received the cross-connection control program for the Manatee County public water system. Because the requirements of Rule 17-555.360 and Chapter 17-610, F.A.C., related to reuse systems have been met, the Department accepts this cross-connection control program.

If you have any questions about this acceptance of the Manatee County cross-connection control program, please call Kathy Kimes at 748-0666.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kimes,
Engineering Supervisor

cc: Reuse System Permittee, MCPWD
DER Drinking Water Section/Tallahassee
DER District Office

DISTRICT SIX

HRS MANATEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT
410 SIXTH AVENUE EAST, BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34208-1986

(813) 748-0666 FAX-(813) 747-7347

LAWTON CHILES, GOVERNOR



Utilities
Water Compliance
4520 66th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34210
Phone: (941) 792-8811
www.mymanatee.org/water

Manatee County Backflow Prevention Assembly Service Provider Registration

Thank you for your interest in providing backflow prevention assembly testing services in Manatee County. Our cross connection control program is guided by the Safe Drinking Water Act, Florida Administrative code 62.550 and 62.555, Article X of Chapter 2-31 Manatee County of Ordinance, Recommended Practice for Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control AWWA M-14 Manual, and Manatee County Land Development Code Chapter 8. We recommended that you familiarize yourself with these documents.

Please complete this form and return it with all required documents by mail, fax (941-795-3457) or email (water.saver@mymanatee.org). Once we process your documents you will receive an email with the tester's login user name and password to the backflow test reporting website. *(Please note: test reports are only accepted electronically through the website. Any reports submitted through mail, e-mail or fax will be rejected. Website address: <https://public.mymanatee.org/bfd/testing?view=home>).*

Company Name: _____

Preferred Contact Phone Number: _____

Preferred Contact E-mail: _____

Would you like your company to be advertised on our public certified backflow prevention assembly service providers list? Yes No

Please provide a copy of the following documents:

- Plumbing License and/or Fire Marshal Certificate*
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- BFPD Authorized Agent Form (for each tester)
- Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Certification (for each tester)
- Test Kit Calibration Report

**Current ordinance requires a plumbing license for all potable backflow prevention assembly testing and a fire marshal certificate for fireline backflow assembly testing.*

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at water.saver@mymanatee.org or 941-792-8811 ext. 5283.



WEBPAGE AUTHORIZED AGENT FORM
MANATEE COUNTY UTILITY OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL OFFICE
4520 66TH ST. W. BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34210
OFFICE (941) 792-8811, EXT. 5267

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Date: _____

This authorization expires according to the following category expiration dates: plumbing license, fire marshal certificate, backflow prevention assembly tester and repair certification, and the calibration of equipment.

I, _____ of _____
(Print Tester's Name) (Print Name of Company)
at _____
(Company Address, City, State and Zip)

having personally appeared and presented identification, do hereby notify the Manatee County Cross Connection Control office that the signature below is my true signature for the purpose of being authorized to enter the secured Manatee County website for the purpose of inputting backflow prevention assembly certification data. I further acknowledge that the data I input will become a legal document. I also acknowledge that the below listed information is on file and updated with the Manatee County Cross Connection office.

Tester's Signature: _____
Backflow Prevention Certification Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Fax: _____
Tester's Email Address: _____
Florida Plumbing/Fire Marshal License Number: _____ Expiration date: _____
Test Kit: Make: _____ Model: _____
Calibration Date: _____ Serial Number: _____
General Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Expiration Date: _____

NOTICE: THE LICENSED TESTER SIGNATURE IS TO BE NOTARIZED

STATE OF FLORIDA §
COUNTY OF MANATEE §

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____,
by _____, who is () personally known to me or has
provided the following identification _____.

Notary Public In and For The State of Florida

My Commission Expires: _____

REQUIRED BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLIES

Approved Backflow Prevention Assemblies

Manufacturers and models of approved backflow prevention assemblies for each type of assembly (DC and RP) are listed in the document “List of Approved Backflow Prevention Assemblies” distributed by Foundation for Cross-Connection and Hydraulic Research, University of Southern California.

Potable Water Service

An approved backflow prevention assembly must be installed on each potable water service connection to any premises containing specific types of facilities. Listed below are examples of facilities and the minimum protection required to be installed for each type of facility. This list represents the minimum requirements and should not be construed as a complete record of all facilities. The minimum approved backflow prevention assembly for unlisted facilities will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Cross Connection Control Program.

Type of Facility	Minimum Protection
Commercial	RP
Industrial	RP
Multifamily Residential	determined by degree of hazard
Multistory	RP
Sewage Pumping Station (lift station)	RP
Single-Family Residential	determined by degree of hazard

In addition to the specific facilities listed above, an approved backflow prevention assembly must be installed on each potable water service connection to any premises containing an actual or potential hazard. Listed below are examples of hazards and the minimum protection required to be installed for each type of hazard. The minimum approved backflow prevention assembly for unlisted hazards will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Cross Connection Control Program.

Type of Hazard at Premises	Minimum Protection
Any type of well	RP
Auxiliary water system not connected to public water system	RP
Fire Sprinkler System	RP
Flood hazard area (if only condition)	DC
Fountain with dedicated fill pipe	RP
Hot water heating system using chemical water conditioner	RP
If cross connection is found	RP
Irrigation system	RP
Property abuts or includes body of water (i.e. river, bay, lake or pond)	RP
Reclaimed water (assembly at potable water meter)	RP
Self-draining yard hydrant, fountain, hose, box or similar assembly	RP
Solar water heating system	RP
Swimming pool	RP
Water storage tank, reservoir, pond or similar appurtenance	RP

Fire Protection Service

An approved backflow prevention assembly must be installed on each fire protection service to any premises where the fire protection system contains any of the components listed below, unless the Cross Connection Control Program determines that no actual or potential hazard to the public water system exists. Fire systems are divided into six (6) general classes. Listed below are descriptions of the classes and the minimum protection to be provided for each class.

Class	Description	Minimum Protection
1	Closed automatic fire system with no pump connection (i.e., 20 heads or less)	None
2	Closed automatic fire system with pump connection	DC
3	Closed automatic fire system with pump connection and auxiliary water supply on or available to premises or located within 1,700 feet from pump connection	RP
4	Closed automatic fire system with closed pressure tank supply (jockey pump may be interconnected with domestic water supply and/or air compressor connection)	RP
5	Closed automatic sprinkler system interconnected with auxiliary water system	RP
6	Fire system used for combined purpose of supplying automatic sprinklers, hose lines, fire hydrants and standpipes and domestic water for industrial purposes:	
6(A)	Self-draining fire hydrant on premises presenting health or system hazard (i.e., bulk storage yard, chemical plant, fuel storage plant, sewage treatment plant, stockyard or similar facility)	RP
6(B)	Self-draining fire hydrant on premises presenting pollution hazard (i.e., multi-family residential building, fabrication plant, office building or similar facility)	DC

Backflow Prevention Assembly Tag Specifications

Tested and Certified By:							
JAN	Backflow Testing Company 123 Main Street Bradenton, FL 941-123-3456					DEC	
FEB	State Cert # CFC 999999 Backflow Cert # T10-15-9999					NOV	
MAR	ANNUAL TEST OF BACKFLOW PREVENTER					OCT	
APR	DO NOT REMOVE					SEP	
MAY	Test valid 1 year from date punched.					AUG	
JUN	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Required Information:

- Company Name;
- Address;
- Plumber's License Number/Fire Marshal Certificate Number;
- Phone Number;
- Date of Test or Expiration Date (it has to clearly specify which date is listed).

Size: 2 ¾" x 4 ½", 0.015" to .03" Thick

Material: No adhesive tags allowed.



PETITION TO REMOVE A BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY

Cross Connection Control Office
4520 66th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34210
Phone: (941) 792-8811 EXT 5267
Email: water.saver@mymanatee.org

Date: _____

Customer's Name: _____ Account Number: _____

Property Address: _____

Customer's Contact Information: Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you a property owner? (only the property owner is authorized submit this form) Yes No

Reason for a backflow preventer removal? _____

Do your outside hose spigots have vacuum breakers installed? Yes No Don't know

(all hose spigots are to have vacuum breakers installed as required by Florida Building Code P2902.4.3)

Does your property have any of the following?

- An in-ground irrigation system _____ Yes No
- A secondary source of water, such as reclaimed water or well _____ Yes No
- A swimming pool _____ Yes No
- A fountain with a dedicated fill pipe _____ Yes No
- A fire sprinkler system _____ Yes No
- A flood zone designation _____ Yes No
- Property that abuts or includes a body of water, including river, bay, lake or pond _____ Yes No
- A solar water heating system _____ Yes No
- A commercial, industrial, multistory or multifamily residential facility _____ Yes No

Property Owner's Signature: _____

Petition will be processed within 30 days of submission

For Department's Use Only		Date received: _____	Ready for Inspection: _____
Initial Inspection:	Petition Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Conditionally Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Petition Denied <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments: _____			
Reviewer: _____	Date: _____		
Follow Up Inspection (if needed):	Petition Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Petition Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments: _____			
Reviewer: _____	Date: _____		
Final Inspection:	Petition Conditions Met <input type="checkbox"/>	Petition Conditions Not Met <input type="checkbox"/>	
Reviewer: _____	Date: _____		
Comments: _____			

*This form can be filed online at
https://mymanatee.org/departments/utilities/manatee_county_water_division/backflow_prevention_assembly_information/petition_to_remove_a_backflow_prevention_assembly



BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY SERVICE PROVIDER COMPLAINT FORM

Cross Connection Control Office
4520 66th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34210
Phone: (941) 792-8811 EXT 5267
Email: water.saver@mymanatee.org

Date: _____

Customer's Name: _____ Account Number: _____

Property Address: _____

Customer's Contact Information: Phone: _____ Email: _____

Property Owner's Signature: _____

COMPLAINT

Service Provider: _____

Date of Service: _____

Nature of Complaint: _____

Pertinent documents attached: Yes _____ No _____

Requested Resolution: _____

Signature: _____

*All complaints filed with the MCUD Cross Connection Control Program
will be kept on file for one year and are a matter of public record.*

For Department's Use Only Date received: _____ Date Filed: _____

Comments: _____

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

*This form will be available online at
https://mymanatee.org/departments/utilities/manatee_county_water_division/backflow_prevention_assembly_information



Manatee County Utilities Department

Designated Reclaimed Water Filling Station

**Contact MCUD Finance to set up account at 941-792-8811
ext. 5227**

Southeast Water Reclamation Facility (SEWRF)

3331 Lena Road, Bradenton, FL 34211



Southwest Water Reclamation Facility (SWWRF)



5101 65th St West, Bradenton, FL 34210

Manatee County Utilities Department Code of Conduct

The Manatee County Utilities Department (MCUD) is responsible for protecting the public water distribution system. MCUD must take all reasonable precautions to protect the potable water supply from potential contamination from hazards originating from a customer's premises. To this end, and in accordance with Florida Administrative Code 62-555.360, MCUD has created this Code of Conduct, which is authorized by and incorporated into this CCC Manual. The Code of Conduct must be signed by certified backflow prevention assembly service providers who wish to be included in MCUD's approved list of certified providers.

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, certified backflow prevention assembly service providers must follow standardized procedures set forth in the Cross Connection Control (CCC) Manual, while establishing an acceptable standard of care for all MCUD water customers, as set forth herein:

- A. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall maintain the technical qualifications as required by the CCC Manual.
- B. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall only record data and submit test forms for assemblies they have tested. A service provider shall not record any falsified data on the Backflow Preventer Test Report.
- C. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall tag tested assemblies as required by the CCC Manual. A service provider shall not remove another service provider's tag from a functioning assembly with a current certification.
- D. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall not perform any unnecessary tests or installations, or make any unnecessary repairs or replacements.
- E. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall record all backflow assembly test data via Web-Entry. The submitted test form shall comply with the reporting requirements of the CCC Manual.
- F. When backflow prevention assembly repairs are necessary, the certified backflow prevention assembly service provider shall only utilize original factory repair parts as manufactured for the assembly. All repairs and replacements shall be recorded and submitted as provided for in the CCC Manual.
- G. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall not install a new backflow preventer without a permit. Installations, relocations, and variances shall meet the installation requirements in the CCC Manual.
- H. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall submit all annual recertifications no later than seven (7) days from the test date. At the completion of the repairs and new installations, the backflow prevention assembly shall be tested and tagged by a certified backflow prevention assembly service provider as required by this Manual and test results shall be reported to the Department within one (1) business day. The certified backflow prevention assembly service provider shall notify the Facility Owner(s) of any failed test results within one (1) business day of the test.
- I. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall have the test kit checked for accuracy at least once a year or when in need of calibration. The backflow prevention assembly service provider will make the test kit available to the CCC for inspection. Test reports submitted with an expired test kit will not be accepted.
- J. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall observe new installations and replacements of backflow prevention assemblies to ensure the assembly is the correct type of

protection for the degree of hazard and properly installed in accordance with the CCC Manual and Utility Standards installation requirements. If the newly installed or replaced assembly is not the correct type of protection, or installation requirements are not proper, the backflow prevention assembly service provider shall fail the field test and note the discrepancy on the backflow preventer test report form.

- K. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers have neither the responsibility nor the authority to represent or enforce MCUD's Cross Connection Control Program. Enforcement lies solely with MCUD and Code Enforcement officials.
- L. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall comply with the CCC Manual in the exercise of their responsibilities as covered by these rules and practices. The service provider shall supply any requested information and or appear on the site of the assembly when requested.
- M. It is the certified backflow prevention assembly service provider's responsibility to inform MCUD of any changes in their address, phone numbers, email, certification status, etc.
- N. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers shall correspond with the Utilities Department as follows:

Mail: Manatee County Utilities Department
ATTN: Cross Connection Control Program
4410 66th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34210
Email: water.saver@mymanatee.org
Phone: 941-792-8811

- O. Certified backflow prevention assembly service providers who fail to comply with this Code of Conduct and the Manatee County Cross Connection Control Manual may be subject to disciplinary action. The Manatee County Utilities Department will determine the appropriate level of disciplinary action, depending on the frequency, nature and severity of the offense, which may include the following:
 - (1) Verbal consultation or email correspondence to address code violation.
 - (2) Written warning issued to the certified backflow prevention assembly service provider.
 - (3) Suspension of testing privileges in Manatee County, which includes removal from the list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers and revoking access to Department's reporting website, until specified corrective actions have been completed.
 - (4) Revocation of testing privileges in Manatee County which includes removal from the list of certified backflow prevention assembly service providers and revoking access to Department's reporting website.

Please complete and sign the Acknowledgement on the following page, in the presence of a notary, and return to:

Mail: Manatee County Utilities Department
ATTN: Cross Connection Control Program
4410 66th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34210
Email: water.saver@mymanatee.org

**SECTION D, SAMPLE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL
CONDITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT
EXHIBITS**

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

for

STIPULATED SUM

between

MANATEE COUNTY (AS OWNER)

and

_____ (AS CONTRACTOR)

AGREEMENT NO.

**CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR
STIPULATED SUM
[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 “Contractor.”

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

WHEREAS, in response to Owner’s Invitation for Bid Construction No. _____ (the “IFBC”), Contractor has submitted its Bid (the “Contractor’s Bid”) to provide the aforementioned construction services.

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

1. Contract Documents. The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement and attached Exhibits, the attached General Conditions of the Construction Agreement, Supplementary Conditions (if any), Special Conditions (if any), Drawings (the titles of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A), Specifications (the titles of which are attached hereto as Exhibit B), Addenda issued prior to execution of this Agreement, the Invitation for Bid (including any Instructions to Bidders, Scope of Work, Bid Summary, Supplements, and Technical Specifications), any interpretations issued pursuant to the Invitation for Bid, the Contractor’s Bid, permits, notice of intent to award, Notice to Proceed, purchase order(s), any other documents listed in this Agreement, and Modifications [to include written Amendment(s), Change Order(s), Work Directive Change(s) and Field Directive(s)] issued after execution of this Agreement. These form the Agreement, and are as fully a part of the Agreement as if attached or repeated herein. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. No other documents shall be considered Contract Documents.

2. Work. The Contractor shall fully execute the Work described in the Contract Documents, except to the extent specifically indicated in the Contract Documents to be the responsibility of others.

3. Date of Commencement and Substantial Completion.

A. Date of Commencement. The date of commencement of the Work shall be the date fixed in a Notice to Proceed issued by the Owner.

B. Contract Time. The Contract Time shall be measured from the date of commencement.

C. Substantial Completion. The Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion of the entire Work not later than ___ days from the date of commencement, or as follows:

Portion of Work	Substantial Completion Date
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subject to adjustments of this Contract Time as provided in the Contract Documents.

Time is of the essence in the Contract Documents and all obligations thereunder. If the Contractor fails to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time and as otherwise required by the Contract Documents (to include not only the entire Work but any portion of the Work as set forth above), the Owner shall be entitled to retain or recover from the Contractor, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the sum of \$ _____ per calendar day, commencing upon the first day following expiration of the Contract Time and continuing until the actual date of Substantial Completion. Such liquidated damages are hereby agreed to be a reasonable estimate of damages the Owner will incur because of delayed completion of the Work. The Owner may deduct liquidated damages as described in this paragraph from any unpaid amounts then or thereafter due the Contractor under this Agreement. Any liquidated damages 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.

4. Contract Sum.

A. Payment. The Owner shall pay the Contractor the Contract Sum in current funds for the Contractor's performance of the Contract. The Contract Sum shall be _____ Dollars and Zero Cents (\$ _____), subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents.

B. Alternates. The Contract Sum is based upon the following alternates, if any, which are described in the Contract Documents and are hereby accepted by the Owner. *(State the numbers or other identification of accepted alternates. If decisions on other alternates are to be made by the Owner subsequent to the execution of this Agreement, attach a schedule of such other alternates showing the amount for each and the date when that amount expires.)*

C. Unit Prices. Unit prices, if any, are reflected in the Contractor's Bid.

5. Payments.

A. Progress Payments.

(1) Based upon Applications for Payment submitted to the Architect/Engineer by the Contractor and Certificates for Payment issued by the Architect/Engineer, the Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Sum to the Contractor as provided below and elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

(2) The period covered by each Application for Payment shall be one calendar month ending on the last day of the month.

- (3) Payments shall be made by Owner in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.735, Florida Statutes.
- (4) Each Application for Payment shall be based on the most recent schedule of values submitted by the Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents. The schedule of values shall allocate the entire Contract Sum among the various portions of the Work. 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 Owner or Architect/Engineer, shall be used as a basis for reviewing the Contractor's Applications for Payment.
- (5) Applications for Payment shall indicate the percentage of completion of each portion of the Work as of the end of the period covered by the Application for Payment.
- (6) Subject to other provisions of the Contract Documents, the amount of each progress payment shall be computed as follows:
 - i. Take that portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to completed Work as determined by multiplying the percentage completion of each portion of the Work by the share of the Contract Sum allocated to that portion of the Work in the schedule of values, less retainage of five percent (5.00%). Pending final determination of cost to the Owner of changes in the Work, amounts not in dispute shall be included as provided in Section 3.3.B. of the General Conditions;
 - ii. Add that portion of the Contract Sum properly allocable to materials and equipment delivered and suitably stored at the site for subsequent incorporation in the completed construction (or, if approved in advance by the Owner, suitably stored off the site at a location agreed upon in writing), supported by paid receipts, less retainage of five percent (5.00%);
 - iii. Subtract the aggregate of previous payments made by the Owner; and
 - iv. Subtract amounts, if any, for which the Architect/Engineer has withheld or nullified an Application for Payment, in whole or in part as provided in Section 3.3.C. of the General Conditions.
- (7) The progress payment amount determined in accordance with Section 5.A(6) shall be further modified under the following circumstances:
 - i. Add, upon Substantial Completion of the Work, a sum sufficient to increase the total payments to the full amount of the Contract Sum, less such amounts as the Architect/Engineer shall determine for

incomplete Work, retainage applicable to such work and unsettled claims.

- ii. Add, if final completion of the Work is thereafter materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor, any additional amounts payable in accordance with Section 3.2.B. of the General Conditions.

- (8) Reduction or limitation of retainage, if any, shall be as follows:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon completion of at least 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 each subsequent progress payment.

- (9) Except with the Owner's prior approval, the Contractor shall not make advance payments to suppliers for materials or equipment which have not been delivered and stored at the site.

B. Final Payment. Final Payment, constituting the entire unpaid balance of the Contract Sum, shall be made by the Owner to the Contractor when:

(1) The Contractor has fully performed the Work except for the Contractor's responsibility to correct Work as provided in Section 2.4.C. of the General Conditions, and to satisfy other requirements, if any, which extend beyond final payment; and

(2) A final Application for Payment has been approved by the Architect/Engineer.

6. Termination or Suspension.

A. Termination. The Agreement may be terminated by the Owner or the Contractor as provided in Article XIV of the General Conditions.

B. Suspension by Owner. The Work may be suspended by the Owner as provided in Article XIV of the General Conditions.

7. Other Provisions.

A. 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 Contractor shall diligently pursue the issuance of a permanent certificate of occupancy or completion.

B. Project Meetings. There shall be a project meeting, at the jobsite or other location acceptable to the parties, on a regularly scheduled basis. The meeting will be attended by a representative of the Contractor, Architect/Engineer and Owner. These representatives shall be authorized to make decisions that are not otherwise contrary to the requirements of this Agreement.

C. Weather. 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 Contractor documenting same.

D. 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 Contractor within fourteen (14) days.

E. Applications for Payment. Applications for Payment shall be submitted once monthly at regular intervals and shall include detailed documentation of all costs incurred.

F. 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 Contractor. 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 Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the punch list items, as certified by the Architect/Engineer, the previously deducted sum shall be paid to the Contractor.

G. Closeout documentation. Within 30 days after obtainment of Substantial Completion and before final payment, Contractor 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.

H. 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.

I. E-Verify. The Contractor's employment of unauthorized aliens is a violation of Section 274(e) of the Federal Immigration and Employment Act. The Contractor 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.

8. Insurance and Bonding. If and to the extent required by the Invitation for Bid documents, the Contractor shall furnish insurance coverage for (but not necessarily limited to) workers' compensation, commercial general liability, auto liability, excess liability, and builder's risk. The Contractor shall furnish to the Owner all appropriate policies and Certificate(s) of Insurance. The Contractor shall also post a Payment and Performance Bond for the Contract Sum, within ten (10) days following notification of intent to award, and otherwise in accordance with the Invitation for Bid documents.

9. Independent Contractor. The Contractor 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.

10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (inclusive of the Contract Documents incorporated herein by reference) represents the full agreement of the parties.

11. Amendments; Waivers; Assignment.

A. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only pursuant to an instrument in writing that has been jointly executed by authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

B. 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.

C. Assignment. The rights and obligations of either party to this Agreement may be assigned to a third party only pursuant to a written amendment hereto.

12. Validity. Each of the Owner and Contractor represents and warrants to the other its respective authority to enter into this Agreement.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Construction.

A. Headings and Captions. The headings and captions of articles, sections, and paragraphs used in 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.

B. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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: _____

Email: _____

To the Contractor: _____

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 party's address herein specified, or such other physical address or email address as such party may have substituted by notice to the other.

20. Public Records Law. The Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor or keep and maintain such public records. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the Owner upon completion of the Agreement, 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 Agreement, the Contractor 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 CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE OWNER'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 941-748-4501, EXT. 5845; DEBBIE.SCACCIANOCE@MYMANATEE.ORG; POST OFFICE BOX 1000, BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34206.

21. Exhibits. Exhibits to this Agreement are as follows:

Exhibit A—Title(s) of Drawings

Exhibit B—Title(s) of Specifications

Exhibit C—Affidavit of No Conflict

Exhibit D—Certificate(s) of Insurance

Exhibit E—Payment and Performance Bond

Exhibit F—Standard Forms

- 1—Application for Payment
- 2—Certificate of Substantial Completion
- 3—Final Reconciliation / Warranty / Affidavit
- 4—Change Order

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

Name of Contractor

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
of the
CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

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GENERAL CONDITIONS
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DEFINITIONS

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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 construed 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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Exhibit A
Title(s) of Drawings

SAMPLE

Exhibit B
Title(s) of Specifications

SAMPLE

Exhibit C
Affidavit of No Conflict

SAMPLE

Exhibit D
Contractor's Certificate(s) of Insurance

SAMPLE

Exhibit E
Contractor's Payment and Performance Bond

SAMPLE

Exhibit F
Standard Forms

SAMPLE

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Request No.: _____ Project No.: _____
 Purchase Order No.: _____
 County Bid No.: _____
 Consultant: _____

Project: _____
 From: _____ To: _____

CONTRACT PAYMENT SUMMARY

Original Contract Amount:				\$	-
Change Order(s):				\$	-
Change order summary:					
Number	Date Approved	Additive	Deductive		
SUBTOTALS:		\$	-	\$	-
Net change order subtotal (Additive less Deductive):				\$	-
Current Contract Amount (CCA): (Original Amount + Change Order(s))				\$	-
		Previous Status	Total WIP		
Value of the Work in Place (WIP)	\$	-	\$	-	
Value of Stored Materials	\$	-	\$	-	
Total Earned (\$ and % of CCA)	\$	-	\$	-	
Retainage (\$ and % of CCA)	\$	-	\$	-	
Net Earned (Total earned minus retainage)				\$	-
TOTAL PREVIOUS PAYMENTS				\$	-
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT (Net Earned minus Previous Payments)				\$	-

CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

CERTIFICATE: The undersigned CONTRACTOR certifies that all items and amounts shown on this Application for Payment are on account of work performed, materials supplied and/or materials stored on site and paid for by Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents with due consideration for previous Payment(s), if any, received by the Contractor from the County, and that the Amount Due this Payment shown is now due.

NOTARY:

CONTRACTOR:

State of Florida, County of _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ by _____

 (Name of person giving notice)

 (Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)
 Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public:

Personally Known _____ or Produced Identification _____
 Type of Identification Produced: _____

 Name of person authorized to sign Affidavit of Notice

 TITLE

 Contractor name, address and telephone no.:

VERIFICATION, RECOMMENDATION, CONCURRENCES AND APPROVALS

(Signatures)

(Date)

Quantities verified by: _____

Consultant/Engineer: _____

Project Management: _____

Department Head: _____

Payment approved by the Board of County Commissioners: _____

Attested to by the Clerk of Circuit Court: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION (S.C.)	CHECK ONE:	
	Partial	Total
Project Title:	Date Submitted:	
Contractor Data: Name: Address: City/State/Zip:	Project No:	
	S. C. Date (Proposed)	
<p>If the "Partial" completion box above is checked, the following description applies to the work for which substantial completion is being sought. Otherwise, the work described in the Contract including approved changes, if any, is certified to be substantially complete: (Description of the portion of work substantially completed):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(USE CONTINUATION SHEETS IF NECESSARY)</p>		
<p>A tentative list of items to be completed or corrected is attached hereto. This list may not be all-inclusive, and the failure to include an item does not alter the Contractor's responsibility to complete all of the contract work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The items in the tentative list shall be completed or corrected by the Contractor within _____ days of substantial completion. The approved substantial completion date is: _____</p>		
_____ Contractor Signature	_____ Date	_____ Engineer's Approval
_____ Printed Name and Title	_____ Printed Name and Title	_____ Date
<p>The Contractor shall be responsible for security, operation, safety, maintenance, HVAC, insurance and warranties in accordance with the Contract. The County will assume the responsibility for paying the cost of electrical power from midnight of the date of Engineer's approval as indicated above.</p> <p>ATTACH THE INSPECTOR'S FINAL WALKTHROUGH LIST OF DEFICIENCIES.</p>		

**FINAL RECONCILIATION, WARRANTY PERIOD DECLARATION
AND CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT**

Project Title: _____	Date Submitted: _____
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Contractor Data: Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____	Project No: _____
	Warranty (months): _____

This Final Reconciliation is for the work performed for Manatee County by the above named contractor, hereinafter called CONTRACTOR, pursuant to the contract dated _____ as amended, and acts as an addendum thereto.

It is agreed that all quantities and prices in the attached Final Pay Estimate No. _____ are correct and that the amount of \$ _____ including retainage is due to the CONTRACTOR, that no claims are outstanding as between the parties, and that the above stated sum represents the entirety of monies owed the CONTRACTOR.

It is further agreed that the warranty period for CONTRACTOR'S work pursuant to the Contract is from _____ to _____

As (title) _____ for CONTRACTOR, I have authority to bind said CONTRACTOR, and as such make this final reconciliation, declaration and affidavit for the purpose of inducing Manatee County to make final payment to CONTRACTOR for work done at/upon _____ under said contract:

CONTRACTOR has paid all social security and withholding taxes accrued in connection with the construction project.

CONTRACTOR has paid all workers' compensation and other insurance premiums incurred in connection with this construction project.

CONTRACTOR has paid for all required permits in connection with this construction project.

All laborers, material, men, suppliers, subcontractors and service professionals who worked for and/or supplied materials, equipment and/or services to the CONTRACTOR under this construction contract have been paid in full.

(Affiant Signature)

NOTARY:
State of Florida, County of _____, Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____, by _____ (person giving notice).

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida: _____
Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public: _____

Personally Known or Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced _____

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

(for Total Contract Adjusted Amount Greater than \$1,000,000)

PROJECT: _____

Change Order No.: _____

**Contract Amount
(Present Value)** _____

Project Number: _____

NO. OF ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND CHANGE	DECREASE	INCREASE

BY EXECUTION OF THIS CHANGE ORDER THE CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRACT TIME AND FEES FOR THE ITEMS IN THIS CHANGE ORDER HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

TOTAL DECREASE: _____

TOTAL INCREASE: _____

Contractor: _____
Address: _____
City / State: _____

THE NET CHANGE OF
 ADJUSTS THE CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM
 _____ TO

Contractor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

____ CALENDAR DAYS ARE ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE
 WHICH CHANGES THE FINAL COMPLETION DATE TO
 _____ MONTH _____ DAY, _____ YEAR

RECOMMENDATION, CONCURRENCES AND APPROVALS

SIGNATURES

DATE

Consultant / Engineer: _____

Project Manager: _____

Division Manager: _____

Project Management Division Manager

Manatee County Purchasing: _____

Purchasing Official

Authority to execute this contract per Manatee County Code, Chapter 2-26,
 and per the delegation by the County Administrator effective 1/26/2009

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE

Change Order No :

Project Number:

1. NECESSITY FOR CHANGE:



2. Is change an alternate bid? (If yes, explain)

3. Does change substantially alter the physical size of the project? (If yes, explain)

4 Effect of this change on other "Prime" contractors?

5 Has the Surety and insurance company been notified, if applicable? CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY