



# St. Johns River

## Water Management District

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December 18, 2020

Interested Firms

Re: Quote Request 36413 – Coastal Oaks Mitigation Area Planting 2021

Dear Contractor,

The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) is requesting quotes for the above referenced project from qualified firms who have experience in providing these services. This letter is forwarded to you as an invitation to provide a quote based on the Statement of Work (SOW) attached as Exhibit 1. The quote shall include all labor, materials, insurance, and other related costs for the services described in the SOW.

If you are interested in this project, email (preferred) or fax your quote using the Cost Schedule provided (Exhibit 2) **by no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021**. All quotes and questions may be e-mailed or faxed to Leslie Fancella, Contract Specialist, at [lfancella@sjrwmd.com](mailto:lfancella@sjrwmd.com) or fax (386) 329-4546. **All emailed submissions must be in PDF format. Please reference quote number #36413 and project name on any and all correspondence.**

#### Minimum Qualifications:

Respondents must meet the minimum qualifications below and all supporting documentation must be submitted with the response to this quotation request:

1. Proof of firm's ability to do business in the state of Florida. (Documentation must be provided with quote response.)
2. Respondent must have completed at least one project of a similar nature (refer to the tasks outlined in the Statement of Work) in the past three years by the individual, firm, or foreman assigned to the project. (Documentation must be provided on attached form and must be included with quote response.)

Award of this quote shall be based on the *most* trees/shrubs that can be provided based on the total District budget of \$70,125.00 within the percentages provided in the Cost Schedule. All respondents *must* complete the Cost Schedule in Exhibit 2.

If you need assistance or have any questions about submitting your quote, please contact Leslie Fancella, Contract Specialist, at (386) 326-1980 or at [lfancella@sjrwmd.com](mailto:lfancella@sjrwmd.com). Between the release of this quote request and the posting of the notice of intended decision, Respondents to this quote request or persons acting on their behalf may not contact any employee or officer of the District concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except the procurement employee listed above. Violation of this provision is grounds for rejecting a response. **Please send any questions regarding the work via email.** Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Exhibits listed on next page.

- Exhibit 1 – Statement of Work/Site Maps
- Exhibit 2 – Cost Schedule
- Exhibit 3 – Insurance Requirements
- Exhibit 4 – Qualification Forms

NOTE: Please check the box provided if you are unable to provide a quotation for this service at this time and return to my attention at [lfancell@sjrwmd.com](mailto:lfancell@sjrwmd.com).

I am unable to provide a quotation at this time for the following reason(s):

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Respondent's Signature

Respondent's Company Name

**EXHIBIT 1 — STATEMENT OF WORK  
COASTAL OAKS MITIGATION AREA PLANTING 2021  
FDOT MITIGATION PROGRAM**

**I. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

The Coastal Oaks Mitigation Area (COMA) consists of ±185 acres adjacent to the Indian River Lagoon owned and managed by the Indian River Land Trust Inc., along with the ±26-acre acquisition supported as part of this project.

The proposed freshwater forested mitigation is within a 37-acre area that was substantially altered through drainage, prior agricultural use, and short-term use as part of a waste water treatment system. These alterations have resulted in substantial deviations from natural communities. The creation and restoration areas were dominated by *Schinus terebinthifolius* (Brazilian Pepper) with 90% or more cover in most areas. The enhancement areas consist of *Acer rubrum* (Red Maple), *Sabal palmetto* (Sabal Palm), and *Quercus laurifolia* (Laurel Oak) with 20 – 40% cover by *Schinus terebinthifolius*. Uplands adjacent to the proposed wetland mitigation areas were dominated by *Casuarina equisetifolia* (Australian Pine), *Vitrus sp.* (Grape Vine), or *Panicum maximum* (Guinea Grass). The target communities designated for mitigation are creation, restoration and enhancement of wetland forested mixed Florida Land Use Cover and Forms Classification System (FLUCCS 6300) and upland restoration.

The purpose for the entire project is to restore or enhance the historic communities that would have been present onsite. In addition, the forested wetlands will be expanded by creating wetlands adjacent to the existing wetland communities. The mitigation plan consists of three main components: creation, restoration, and enhancement of 16.59-acres of wetland forested mixed communities (creation of 10.5-acres, restoration of 5.19-acres, and enhancement of 0.90-acres) and restoration of 18.76-acres of hardwood upland communities. Wetland creation will involve removing artificial berms within existing wetland areas, removal of push piles adjacent to existing wetlands, modifying the existing grade to support a wetland community, replanting with appropriate wetland species, and controlling invasive and exotic species. Wetland restoration will involve stripping the existing vegetation which is dominated by invasive and exotic species along with ±8 inches of soil to remove the invasive and exotic species seed bank, replanting with appropriate wetland species, and controlling invasive and exotic species. The wetland enhancement will be achieved by control of invasive and exotic species. All wetlands will benefit from removal of invasive and exotic species in the adjacent uplands and management for natural communities in the uplands.

**II. OBJECTIVES**

The overall goal of this project is for the purchase of trees and the installation of the purchased trees within 35.35 acres at COMA (Figure 2). Specifically, it includes 16.59 acres of wetlands and 18.76 acres of uplands. Please review and complete Cost Schedule in the pages below, which includes a list of the tree species to be provided.

**III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Contractor shall supply healthy tree plants per the provided species listed in Cost Schedule. Plants are to be 1- 3-gallon size, approximate 1 -inch caliper trees, 2-5 feet tall. They will need to be delivered to the project location staged in identified areas and planted generally following the plantings areas to be field identified with the District's Project Manager. This contract will be awarded to the contractor who can provide and plant the most 1-3-gallon tree species at COMA wetlands and uplands (35.35 acres) within the total budget.

#### IV. TASKS

- a. Furnish a schedule providing start and end dates prior to commencement of delivery and planting of tree species specified in the Cost Schedule, agreed upon by the Contractor and the District's Project Manager.
- b. All trees shall be planted within 2 weeks of delivery.
- c. Provide all incidental materials and labor necessary for the delivery and planting of healthy trees, without damaging the trees or surrounding areas.
- d. Contractor will begin work after schedule is reviewed and approved by the District Project Manager and notification to proceed has been issued. Work must be completed within 30 days of the approved start date provided by the schedule

#### Contractors Responsibilities:

- District Project Manager shall be notified a minimum of one week prior to the Contractor beginning the work on the project site.
- Contractor shall install trees in specified locations, using 5-10 foot on center spacing for all canopy species.
- Contractor shall install all trees by excavation of appropriate soil material and 6-inch layer of mulch material, seating the potted tree so that the potted soil is flush with the ground surface, and back filling the excavated soil material so that the tree roots make good contact with the adjacent soil material.
- All pots shall be returned to the pre-identified staging area(s), neatly stacked, and removed from site upon completion of the project.
- Contractor shall use care to minimize rutting or other alterations within the wetlands.
- Contractor shall ensure that all equipment is clean and free of invasive species seeds and spores prior to entering the property.
- Contractor shall remove all containers, trash, and debris generated during this project from the job site as necessary and repair any grading/elevations if rutting or other alterations occur in wetlands that is beyond normal or expected.
- Contractor shall provide all equipment necessary to successfully complete project.
- Contractor will begin work after schedule is reviewed and approved by the District Project Manager and notification to proceed has been issued.
- Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all gates are closed, and locked, if applicable, upon each entry and exit as well as at the end of each working day to ensure security on the property.
- Contractor should take care to ensure parked equipment and vehicles do not block roadways.
- Work area shall be kept clear of rubbish. Discharge of petroleum products or other harmful material shall be prohibited on the planting sites and all Florida Forest Service property. Should any harmful material be discharged, the District Project Manager shall be *immediately* notified.
- Contractor shall be solely responsible for any and all costs associated with any resulting clean up and remediation.
- Due care shall be exercised against starting and spreading fires during operations by Contractor, and/or its employees.
- Contractor shall be held liable for all damage caused by such fires.
- Contractor shall repair or replace at their cost any damage to fences, cattle guards, gates, power lines, or other improvements.
- Contractor shall inform crew that this area is open to, and used by, the public. Care will be taken to ensure vehicles are operated at a safe speed while on the property.
- Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to project or project activities.

**District's Responsibilities**

- District shall be notified a minimum of one week prior to the contractor entering the project site.
- The District reserves the right to award portions of the contract to multiple vendors if needed to meet the planting list and installation in a timely and cost-effective manner.
- The District's Project Manager will review the planting areas to ensure that plants have been installed appropriately prior to payment for services. Provide the Project Manager with at least 24 hours' notice to inspect completed work. If work is found to be unsatisfactory, Contractor will be notified and has 45 days to resolve. If problems are not resolved within 45 days of notification, District Project Manager reserves the right to offer remainder of contract to next lowest bidder. If this occurs within the end of the District's fiscal year, contractor will have 30 days to resolve any issues.

**V. EQUIPMENT**

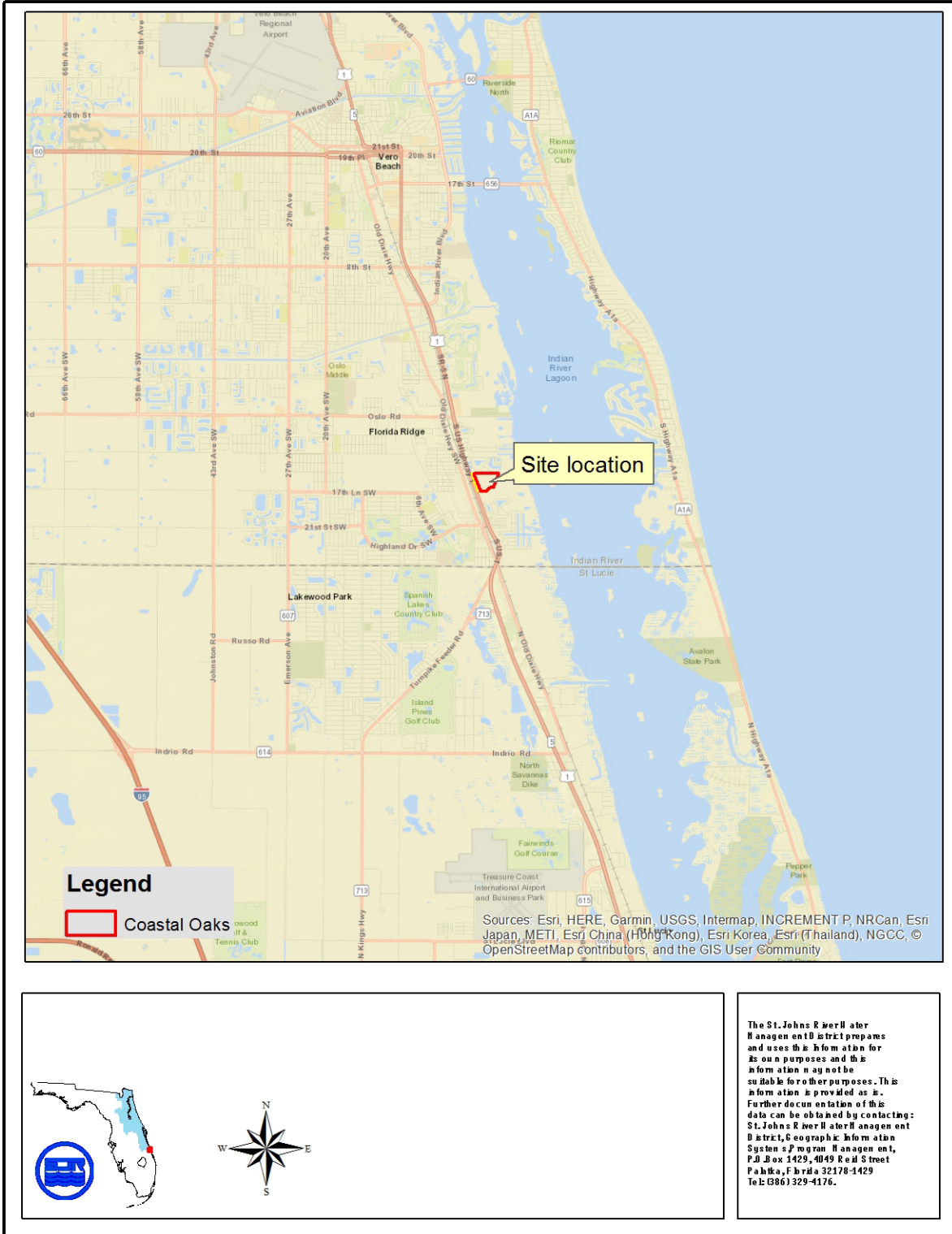
Contractor may use ATVs, UTVs, or other equipment as deemed necessary to complete the work.

**VI. TIME FRAME AND DELIVERABLES**

The expiration date of this agreement is July 1, 2021. It is anticipated that the planting will occur between early March and April 2021. Invoice will be submitted upon successful completion of the delivery and planting and approval by the District Project Manager. Invoice shall be submitted to Accounts Payable at [acctpay@sjrwmd.com](mailto:acctpay@sjrwmd.com), preferably in PDF format.

**VII. BUDGET**

Award of this quote shall be based on the most trees/shrubs that can be provided based on the total District budget of \$70,125.00, within the percentages provided in the Cost Schedule (Exhibit 2).



**FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATION OF COASTAL OAKS MITIGATION AREA**

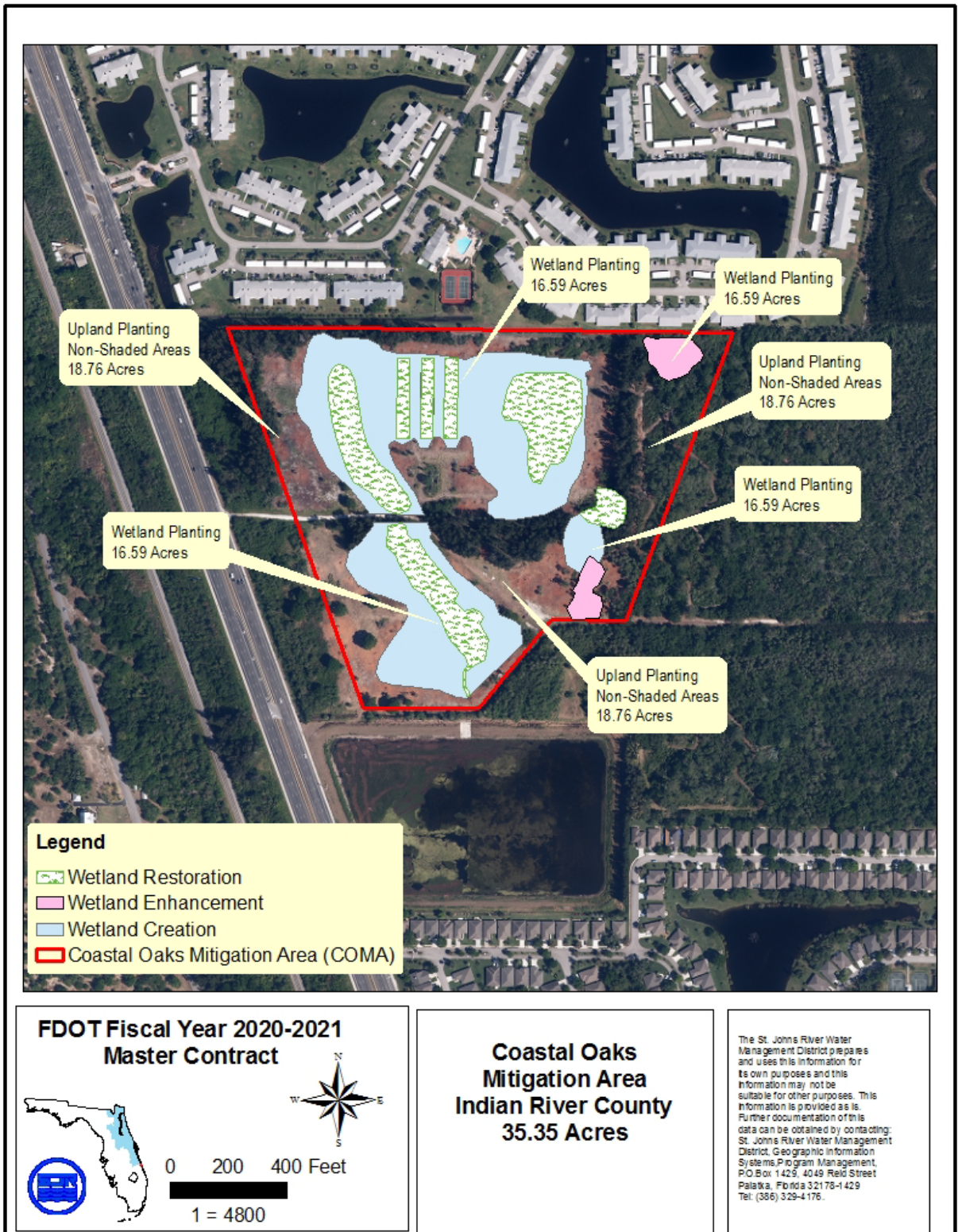


FIGURE 2. COASTAL OAKS PLANTING LOCATIONS



**EXHIBIT 2 — COST SCHEDULE, PAGE 1**

<b>QR 36413 – COMA CONSERVATION AREA PLANTING 2021</b>								
Plants	Scientific Name	COMA Wetlands 16.59 Acres – Number of Plants – Estimate and Actual		COMA Uplands 18.76 Acres - Number of Plants – Estimate and Actual		Approximate Percentage of Total Trees/Shrubs	Cost per Plant Installed	Total Cost for Plants
<b>Canopy – 1-3 Gallon</b>		<b>5-10-foot centers</b>		<b>5-10-foot centers</b>				
Bald cypress (OBL)	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	3000* Estimate	Actual _____			18%		
Pond Apple (OBL)	<i>Anona glabra</i>	1135* Estimate	Actual _____			6.9%		
Yaupon Holly (FAC)	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	1135* Estimate	Actual _____			6.9%		
Buttonwood (FACW)	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	1135* Estimate	Actual _____			6.9%		
Florida Elm (FACW)	<i>Ulmus americana var. floridana</i>	444* Estimate	Actual _____			2.7%		
Red Maple (FACW)	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	300* Estimate	Actual _____			1.8%		
Southern magnolia (UP)	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>			1004* Estimate	Actual _____	6.2%		
Live Oak (UP)	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>			2487* Estimate	Actual _____	15.0%		
Southern red Cedar (UP)	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>			1032* Estimate	Actual _____	6.3%		
<b>Sub-Canopy – 1 Gallon</b>								
Dahoon Holly (OBL)	<i>Ilex cassine</i>	450* Estimate	Actual _____			2.8%		
Button Bush (OBL)	<i>Cephananthus occidentalis</i>	520* Estimate	Actual _____			4.0%		
Simpsons Stopper (UP)	<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>			400* Estimate	Actual _____	2.5%		

Cost schedule continues on the next page

**EXHIBIT 2 — COST SCHEDULE, PAGE 2**

Respondent's Name: _____								
QR 36413 – COMA CONSERVATION AREA PLANTING 2021								
Plants	Scientific Name	COMA Wetlands 16.59 Acres – Number of Plants – Estimate and Actual		COMA Uplands 18.76 Acres - Number of Plants – Estimate and Actual		Approximate Percentage of Total Trees/Shrubs	Cost per Plant Installed	Total Cost for Plants
<b>Ground Cover – 1 Gallon</b>								
American beautyberry (UP)	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>			307* Estimate	Actual _____	1.9%		
Yellow Eyed grass (OBL)	<i>Xyris spp.</i>	307* Estimate	Actual _____			1.9%		
Muhly grass (OBL)	<i>Muhlenbergia capilaris</i>	307* Estimate	Actual _____			1.9%		
Narrowleaf Yellow tops (FACW)	<i>Flaveria linearis</i>	460* Estimate	Actual _____			2.8%		
Florida native milkweed (OBL)	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	460* Estimate	Actual _____			2.8%		
Starush whitetop (FACW)	<i>Dichromena colorata</i>	460* Estimate	Actual _____			2.8%		
Pickeral Weed (OBL)	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	460* Estimate	Actual _____			2.8%		
Golden Canna (OBL)	<i>Canna Flaccida</i>	460* Estimate	Actual _____			2.8%		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>11,033*</b>		<b>5,230*</b>		<b>100%</b>		<b>\$</b>

Asterisks addressed on next page of Cost Schedule

**COST SCHEDULE — CONTINUED**

\*The provided totals above for Coastal Oaks Mitigation Area, Wetlands and Uplands are plant estimates. The award of this project will be based on the *most* trees/shrubs that can be provided based on the total District budget of **\$70,125.00** within the percentages provided and species referenced. Please complete the totals for the *Actual* \_\_\_\_\_ amount of plants to be provided as well as the cost per plant and total cost columns.

The numbers shown above are based on an average 5-10-foot center these numbers will need to be adjusted based on the overall number of trees that can be provided within the total budget. *Plant size is not to be adjusted.* The approximate percentage should also be maintained based on the total numbers of trees/shrubs provided in the quote.

I, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE, as an Authorized Representative for the Respondent, that I have fully read and understand all terms and conditions as set forth in this quotation, and upon award of such quotation, shall fully comply with such terms and conditions.

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the following addenda (identified by number) received:

Addendum No.	Date	Addendum No.	Date
1 _____	_____	4 _____	_____
2 _____	_____	5 _____	_____
3 _____	_____	6 _____	_____

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**RESPONDENT (FIRM NAME)**

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**ADDRESS**

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**SIGNATURE**

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**TYPED NAME & TITLE**

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**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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**EMAIL ADDRESS**

### EXHIBIT 3 — INSURANCE

Contractor shall acquire and maintain until completion of the Work the insurance coverage listed below, which constitutes primary coverage. Contractor shall not commence the Work until the District receives and approves Certificates of Insurance documenting required coverage. **Contractor's General Liability policy shall name the St. Johns River Water Management District (the "District") as Additional Insured.** All required policies shall include: (1) endorsement that waives any right of subrogation against the District for any policy of insurance provided under this requirement or under any state or federal worker's compensation or employer's liability act; (2) endorsement to give the District no less than 30 days' notice in the event of cancellation or material change. Certificates of Insurance must be accompanied by copies of the requested endorsements.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions above \$100,000 must be declared to and approved by the District. Approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Contractor is responsible for any deductible or self-insured retention. Insurance must be placed with insurers having an A.M. Best rating of A-V or greater. District receipt of insurance certificates providing less than the required coverage does not waive these insurance requirements.

- (a) **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Workers' compensation and employer's liability coverage, including maritime worker's compensation, if applicable, in not less than the minimum limits required by Florida law. If an exemption from workers' compensation is declared, an exemption letter issued by Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, shall be submitted to the District.
- (b) **General Liability.** Commercial General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence Basis," with limits of liability not less than \$500,000 per occurrence and/or aggregate combined single limit, personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage. Coverage shall include: (1) contractual liability, (2) products and completed operations, (3) independent contractors, and (4) broad form property damage. Extensions shall be added, or exclusions deleted to provide the necessary coverage. "Claims made" coverage will be accepted only after verification that "occurrence" coverage is not available.
- (c) **Automobile Liability.** Minimum requirements per Florida law.

**EXHIBIT 4 — QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENTATION FORMS**  
**(This form to be included with quote submittal)**

As part of the quote request, Respondent shall complete the following so that the District can determine Respondent’s ability, experience, and facilities for performing the Work.

Name of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent’s tax identification No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Year company was organized/formed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years Respondent has been engaged in business under the present firm or trade name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of years Respondent has experience in similar work described in quote request of the Instructions to Respondents: \_\_\_\_\_

Has Respondent previously been engaged in the same or similar business under another firm or trade name? If so, please describe each such instance.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has Respondent ever been adjudicated bankrupt, initiated bankruptcy, or been the subject of bankruptcy proceedings on behalf of the current entity submitting this bid or a prior entity that Respondent substantially operated or controlled? If yes, please describe the nature and result of those proceedings and the entity involved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the background/experience of the person or persons who will be primarily responsible for directing the Work that will be performed pursuant to this bid. This inquiry is intended to encompass the project manager and/or superintendent who will be engaged on a daily basis in directing performance of the Work.

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**QUALIFICATIONS – SIMILAR PROJECT**  
**(This form to be included with quote submittal)**

Respondent must have completed at least one project of a similar nature (refer to the tasks outlined in the Statement of Work) in the past three years by the individual, firm, or project manager assigned to the project. (Documentation must be provided on this form and must be included with quote response.)

**Completed Project 1:**

Agency/company: \_\_\_\_\_

Current contact person at agency/company: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of agency/company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

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