



**INVITATION FOR BID
IFB #14-0957-GE
EXTREME DUTY SLOPE MOWER**

Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, (hereinafter the "County") will receive sealed bids from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities organized under the laws of the State of Florida or authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida.

DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATION REQUESTS: February 10, 2014 at 3:00 PM

TIME AND DATE DUE: February 14, 2014 at 3:00 PM

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

Important Note: Lobbying is prohibited (reference Bid Article A.08).

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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INFORMATION TO BIDDERS

A.01 OPENING LOCATION

These bids will be **publicly opened** at **Manatee County Purchasing, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, Florida 34205** in the presence of County officials at the time and date stated, or soon thereafter. All bidders or their representatives are invited to be present.

Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to have their bid delivered to the Manatee County Purchasing Division for receipt on or before the stated time and date. If a bid is sent by U.S. Mail, the bidder shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Purchasing Division. Bids delayed by mail shall not be considered, shall not be opened at the public opening, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the respondent's request and expense.

A.02 SEALED & MARKED

One original and two copies of your **signed bid** shall be submitted in one sealed package, clearly marked on the outside "**Sealed Bid #14-0957-GE, EXTREME DUTY SLOPE MOWER**" with your company name.

Address package to: Manatee County Purchasing Division
1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803
Bradenton, Florida 34205

A.03 SECURING OF DOCUMENTS

Complete individual copies of the bidding documents for the project and/or products can be obtained; free of charge, at the Manatee County Administration Building located at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Purchasing Division: Department. Documents may be obtained between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, exception of holidays. Complete set of the bidding document must be used in preparing bids. The County assumes no responsibility for errors and misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of bidding document.

A.04 BID DOCUMENTS

Bids on <http://www.myanatee.org> , Bid documents and the Notices of Source Selection related to those Bids are available for download in a portable document format (.PDF) file on the Manatee County web page on the Purchasing tab under "Bids." You may view and print these files using Adobe Acrobat software. You may download a free copy of this software (Adobe) from the Owner's web page if you do not have it.

A.04 BID DOCUMENTS (Continued)

Manatee County may also use an internet service provider to distribute Bids. A link to that service, <http://www.DemandStar.com>, is provided on this website under the Tab "DemandStar". Participation in the DemandStar system is not a requirement for doing business with Manatee County.

Note: The County posts the Notice of Source Selection seven calendar days prior to the effective date of the award.

A.05 MODIFICATION OF BID SPECIFICATIONS

If a bidder wishes to recommend changes to the bid specifications, the bidder shall furnish in writing, data and information necessary to aid the Owner in evaluating the request to modify the specifications. The Owner is not obligated to make any changes to the bid specifications. Unless an addendum is issued, the bid specifications shall remain unaltered. **Bidders must fully comply with the bid specifications, terms, and conditions.**

A.06 DEADLINE FOR CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

February 10, 2014 at 3:00 PM shall be the deadline to submit all inquiries, suggestions, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the Invitation for Bids to the Manatee County Purchasing Division.

This deadline has been established to maintain fair treatment for all potential bidders, while maintaining the expedited nature of the Economic Stimulus that the contracting of this work may achieve.

A.07 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Each bidder shall examine all Invitation for Bid documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the Invitation for Bids shall be made through the Manatee County Purchasing Division. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

If any addenda are issued to this Invitation for Bid, the County will Broadcast the addenda on the Demand Star distribution system to "Planholders" on this web service, and post the documents on the Purchasing Division's web page at <http://www.mymanatee.org> which can be accessed by clicking on the "Purchasing" button and then clicking on the "Bids" button. It shall be the responsibility of each bidder, prior to submitting their bid, to contact Manatee County Purchasing (see contact on page 1) to determine if addenda were issued and to make such addenda a part of their bid.

A.08 LOBBYING

After the issuance of any Invitation for Bid, prospective bidders, or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such bidder shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the Invitation for Bid with any officer, agent or employee of Manatee County other than the Purchasing Official or as directed in the Invitation for Bid. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any Invitation for Bid, and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the invitation has been canceled. Violators of this prohibition shall be subject to sanctions as provided in the Manatee County Purchasing Code.

The County reserves the right to amend or to add to the names listed as persons to contact. All amendments or additions to the names listed as persons to contact shall be issued by the Purchasing Division, in writing.

A.09 UNBALANCED BIDDING PROHIBITED

Manatee 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 specifications and industry and market conditions, the bid will be presumed to be unbalanced. Examples of unbalanced bids will include:

1. Bids showing omissions, alterations of form, additions not specified or required conditional or unauthorized alternate bids.
2. 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.
3. Bids where the unit costs offered are in excess of or below reasonable cost analysis values.

In the event the 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, etc., which the bidder obtained and upon which the bidder relied upon to develop the bid. The County reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any presumptive unbalanced bids where the bidder is unable to demonstrate the validity and/or necessity of the unbalanced unit costs.

A.10 FRONT END LOADING OF BID PRICING PROHIBITED

Prices offered for performance and/or acquisition activities to 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 end loaded. Front end loaded bids could reasonably appear to be an attempt to obtain unjustified early payments creating a risk of insufficient incentive for the Contractor to complete the work or otherwise creating an appearance of an under-capitalized bidder.

A.10 FRONT END LOADING OF BID PRICING PROHIBITED (Continued)

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

A.11 WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS

Vendors may withdraw offers as follows: a) Mistakes discovered before the opening of a solicitation may be withdrawn by written notice from the bidder submitting the offer. This request must be received in the office designated for receipt of offers in the solicitation document prior to the time set for delivery and opening of the offers. A copy of the request shall be retained and the unopened offer returned to that vendor. b) After the responses to a solicitation are opened or a selection has been determined, but before a contract is signed, a vendor alleging a material mistake of fact may be permitted to withdraw their offer if: (1) the mistake is clearly evident on the solicitation document; or (2) the bidder submits evidence which clearly and convincingly demonstrates that a mistake was made. Request to withdraw an offer must be in writing and approved by the Purchasing Official.

A.12 IRREVOCABLE OFFER

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

A.13 BID EXPENSES

All expenses for making bids to the County are to be borne by the bidder.

A.14 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Also, the County reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid, to increase or decrease quantities and to add related services/products to meet changed requirements of the County. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by the County depending on available competition and current needs of the 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 the services of a quality which** conforms closest to or most exceeds the quality of services set forth in the attached specifications or otherwise required by the County, and who is fit and capable to perform the bid as made.

A.14 RESERVED RIGHTS (Continued)

To be responsive, a bidder shall submit a bid which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bid. To be a responsible bidder, the bidder shall have the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the tenacity, perseverance, experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit which will assure good faith performance. Also, the 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 the 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.15 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 any Manatee County procurement shall be in accordance with Manatee County Purchasing Code of Laws as amended. Any actual or prospective bidder who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County as required in Manatee County Code of Laws.

A protest with respect to this Invitation for Bid shall be submitted in writing prior to the scheduled opening date of this bid, unless the aggrieved person did not know and could not have been reasonably expected to have knowledge of the facts giving rise to such protest prior to the scheduled opening date of this bid. The protest shall be submitted within seven calendar days after such aggrieved person knows or could have reasonably been expected to know of the facts giving rise thereto.

A.16 COLLUSION

By offering a submission to this Invitation for Bid, the bidder certifies that he has not divulged, discussed or compared their bid with other bidder, and has not colluded with any other bidder or parties to this bid whatsoever. Also, bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to their own organization, that in connection with this bid:

- a. any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and/or cost data, with any other bidder or with any competitor;
- b. any 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,
- c. prior to the scheduled opening, directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor;

A.16 COLLUSION (Continued)

- d. no attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;
- e. the only person or persons interested in this bid, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this bid or in the contract to be entered into; and
- f. no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding or a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees or established commercial agencies maintained by bidder for purpose of doing business.

A.17 CODE OF ETHICS

With respect to this bid, if any bidder violates or is a party to a violation of the Code of Ethics of Manatee County per Manatee County Purchasing Code Ordinance 08-43, Article 3, Ethics in Public Contracting, and/or the State of Florida per Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such bidder may be disqualified from performing the work described in this bid or from furnishing the goods or services for which the bid is submitted and shall be further disqualified from submitting any future bids for work or for goods or services for Manatee County. The Owner anticipates that all statements made and materials submitted in a bid will be truthful. If a bidder is determined to be untruthful in its bid or any related presentation, such bidder may be disqualified from further consideration regarding this Invitation for Bid.

A.18 BID FORMS

Bids must be submitted on attached County forms, although additional pages may be attached. - **Bidders must fully complete all pages of the Bid Forms. Bid Forms must be executed by an authorized signatory who has the legal authority to make the offer and bind the company. Bidders must fully comply with all bid specifications, terms and conditions.** Failure to comply shall result in contract default, whereupon, the defaulting vendor shall be required to pay for any and all re-procurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by the County.

A.19 LEGAL NAME

Bids shall clearly indicate the legal name, address and telephone number of the bidder. Bids shall be signed above the typed or printed name and title of the signer. The signer must have the authority to bind the bidder to the submitted bid.

A.20 PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the State's convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, as that term is defined in Florida Statute § 287.133, may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statute § 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted list.

In addition, the Manatee County Code prohibits the award of any contract to any person or entity who/which has, within the past 5 years, been convicted of, or admitted to in court or sworn to under oath, a public entity crime or of any environmental law that, in the reasonable opinion of the purchasing official, establishes reasonable grounds to believe the person or business entity will not conduct business in a responsible matter. To insure compliance with the foregoing, the Code requires all persons or entities desiring to contract with the 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 the 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 is attached for this purpose.

A.21 DISCOUNTS

Any and all discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the bid and not shown separately. The prices as shown on the bid form shall be the price used in determining award.

A.22 TAXES

Manatee County is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Taxes. (F.E.T. Exempt Cert. No. 59-78-0089K; FL Sales Tax Exempt Cert. No. 85-8012622206C-6); therefore, the vendor is prohibited from delineating a separate line item in his bid for any sales or service taxes. Nothing herein shall affect the vendor's normal tax liability.

A.23 DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, 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.24 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the 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 first page of this bid document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of either activity.

A.25 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

Manatee County, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all vendors that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

A.26 MBE/WBE

The State of Florida, **Office of Supplier Diversity** provides the certification process and the database for identifying certified MBE/WBE firms. This service may be directly accessed at: <http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/iframe.htm>

If you have any questions regarding this State service, please contact their office at (850) 487-0915.

A.27 MATHEMATICAL ERRORS

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. All bids shall be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to additional evaluation.

A.28 DISCLOSURE

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

Bids become "Public Records" thirty (30) days after the bid opening or if an award decision is made earlier than this time as provided by Florida Statute 119.071. No announcement or review of the bid documents shall be conducted at the public opening of the bids.

Based on the above, Manatee County will receive bids at the date and time stated, and will make public at the opening the names of the business entities of all that submitted an offer and any amount presented as a total offer without any verification of the mathematics or the completeness of the offer. Upon the expiration of the statutory term for exemption the actual documents may be inspected or copied. When County staff have completed a mathematic validation and inspected the completeness of the offers, tabulation shall be posted on www.mymanatee.org.

NOTE: ANY OR ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: BASIS OF AWARD, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT, OR SPECIFICATIONS, WHICH VARY FROM THE INFORMATION TO BIDDERS, SHALL HAVE PRECEDENCE.

END OF SECTION A

BASIS OF AWARD

B.01 BASIS OF AWARD

Award shall be to the responsive, responsible bidder meeting specifications and having the lowest Total Bid Price. Bid Prices shall include costs for furnishing all labor, equipment and/or materials for the completion of the Work in accordance with all specifications and requirements as listed herein.

In evaluating bids, the County shall consider the qualifications of the bidders; and if required, may also consider the qualifications of any subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons products proposed.

Whenever two or more bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the bid received from a local business shall be given preference in award. Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received, and both bids and neither of these bids are received from a local business, the award shall be determined by a chance drawing conducted by the Purchasing Division and open to the public.

Local business is defined as a business duly licensed and authorized to engage in the sale of goods and/or services to be procured, which has a place of business in Manatee County with full time employees at that location.

B.02 QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS

The bidding supplier (Company supplying the bid) shall have a minimum of three (3) years experience in providing extreme duty slope mowers or similar equipment to be considered for award. In addition each bidder shall submit as a portion of their bid, a completed Supplier's Questionnaire as provided herein.

END OF SECTION B

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

C.01 CONTRACT FORMS

The agreement resulting from the acceptance of a bid shall be in the form of the agreement stated in this bid.

C.02 ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

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

C.05 PAYMENT

This contract shall be a lump sum payment for each extreme duty slope mower after delivery and acceptance. There shall be no progressive payments during the contract term.

C.06 MINIMUM WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE PROVISIONS

All work, materials, and equipment furnished as defined herein shall be guaranteed and warranted by the supplier for a minimum period of one (1) year, unless otherwise specified, from final acceptance by the County to be free from defects due either to faulty materials or equipment or faulty workmanship.

All materials, equipment, and workmanship furnished and installed by the supplier is warranted and guaranteed by the supplier to be such as to meet the specifications herein and to accomplish the purposes and functions implied and expected for this type of service.

The County shall, following discovery thereof, promptly give written notice to the supplier of faulty materials, equipment, or workmanship within the period of the guarantee and the supplier shall promptly replace any part of the faulty equipment, material, or workmanship at his own cost. These warranty and guarantee provisions create no limitations on the County as to any claims or actions for breach of guaranty or breach of warranty that the County might have against parties other than the supplier, and do not constitute exclusive remedies of the County against the supplier.

C.08 ROYALTIES AND PATENTS

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

C.09 AUTHORIZED PRODUCT REPRESENTATION

The supplier, 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 perform accordingly may, in the County's sole discretion, be deemed a breach of contract, and shall constitute grounds for the County's immediate termination of the contract.

C.10 REGULATIONS

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA, FDOT, or other federal or state of Florida rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

C.11 CANCELLATION

Any failure of the supplier to furnish the equipment (including, but not limited to, timely delivery of the equipment) in accordance with the contract, the County reserves the right to terminate the contract and select the next qualified bidder or re-advertise this procurement in part or in whole. The County reserves the right to cancel all or any undelivered portion of this contract with or without cause.

C.13 MANUALS, SCHEMATICS, HANDBOOKS (IF APPLICABLE)

All manuals, schematics and handbooks shall be provided which are applicable to the equipment delivered. An operator's manual, parts manual and technician manual shall also be provided. Parts lists (manuals) must include OEM part numbers for items not manufactured by the supplier. The supplier shall furnish two (2) copies of each.

C.14 CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT

This Contract and the rights and responsibilities hereunder shall not be construed more strongly against either party, regardless of the extent to which such party may have participated in the preparation hereof.

END OF SECTION C

MINIMUM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

D.01 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

The purpose and intent of this Invitation for Bid is to establish a firm, fixed price contract to provide a new and never titled extreme duty slope mower. These minimum technical specifications are not intended to restrict competition and any bidder able to provide an equal alternative, meeting or exceeding these requirements, is encouraged to submit full product information with their bid submittal. The successful supplier shall furnish all necessary resources and equipment for the FOB Destination delivery of the equipment ready-to-use as specified herein.

D.02 MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP

All materials and equipment required for this Work, except as specified otherwise, shall be new, of first class quality, and shall be furnished and finished in every detail. The services to provide the equipment shall conform to good industry practice and be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations for the handling of the equipment being supplied.

D.03 TIMEFRAME OF DELIVERY

The equipment shall be delivered to Fleet Services, 1100 26th Ave West, Bradenton, FL 34208 within 120 calendar days. The beginning of the timeframe will commence with the Supplier's receipt of the purchase order.

D.04 WEIGHT: MAX

- 5,500LBS.

D.05 ENGINE:

- Four cylinder water cooled turbo-charged diesel
- Minimum 80hp @ 2,600rpm
- Glow Plug pre-heat system
- Diesel fuel tank capacity 20 gallons minimal
- Large surface water /oil radiator for tropical temperatures cooled by thermostatic controlled electric & hydraulic fans.
- Radiator & cooler to be hinged for ease of daily maintenance

D.06 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT:

- Key controlled, 12 volt electric starting system
- 12 volt, 120 amp alternator
- 12 volt, 100 Amp high capacity battery
- Operators warning horn
- On road driving lights, turn signals, 4 way flashers, brake lights
- Windshield wiper and washer
- On board computer to monitor operating data. (i.e. driving speed, fuel capacity, PTO, rpm, engine rpm. hour meter).

- Solenoid functions for float, side shift, differential locks, 3 point hitch lift, 2 speeds (low and high) and 4-wheel steer.
- Warning lights and water temperature gauge.

D.07 HYDRAULICS:

- Minimum 2,500 PSI, 9.5gpm @ 2600 rpm
- **Front hydraulics**, 3-point cat. 1 hitch , with side shift. Quick connect couplings and functions for lift, carry, lower and float position. Lift capacity 3,075 lbs minimal.
- Rear 3 point hitch Cat. 1 and 2 hitch . Lift capacity 3,075 lbs minimal.
- **Rear hydraulics**, two (2) female couplers for a double action cylinder.
- Infinitely variable weight transfer system to insure even weight on all 4 wheels to maximize traction and stability for safety in adverse conditions required.

D.08 CAB:

- Vibration damped drivers "**ROPS**" cab providing 360 degree visibility
- 360 degree view closed cab with Heater, dust filter and air conditioner.
- Comfort adjustable 6 way seat. Safety belt

D.09 PTO:

- PTO clutch - single plate dry clutch required
- Live PTO shafts both front and rear must be selectable under load. Rotation speeds: front 550 rpm, rear 580 rpm.

D.10 TRANSMISSION:

- Infinitely variable hydrostatic drive system required
- Speed –variable to a max of 25 MPH.

D.11 DRIVE:

- Permanent Four wheel drive with Torsen inter-axle and fully-lockable differentials front & rear. Differential locks must be selectable "on the fly" Electro-hydraulically.

D.12 STEERING:

- Hydrostatic 4-wheel steering (load sensing) required. Rear wheel steer as well as crab steering for use in tight areas required. Articulating steering not acceptable

D.13 BRAKES:

- Hydraulic brakes on all 4 wheels
- driving brake
- parking brake

D.14 MAX DIMENSIONS:

- Length 13FT
- Width 6 FT 5 INCH
- Height 7 FT

D.15 MOWER HEAD FRONT:

- Heavy duty PTO driven front mount flail mower able to efficiently cut grass and brush up to one inch max thickness without hesitation
- Overall width 88" MAX
- Adjustable cutting height 0" - 6" in ½" increments.
- 540 PTO minimal ,
- Bearings are to be greaseable, sealed, self- aligning.

D.16 REAR MOUNTED FLAIL MOWER:

- Minimal 35 inch - max 40 inch flail head width
- Self contained system
- Hydraulically controlled
- Three point mounting system required
- Minimal 14 ft boom reach
- Electronic joystick controlled (no cable controllers permitted)
- Left hand boom orientation required
- Heavy duty hedge style flail knives with two sided cutting edges (complete spare set to ship loose including mounting bolts)
- Hydraulic safety break away integrated into boom assembly
- Bearings are to be greaseable, sealed, self- aligning
- Flail mower able to efficiently cut grass and brush up to 1 inch max thickness without hesitation

END OF SECTION D

MANATEE COUNTY LOCAL PREFERENCE LAW AND VENDOR REGISTRATION

E.01 Vendor Registration

All vendors are encouraged to register with Manatee County using the on-line "Vendor Registration" web page on www.mymanatee.org.

Enclosed are a copy of the current Manatee County law that details the County's Local Preference and the County's definition of a Local Business.

If you assert that your firm meets the stated definition of a Local Business, we ask that in addition to registering on the County's Web page, you fill out the attached "**Affidavit As To Local Business Form**" that is included in this section, have the completed document notarized, and mail the original to the following address: Manatee County Administration Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Suite 803, Bradenton, FL 34205.

Your cooperation in registering your business with Manatee County will enhance our opportunities to identify sources for goods and services, plus identify Local Businesses. This information is used for soliciting quotations up to \$250,000.00 and for competitive solicitations of larger purchases.

You will note that Manatee County collaborates with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce, posting bids on www.manatee-chamber.com as well as using the same vendor categories for registration.

Our staff can assist you with your registration as needed. Our office hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday on regular business days. Please call (941) 749-3014 if you wish to have a purchasing staff member assist you.

Quick steps to registration: **www.mymanatee.org**

A link to "Purchasing" is listed under "Quick Links" on page one of the County Web Site.

On the left hand side of the Purchasing Web page, click on "Vendor Registration".

This will bring up the Vendor Registration form for on-line input. Please note that the definition of a "Local Business" changed on March 17, 2009. The Web page will be updated to include the current Law which has been provided in this section of the bid.

Thank you for reviewing this information and considering registering your business with Manatee County. Registration is not mandatory; however, by taking the time to register, you are helping the County to provide timely notifications of quotation, bid and proposal opportunities to your business.

E.02 Section 2-26-6. Local preference, tie bids, **local business defined.**

- a) Whenever a responsible local business bidder and a responsible non-local business bidder are found, upon the opening of bids, to have both submitted the lowest responsive bid, the bid of the local bidder shall be awarded the contract. Should more than one responsible local business bidder match the responsible non-local business bidder's lowest responsive bid, or should no responsible local business bidder match the lowest responsive bid but two or more responsible non-local business bidders submit lowest responsive bids for equal amounts, then the award of the contract shall be determined by a chance drawing, coin toss, or similar tie-breaking method conducted by the purchasing office and open to the public. Any bidders seeking to be recognized as local businesses for purposes of this local business preference provision may be required by the terms of the bid announcement to certify they meet the definition of local business set forth in this section, and to register as a local business with the County in the manner prescribed by the County to facilitate the County's ability to track the award of contracts to local businesses and to allow the County to provide future notifications to its local businesses concerning other bidding opportunities.
- b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the inclusion of requirements with respect to operating and maintaining a local place of business in any Invitation for Bids when the bidder's location materially affects the provisions of the services or supplies that are required by the invitation.
- c) **Local business is defined as a business legally authorized to engage in the sale of the goods and/or services to be procured, and which certifies within its bid that for at least six (6) months prior to the announcement of the solicitation of bids it has maintained a physical place of business in Manatee, Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one full-time employees at that location.**
- d) **Each solicitation for bids made by the County shall contain terms expressly describing the local business preference policies of the County, and shall provide that by electing to submit a bid pursuant to a request for bids, all bidders are deemed to understand and agree to those policies.**
- e) For all contracts for architecture, professional engineering, or other professional services governed by Florida Statute § 287.055, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, the County shall include the local business status of a firm among the factors considered when selecting which firms are "most highly qualified." In determining which firm is the "most qualified" for purposes of negotiating a satisfactory contract, preference shall be given to a local business where all other relevant factors are equal.

E.02 Section 2-26-6. Local preference, tie bids, **local business defined** (Continued)

- f) Local preference shall not apply to the following categories of contracts:
1. Goods or services provided under a cooperative purchasing agreement or similar "piggyback" contract;
 2. Contracts for professional services subject to Florida Statute § 287.055, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, except as provided for in subsection (e) above;
 3. Purchases or contracts which are funded, in whole or in part, by a governmental or other funding entity, where the terms and conditions of receipt of the funds prohibit the preference;
 4. Purchases or contracts made pursuant to a non-competitive award process, unless otherwise provided by this section;
 5. Any bid announcement which specifically provides that the general local preference policies set forth in this section are 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.
- g) To qualify for local preference under this section, **a local business must certify to the County that it:**
1. Has not within the five years prior to the bid announcement admitted guilt or been found guilty by any court or state or federal regulatory enforcement agency of violation of any criminal law, or a law or administrative regulation regarding fraud;
 2. Is not currently subject to an unresolved citation or notice of violation of any Manatee County Code provision, except citations or notices which are the subject of a current legal appeal, as of the date of the bid announcement;
 3. Is not delinquent in the payment of any fines, liens, assessments, fees or taxes to any governmental unit or taxing authority within Manatee County, except any such sums which are the subject of a current legal appeal.

Ref: Ordinance 09-21 and 09-23 **PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** in open session, with a quorum present and voting, on the 17th day of March, 2009.

END OF SECTION E

**MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AFFIDAVIT AS TO LOCAL BUSINESS
(Complete and Initial Items B-F)**

A. Authorized Representative

I, [name] _____, am the [title] _____ and the duly authorized representative of: [name of business] _____, and that I possess direct personal knowledge to make informed responses to these certifications and the legal authority to make this Affidavit on behalf of myself and the business for which I am acting; and by electing to submit a bid pursuant to this Invitation for Bids, shall be deemed to understand and agree to the local business preference policies of Manatee County; and that I have the direct knowledge to state that this firm complies with all of the following conditions to be considered to be a Local Business as required by the Manatee County Code of Law, Section 2-26-6.

B. Place of Business: I certify that the above business is legally authorized to engage in the sale of goods and/or services and has a physical place of business in Manatee, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Pinellas or Sarasota County with at least one (1) fulltime employee at that location. The physical address of the location which meets the above criteria is: _____ [Initial] _____

Business Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

C. Business History: I certify that business operations began at the above physical address with at least one fulltime employee on [date] _____ [Initial] _____

D. Criminal Violations: I certify that within the past five years of the date of this Bid announcement, this business has not admitted guilt nor been found guilty by any court or local, state or federal regulatory enforcement agency of violation of any criminal law or administrative regulation regarding fraud. [Initial] _____

E. Citations or Code Violations: I certify that this business is not currently subject to any unresolved citation or notice of violation of any Manatee County Code provision, with the exception of citations or notices which are the subject of a legal current appeal within the date of this bid announcement. [Initial] _____

F. Fees and Taxes: I certify that this business is not delinquent in the payment of fines, liens, assessments, fees or taxes to any governmental unit or taxing authority within Manatee County, with the exception of those which are the subject of a current legal appeal. [Initial] _____

Each of the above certifications is required to meet the qualification of "Local Business" under Manatee County Code of Law, 2-26-6.

Signature of Affiant _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by (name of person making statement).

(Notary Seal) Signature of Notary: _____

Name of Notary: (Typed or Printed) _____

Personally Known ____ OR Produced Identification ____ Type of Identification Produced _____

Submit executed copy to Manatee County Purchasing Division - Suite 803 - 1112 Manatee Avenue West - Bradenton, FL 34205

BID FORM
For: EXTREME DUTY SLOPE MOWER
(SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE)

We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we have carefully reviewed the bid documents, and with full knowledge and understanding of the aforementioned do submit this bid, meeting each and every specification, term, and condition contained in the Invitation for Bids.

We understand that the bid documents in their entirety shall be made a part of any agreement or contract between Manatee County and the successful bidder. Failure to comply shall result in contract default, whereupon, the defaulting supplier shall be required to pay for any and all re-procurement costs, damages, and attorney fees as incurred by the County.

COMPANY'S NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S): _____

PRINTED NAME/TITLE OF SIGNER: _____

Address: _____

STATE OF INCORPORATION _____ (if applicable)

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____

Email address: _____

DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	PRICE FOR AWARD
Extreme Duty Slope Mower	One Each	\$
Ability to deliver the unit within 120 calendar days from receipt of purchase order		
YES	NO	

Acknowledge Addendum No.____ Dated: _____ Acknowledge Addendum No.____ Dated: _____

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SUPPLIER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

(Submit in Triplicate)

The Bidder warrants the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained.

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID/QUOTE.

1. COMPANY'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS

STATE of INCORPORATION (IF APPLICABLE) _____ (ZIP CODE) _____

PHONE (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

2. Number of years you have been in business under this name: _____

The Awarded Supplier must have three (3) years experience providing this equipment, or similar, under this company name to be considered for award.

_____ **Years experience providing this type of equipment.**

3. Have you ever failed to complete work awarded to you? Or failed to provide delivery within contract time. If so, state when, where (Contact name, address, phone number) and why?

BIDDER: _____

BUSINESS REFERENCES

BIDDER NAME: _____

Provide the following business reference information for three clients that a same or similar project has been provided within the past five years.

#1 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2010 to 12/2010): _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

#2 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2010 to 12/2010): _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

#3 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2010 to 12/2010): _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Email Address (if available): _____

COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR BID RESPONSE.

PUBLIC CONTRACTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES CERTIFICATION
SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V,
MANATEE COUNTY PURCHASING CODE

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

This sworn statement is submitted to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners by

_____ [Print individual's name and title]

_____ for _____ [print name of entity submitting sworn statement]

whose business address is? _____

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____. If the entity has no FEIN, include

the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____

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

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

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

(3) been convicted of a violation of an environmental law that, in the sole opinion of the County's Purchasing Director, reflects negatively upon the ability of the person or entity to conduct business in a responsible manner; or

(4) made an admission of guilt of such conduct described in items (1), (2) or (3) above, which is a matter of record, but has not been prosecuted for such conduct, or has made an admission of guilt of such conduct, which is a matter of record, pursuant to formal prosecution. An admission of guilt shall be construed to include a plea of nolo contendere; or

(5) where an officer, official, agent or employee of a business entity has been convicted of or has admitted guilt to any of the crimes set forth above on behalf of such an entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an official thereof (including the person committing the offense, if he is an official of the business entity), the business shall be chargeable with the conduct herein above set forth. A business entity shall be chargeable with the conduct of an affiliated entity, whether wholly owned, partially owned, or one which has common ownership or a common Board of Directors. For purposes of this Form, business entities are affiliated if, directly or indirectly, one business entity controls or has the power to control another business entity, or if an individual or group of individuals controls or has the power to control both entities. Indicia of control shall include, without limitation, interlocking management or ownership, identity of interests among family members, shared organization of a business entity following the ineligibility of a business entity under this Article, or using substantially the same management, ownership or principles as the ineligible entity.

(Cont'd.)

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

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

[Signature]

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2012 by _____

Personally known _____ OR Produced identification _____
[Type of identification]

Notary Public Signature My commission expires _____

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

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

Attachment "C"
Insurance and Bonding Requirements

The Vendor shall at its own expense, carry and maintain insurance coverage from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida as set forth in the Insurance and Bonding attachment of this solicitation. The Vendor shall procure and maintain property insurance upon the entire project, if required, to the full insurable value of the scope of work. The awarded Contractor shall show proof of coverage for all owned and non-owned vehicles while in the Contractor's possession.

The County and the Vendor waive against each other and the County's separate Vendors, Contractors, Design Consultant, Subcontractors agents and employees of each and all of them, all damages covered by property insurance provided herein, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance. The Vendor and County shall, where appropriate, require similar waivers of subrogation from the County's separate Vendors, Design Consultants and Subcontractors and shall require each of them to include similar waivers in their contracts.

Manatee County shall be responsible for purchasing and maintaining its own liability insurance.

Certificates issued as a result of the award of this solicitation must identify "For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County."

The General Liability and Automobile Liability Policies provided by Vendor to meet the requirements of this solicitation shall name Manatee County, Florida, as an additional insured as to the operations of Vendor under this solicitation and shall contain a severability of interests provisions.

Manatee County Board of County Commissioners shall be named as the Certificate Holder. The Certificates of Insurance must state the Contract Number, or Project Number, or specific Project description, or must read: For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County. The "Certificate Holder" should read as follows:

Manatee County
 Board of County Commissioners
 Bradenton, Florida

The amounts and types of insurance coverage shall conform to the minimum requirements set forth in Insurance and Bonding attachment, with the use of Insurance Services Office (ISO) forms and endorsements or their equivalents. If Vendor has any self-insured retentions or deductibles under any of the below listed minimum required coverage, Vendor must identify on the Certificate of Insurance the nature and amount of such self-insured retentions or deductibles and provide satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility for such obligations. All self-insured retentions or deductibles will be Vendor's sole responsibility.

Coverage(s) shall be maintained without interruption from the date of commencement of the Work until the date of completion and acceptance of the scope of work by the County or as specified in this solicitation, whichever is longer.

The Vendor and/or its insurance carrier shall provide 30 days written notice to the County of policy cancellation or non-renewal on the part of the insurance carrier or the Vendor. The Vendor shall also notify the County, in a like manner, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage or limits received by Vendor from its insurer and nothing contained herein shall relieve Vendor of this requirement to provide notice. In the event of a reduction in the aggregate limit of any policy to be provided by Vendor hereunder, Vendor shall immediately take steps to have the aggregate limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy.

Should at any time the Vendor not maintain the insurance coverage(s) required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverage(s) and charge the Vendor for such coverage(s) purchased. If Vendor fails to reimburse the County for such costs within thirty (30) days after demand, the County has the right to offset these costs from any amount due Vendor under this Agreement or any other agreement between the County and Vendor. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverage(s) purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance coverage(s) shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract Documents.

If the initial or any subsequently issued Certificate of Insurance expires prior to the completion of the scope of work, the Vendor shall furnish to the County renewal or replacement Certificate(s) of Insurance not later than ten (10) calendar days after the expiration date on the certificate. Failure of the Vendor to provide the County with such renewal certificate(s) shall be considered justification for the County to terminate any and all contracts.

Insurance and Bonding Requirements Worksheet (to be signed and submitted with bid)

Insurance / Bond Type	Required Limits
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation	Statutory Limits of Florida Statutes, Chapter 440 and all Federal Government Statutory Limits and Requirements
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employer's Liability	\$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial General Liability (Occurrence Form) patterned after the current ISO form	Bodily Injury and Property Damage \$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence, \$1,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. This shall include Premises and Operations; Independent Contractors; Products and Completed Operations and Contractual Liability. County additionally insured.
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indemnification	To the maximum extent permitted by Florida law, the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless Manatee County, its officers and employees from and against all claims, suits, actions, damages, liabilities, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees; caused or contributed to by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant or anyone employed or utilized by the Contractor/Vendor/Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce any other rights or remedies which otherwise may be available to an indemnified party or person described in this paragraph or deemed to affect the rights, privileges and immunities of the County as set forth in Florida Statute Section 768.28.
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automobile Liability	\$ 1,000,000 Each Occurrence; Bodily Injury & Property Damage, Owned/Non-owned/Hired; Automobile Included. County additionally insured.
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other insurance as noted:	<input type="checkbox"/> Watercraft Occurrence \$ _____ Per <input type="checkbox"/> United States Longshoreman's and Harborworker's Act coverage shall be maintained where applicable to the completion of the work. Occurrence \$ _____ Per <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime Coverage (Jones Act) shall be maintained where applicable to the completion of the work. Occurrence \$ _____ Per <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Liability coverage shall be carried in limits of not less than \$5,000,000 each occurrence if applicable to the completion of the Services under this Agreement. Occurrence \$ _____ Per <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution Occurrence \$ _____ Per <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability \$ _____ per claim and in the aggregate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate • \$2,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate <input type="checkbox"/> Project Professional Liability Occurrence \$ _____ Per <input type="checkbox"/> Valuable Papers Insurance Occurrence \$ _____ Per

- 6. Bid bond
 Shall be submitted with proposal response in the form of certified funds, cashiers' check or an irrevocable letter of credit, a cash bond posted with the County Clerk, or proposal bond in a sum equal to 5% of the cost proposal. All checks shall be made payable to the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on a bank or trust company located in the State of Florida and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

 - 7. Performance and Payment Bonds
 For projects in excess of \$200,000, bonds shall be submitted with the executed contract by Proposers receiving award, and written for 100% of the Contract award amount, the cost borne by the Proposer receiving an award. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be underwritten by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida and otherwise acceptable to Owner; provided, however, the surety shall be rated as "A-" or better as to general policy holders rating and Class V or higher rating as to financial size category and the amount required shall not exceed 5% of the reported policy holders' surplus, all as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc. of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038.

 - 8. Vendor shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements that he is required to meet. The same Vendor shall provide County with certificates of insurance meeting the required insurance provisions.
 - 9. Manatee County must be named as "**ADDITIONAL INSURED**" on the Insurance Certificate for Commercial General Liability where required.
 - 10. The Certificate Holder shall be named as Manatee County Board of County Commissioners, OR, Board of County Commissioners in Manatee County, OR Manatee County Government, OR Manatee County. The Certificates of Insurance must state the Contract Number, or Project Number, or specific Project description, or must read: For any and all work performed on behalf of Manatee County.
- Thirty (30) Days Cancellation Notice** required.

Vendor's Insurance Statement

We understand the insurance requirements of these specifications and that the evidence of insurability may be required within five (5) days of the award of this solicitation.

Name of Firm _____ Date _____

Vendor Signature _____

Print Name _____

Insurance Agency _____

Agent Name _____ Telephone Number _____