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19-004

SHELL HAULING

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**HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Purchasing Division

INVITATION TO BID (“ITB”)

The Board of County Commissioners (“Board”), Highlands County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (“County”) will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division (“Purchasing Division”) for:

ITB NO. 19-004 SHELL HAULING

Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hbcc.net, or on www.VendorRegistry.com. Questions should be directed at: Chris Davis, Purchasing Manager, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870, Phone: 863-402-6528; or E Mail: cmdavis@hbcc.org.

A PRE-BID meeting will not be held for this solicitation. Each submittal shall include one (1) original and one (1) exact electronic copy (CD’s or thumb drives) of the BID submission packet.

BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 so as to reach that office no later than **3:30 P.M., Tuesday, October 30, 2018**, at which time they will be opened. The public is invited to attend this meeting. Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the ITB number and name so as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids received later than the date and time as specified will be rejected. The Board will not be responsible for the late deliveries of responses that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail or any other type of delivery service. One or more County Commissioners may be in attendance at the bid opening.

Highlands County’s Local Preference Policy and Women/Minority Business Preference Policy will apply to the award of this Bid. Please see the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners Purchasing Manual with an effective date of October 1, 2017.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids or any parts thereof, and the determination of this award, if an award is made, will be based on the ranking of each Bid. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the Bid.

The Board does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Ms. Pamela Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progers@hbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, FL

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SECTION I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A) For purposes of this ITB, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. Bidder means the person or entity submitting a Bid in response to this ITB.
2. Contractor means the Bidder whose Bid is accepted by the County and who agrees to enter into a contract to provide the services and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the purchase orders issued by the County in performance of the Scope of Work. Terms and Conditions for the County purchase orders can be found at the County's website: <http://bit.ly/POTerms> .

B) All Bids shall become the property of the County.

C) All Bidders shall comply with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes pertaining to drug free workplace programs; Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes, pertaining to public entity crimes; Section 287.134, Florida Statutes, pertaining to discrimination and Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, prohibiting contracting with scrutinized companies.

Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. Preference to businesses with drug free workplace programs:

In order to have a drug free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community by, any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of this section.

Section 287.133, Florida Statutes. Public entity crime; denial or revocation of the right to transact business with public entities:

(2)(a) A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a 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 Section 287.017, Florida Statutes for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Section 287.134, Florida Statutes. Discrimination; denial or revocation of the right to transact business with public entities:

(2)(a) An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract or provide goods and services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract with a public entity for 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 contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with a public entity.

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. Prohibition against contracting with scrutinized companies:

(2) A company is ineligible to, 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:

(a) Any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to. 215.4725, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or

(b) One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company: 1. Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473; or 2. Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

(5) At the time a company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more, the company must certify that the 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 and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria. At the time a company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of any amount, the company must certify that the company is not participating in a boycott of Israel.

CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE REFERENCED STATUTES ARE LOCATED ON SECTION VI, AND MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE BID, SIGNED AND NOTARIZED.

- D) Bids are due and must be received in accordance with the instructions given in the announcement page.
- E) The County will not reimburse Bidders for any costs associated or expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and submittal of any Bid.
- F) Bidders, their agents and associates shall not solicit any County Official, employee, agent, or volunteer and shall not contact any County Official, employee, agent, or volunteer other than the individual listed in Section VIII of this ITB for additional information and clarification.
- G) Due care and diligence has been exercised in the preparation of this ITB and all information contained herein is believed to be substantially correct. However, the responsibility for determining the full extent of the services required rests solely with those submitting a Bid. Neither the County nor its representatives shall be responsible for any error or omission in the Bids submitted, nor for the failure on the part of the Bidders to determine the full extent of the exposures.
- H) All timely Bids meeting the specifications set forth in this ITB will be considered. However, Bidders are cautioned to clearly indicate any deviations from these specifications. The terms and conditions contained herein are those desired by the County and preference will be given to those Bids in full or substantially full compliance with them.
- I) Each Bidder is responsible for full and complete compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations including those of the Federal Government, the State of Florida and the County of Highlands. Failure or inability on the part of the Bidder to have complete knowledge and intent to comply with such laws, rules, and regulations shall not relieve any Bidder from its obligation to honor its Bid and to perform completely in accordance with its Bid.
- J) The County, at its discretion, reserves the right to waive minor informalities or irregularities in any Bids, to reject any and all Bids in whole or in part, with or without cause, and to accept that Bid, if any, which in its judgment will be in its best interest.
- K) Award will be made to the Bidder whose Bid is determined to be the most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration those Bids in compliance with the requirements as set forth in this ITB. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids for any reason or make no award whatsoever or request clarification of information from the Bidders.
- L) Any interpretation, clarification, correction or change to this ITB will be made by written addendum issued by the Purchasing Division. Any oral or other type of communication concerning this ITB shall not be binding.
- M) Bids must be signed by an individual of the Bidder's organization legally authorized to commit the Bidder to the performance of services contemplated by this ITB with documentation of such authority provided with the Bid submission.

N) Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, the following minimum Insurance Requirements will be included in the contract and must be met before delivery of goods and performance of services:

1. **Workers' Compensation Insurance:** The Contractor shall have and maintain workers' compensation insurance for all employees for statutory limits in compliance with Florida law and Federal law. The policy must include Employer Liability with a limit of \$100,000 each accident, \$100,000 each employee, \$500,000 policy limit for disease.
2. **Commercial General Liability Insurance: Occurrence Form Required:** The Contractor shall have and maintain commercial general liability (CGL) insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to the work performed pursuant to this ITB in the amount of \$1,000,000. Products and completed operations aggregate shall be \$1,000,000. CGL insurance shall be written on an occurrence form and shall include bodily injury and property damage liability for premises, operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, contractual liability, broad form property damage and property damage resulting from explosion, collapse or underground (x, c, u) exposures, personal injury and advertising injury. Fire damage liability shall be included at \$100,000.
3. **Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall have and maintain commercial automobile liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage liability. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos). The policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage.
4. **Special Requirements / Evidence of Insurance:**
 - a. A copy of the Bidder's current certificate of insurance **MUST** be provided with the Bid submitted in response to this ITB. A formal certificate shall be provided upon announcement that a Bidder has been awarded the work as called for in this ITB. The Certificate(s) shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All Certificates of Insurance must be on file with and approved by the County before commencement of any work activities. The formal insurance certificate shall also comply with the following:
 - (1) "Highlands County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida and its elected officials, its agents, employees, and volunteers" shall be named as an "Additional Insured" on all policies except Worker's Compensation and Professional Liability.
 - (2) Contractor shall deliver written notice to the County by overnight delivery return receipt requested, hand delivery or confirmed facsimile thirty (30) days prior to giving or within three (3) days after receiving notice of cancellation, modification, non-renewal, or any other lapse in coverage of any required insurance policies.
 - b. It should be remembered that these are minimum requirements, which are subject to modification in response to high hazard operations.

- c. The policies of insurance shall be written on forms acceptable to the County and placed with insurance carriers authorized by the Insurance Department in the State of Florida and meet a minimum financial AM Best company rating of no less than "A-Excellent: FSC VII".
- d. The Contractor shall hold the County, its agents and employees, harmless on account of claims for damages to persons, property or premises arising out of the services performed in connection with this ITB. The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to provide and pay for any other insurance coverage the County deems necessary, depending upon the possible exposure to liability.
- e. All policies must include Waiver of subrogation; any liability aggregate limits shall apply "Per Jobsite"/Per Job Aggregate. All liability insurance except Professional Liability shall be Primary and Non-Contributory. Certificate of Insurance shall confirm in writing that these provisions apply.

5. Renewal:

- a. In the event the insurance coverage expires prior to termination of the contract entered into in connection with this ITB, a renewal certificate shall be issued 30-days prior to said expiration date.
- b. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the County Purchasing Manager, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870.

- O) The following "Statement of Indemnification" will be incorporated in the contract entered into in connection with this ITB.

Contractor shall, in addition to any other obligation to indemnify the County and to the fullest extent permitted by law, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its elected officials, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against all claims, actions, liabilities, losses (including economic losses), costs, including attorneys' fees and all costs of litigation, and judgments of every name and description arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Agreement or work performed under or related to this Agreement, unless caused by the sole negligence of the County, its elected officials, employees, agents, or volunteers. Any cost or expenses, including attorney's fees (including appellate, bankruptcy or patent counsel fees), incurred by the County to enforce this Indemnification shall be borne by the Contractor. This Indemnification shall also cover all claims brought against the County, its elected officials, employees, agents, or volunteers by any employee of the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation under this Indemnification shall not be limited in any way to the agreed upon Agreement price as shown in this Agreement or the Contractor's limit on or lack of sufficient insurance protection. Upon completion of all services, obligations and duties provided for in this Agreement, or in the event of termination of this Agreement for any reason, the terms and conditions of this Indemnification shall survive indefinitely.

- P) All pages included in or attached by reference to this ITB shall be called and constitute the Invitation to Bid as stated on the front page of this ITB.

- Q) If submitting Bids or Proposals for more than one ITB or Request for Proposal (RFP), each Bid and each Proposal must be in a separate envelope and correctly marked. Only one Bid for this ITB shall be accepted from any person, corporation or firm. Modifications will not be accepted or acknowledged.
- R) Each Bid must contain proof of enrollment in E-Verify.
- S) Minority Owned and Women Owned businesses must submit a copy of the certificate to receive credit.
- T) Board policy prohibits any County employee or members of their family from receiving any gift, benefit, and/or profit resulting from any contract or purchase. Board policy also prohibits acceptance of gifts of any kind other than advertising novelties valued less than \$10.00
- U) Bids are only accepted if delivered to the location and prior to the time specified on the ITB. Bids must be delivered in sealed envelope or box. Late Bids will not be accepted under any circumstances. If Bids are received after the scheduled time of the Bid Opening Meeting, the Bidder will be contacted for disposition. The Purchasing Division, at the Bidder's expense, can return the unopened envelope, or, at the Bidder's request in writing, can destroy it.
- V) Emailed and faxed Bids will not be accepted. Any blank spaces on the required Bid form or the absence of required submittals or signatures may cause the Bid to be declared non-responsive.
- W) The County is not responsible for correcting any errors or typos made on the Bid. Incorrect calculations or errors may cause the Bid to be declared non-responsive.
- X) The Bidder shall comply with the Florida Sales and Use Tax Law as it may apply to the contract. The quoted amount(s) shall include any and all Florida Sales and Use Tax payment obligations required by Florida Law of the successful Bidder and its material suppliers.
- Y) Any material submitted in response to this ITB will become public record pursuant to Section 119, Florida Statutes.
- Z) In the event of legal proceedings to enforce the terms of a contract entered into in connection with this ITB, the prevailing party will be entitled to legal fees. Venue is in Highlands County, Florida.
- AA) If any Bidder violates or is a party to a violation of the code of ethics of the County or the State of Florida, with respect to this ITB, such Bidder may be disqualified from performing the work described in this ITB or from furnishing the goods or services for which this ITB is issued and may be further disqualified from bidding on any future requests for work, goods or services for the County.

-END OF SECTION-

SECTION II. THE COUNTY'S RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

This ITB constitutes only as an invitation to submit a Bid to the County. The County reserves, holds and may in its own discretion, exercise any or all of the following rights and options with respect to this ITB:

- A. To supplement, amend or otherwise modify this ITB, and to cancel this ITB with or without the substitution of another Invitation to Bid (ITB) or Request for Proposals (RFP).
- B. To issue additional subsequent ITBs or RFPs.
- C. To reject all incomplete / non-responsive Bids, or Bids with errors.
- D. The County reserves the right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether any aspect of the submitted Bids is satisfactory to meet the criteria established in this ITB, the right to seek clarification and/or additional information from any submitting Bidder.
- E. The County also reserves the right to modify the Scope of Work to be performed.
- F. The County shall have no liability to any Bidder for any costs or expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and submittal of a Bid in response to this ITB.
- G. If the County believes that collusion exists among Bidders, all Bids will be rejected.

-END OF SECTION-

SECTION III. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ITB 19-004

- A) **ADDENDUMS:** In this ITB the County has attempted to address most situations that may occur. However, should situations arise that are not addressed, they will be dealt with on a case by case basis, at the discretion of the County. If deemed necessary, the Purchasing Division will supplement this ITB document with Addendums. These Addendums will be posted on the County's website, www.hcbcc.net. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to check the website for Addendums. Bidders must acknowledge receipt of Addendums by completing the respective section on the Bid Submittal Form.
- B) **AFFIRMATION:** By submitting a Bid, the Bidder affirms that the Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other person to submit a false or sham Bid; that the Bidder has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from submitting a Bid; that the Bidder has not sought by collusion to obtain for him/herself/itself any advantage over other persons or over the County; and that Bidder has no conflict of interest with any person or entity associated with the project or purchase contemplated by this ITB, including the County, other Bidders, or entities that have provided or are providing services or goods related to this ITB.
- C) **COUNTY EMPLOYEES / CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** All Bidders must disclose the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the Board. All Bidders must disclose the name of any Board employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the Bidder's business or any of its branches.
- D) **MISUNDERSTANDINGS:** The failure or omission of the Bidder to receive or examine any instruction or document, or any part of the specifications, or to visit the site and acquaint themselves as to the nature and location of the work (where applicable), the general and local conditions, and all matters which may in any way affect performance shall not relieve the Bidder of any obligation to perform as specified herein. The Bidder understands the intent and purpose thereof and their obligations and will not make any claim for, or have any right to damages resulting from any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of this ITB, or because of any lack of information.
- E) **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** The selected Bidder and the person designated by the Bidder to perform the services required by this ITB in its Bid submitted in response to this ITB shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or sell any portion of any contract entered into in connection with this ITB unless permission is first given in writing by the County.
- F) **COMPLAINTS:** The contract will provide that complaints against the Contractor will be processed through the Purchasing Division and are to be corrected within five (5) business days. Written response to the Purchasing Manager is required. Failure to properly resolve complaints within five (5) business days may result in cancellation of the contract. Repeat complaints against the Contractor may result in termination of contract.

- G) REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ITB SPECIFICATIONS: Requests for changes to specifications must be submitted for consideration in writing to the person identified in Section VIII of this ITB. Requests must be submitted by the Request for Information (RFI) Cut-Off date stated in Section IX of this ITB. The request will be evaluated by the Project Manager, and the County's response will be made in an Addendum.
- H) EXCEPTIONS / ITEMS NOT IDENTIFIED IN THE SCOPE OF WORK: Any modification to these specifications by a Bidder shall be an exception to the ITB and must be discussed in detail by the Bidder in its Bid under "Exceptions / Items not Identified in Scope of Work", unless otherwise specified.
- I) DOCUMENTATION RESULTING FROM SERVICES RENDERED: The contract will prohibit the Contractor from publishing or releasing any information related to the requested services without prior written permission from the County. All reports and documents resulting from the ensuing contract will remain the sole property of the County.
- J) OTHER ENTITIES ("PIGGYBACKING"): All Bidders submitting a bid to this ITB agree that the submitted bid may also constitute an invitation to other local government agencies, under the same conditions, for the same contract price, and for the same effective period pertaining to this ITB. If other local government agencies desire to accept this invitation, and make an award thereof, the other local government agencies shall accept the invitation and make an award thereof independently of Highlands County. Each governmental agency, Highlands County and the other local government entities, shall each be responsible for their own purchases and each shall be liable for materials and services ordered and received by each governmental entity. Neither agency assumes any liability for the other agency's actions by virtue of this ITB. This offer for participation in no way restricts or interferes with the right of other government agencies to competitively procure any or all items.

-END OF SECTION-

SECTION IV. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR ITB 19-004

- A. PURPOSE: Contractor to provide shell hauling to County on an “as needed” and “as requested” basis.
- B. TERM OF BID: The term of the Contract shall be for an initial twelve (12) month period from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Upon mutual agreement of the parties, the contract may be renewed for four (4) one (1) year terms, at the same pricing. The contract will include a thirty (30) day termination for convenience clause for termination by the County.
- C. MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: No mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held for this ITB.
- D. BID DUE DATE AND LOCATION: Bids are due by date, time and location shown on page 3, Invitation to Bid.
- E. PROJECT MANAGER: This project is managed for the County by Mr. Kyle Green (Director of the Road and Bridge Department)
- F. INSURANCE: Contractor shall have and provide proof of insurance as set forth in the General Terms and Conditions, subsection N of Section I of this ITB.
- G. PRICING: Each Bidder shall include pricing with the Bid as provided on the bid form, see section V of this ITB.
- H. INVOICING / COMPENSATION:
1. Contractor shall submit detailed invoices to the County’s Road and Bridge Department within 5 business days from the County’s accepted delivery of the shell.
 2. Payment(s) shall be made in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70 et. seq., Florida Statutes and the Highlands County Prompt Payment Act.
- I. MULTIPLE BIDS ACCEPTED. County will accept all Bids that meet specifications. When County places an order, County will first contact the lowest, responsive, and responsible Bidder. If the lowest, responsive, and responsible Bidder is incapable of supplying the volume of hauling required in the timeframe requested by the County, the next lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder will be contacted. The County will continue through the cycle of contacting the next lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder until the County’s hauling requirements are met. A purchase order will be issued to each such Contractor that meets specifications required by the Purchasing Manager.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR ITB 19-004

- A) In performing work under these specifications, the Contractor shall comply with all relevant federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, laws, and regulations.
- B) Any overload, moving violations or any other legal violations shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

- C) County shall not be held responsible for damages to property or for injuries or death to persons , occurring through no fault of the County or its employees, volunteers, or agents, as a result of, or incident to, performance under this Bid and the Contract.
- D) This Bid is for the hauling of shell from Charlotte County Shell Pit; 3750 State Road 31, Punta Gorda, Florida 33921, (the Charlotte County Shell Pit is the property of Highlands County), to any destination in Highlands County, Florida as directed by the Project Manager.
- E) Deliveries of shell made to the Highlands County Solid Waste Facility will be paid per ton (weight determined by the landfill scales) pursuant to landfill scale tickets. Deliveries of shell made to other locations in Highlands County will be paid per ton (weight determined by the Charlotte County Shell Pit scales) pursuant to shell pit scale tickets.
- F) The approximate amount of shell to be hauled under this Bid is 80,000 tons. However, Highlands County does not guarantee any certain amount to be hauled.
- G) The County Purchasing Division will issue purchase orders for the shell required for hauling during each one year period, and payment will be made within thirty (30) days after receipt of an approved invoice.
- H) Payments shall be per ton, per haul delivered as per the Bid price (NO INCREASE IN PRICE WILL BE ALLOWED).
- I) Invoices received for payment without the purchase order and without signed scale tickets that confirm delivery will not be paid. Invoices shall be received in a timely fashion, and tickets dated more than thirty (30) days prior to invoice date will not be paid.
- J) Shell tonnage totals shall be supplied by Contractor to the County's Project Manager within 3 days after completion of project.
- K) Scale/delivery tickets must be numbered in sequence and in triplicate sets to maintain an original and two (2) copies of each delivery.
- L) All scale/delivery tickets shall be signed by authorized employees of the Board.
- M) The scale/delivery tickets shall be distributed as follows:
 - 1. Original shall be maintained at County's Shell Pit scale house in Charlotte County or, in the case of a delivery to the Highlands County Solid Waste Facility, at the Solid Waste Facility scale house.
 - 2. Copy #1 shall be left with the County's Project Manager or his designee(s) at the haul destination point and forwarded to the County's Finance Department as needed for back-up documentation to process payment requests.
 - 3. Copy #2 shall be used by Contractor and submitted with invoice when requesting payment.
- N) Each scale/delivery ticket shall include the following information:
 - 1. Date of Delivery

2. Destination
 3. Total Tons Delivered
 4. Truck Number
 5. Purchase Order Number
 6. Signature by authorized County employee
- O) Bidder shall not include Federal Excise Taxes in the Bid. The County's tax exemption certificates will be furnished to Contractor.
- P) In order to qualify for bidding, Bidder shall have a minimum of 6 trucks available at all times to fill County orders. The minimum loaded capacity shall be 22 tons per truck. Bidder's trucks may be required to transport three (3) hauls per day, each. Bidder shall attach a list of the size and number of trucks available to Bidder to fulfill the Bid, and the hauling capacities of each truck.
- Q) All of Contractor's trucks and tractor/trailer rigs shall be numbered and the tractor/trailer number and TARE weight must be visible on side of truck or trailer and will be weighed on County scales at no charge.
- R) Certificates showing legal gross weight must be furnished on all of Contractor's trucks and tractor/trailer rigs prior to hauling of any shell.
- S) Highlands County will pay, as a maximum, the established amount of tons that can be legally hauled by Contractor's truck and tractor/trailer rig in accordance with the shell weight and gross weight of the vehicle. Contractor will not be paid for overweight loads.
- T) Highlands County is responsible for maintaining access haul roads and dump sites on County property in order to insure adequate accessibility.
- U) Designated dump-sites within County property are at the discretion of the County's Project Manager, the County's Road & Bridge Superintendent, or the County's District Road Supervisor, and may be changed from time to time as determined by the County.
- V) Should conditions occur which would prevent the successful Bidder from hauling the required amounts due to operational procedures at the job site, in the sole discretion of the County, the Bidder will not be held responsible for meeting daily hauling requirements.
- W) CONTRACTUAL HAULING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS:
1. A vehicle wash out is not available at the shell pit; thus, all vehicles must be cleaned out prior to entering the pit. Any truck found with debris in the bed will be asked to leave and to remove the debris prior to weighing in.
 2. In the case of deliveries to the County's Solid Waste Facility, each vehicle must obtain a tare weight at the Solid Waste Facility's scale house after dumping. For all other delivery locations, each vehicle must obtain a tare weight at the County's shell pit scale house prior to loading.

3. Once loaded, all vehicles must be weighed to ensure the legal maximum weight limit is NOT exceeded. If a truck is overweight, the driver must return to the loading area and dump the excess material as needed to attain a legal gross weight. **CONTRACTOR WILL NOT BE PAID FOR OVERWEIGHT LOADS.**
4. Contractor's drivers must have two (2) copies of scale/delivery ticket (pink & yellow) prior to leaving with load.
5. After Contractor's vehicle(s) have been loaded, tarped, and weighed, Contractor's vehicle must leave the shell pit. Contractor shall NOT block scales or wait for other drivers within the shell pit property.
6. Upon arrival at the dump destination, tickets must be signed by a Highlands County employee. Contractor's driver shall retain the yellow copy and the County employee receives the pink copy. **NOTE - CONTRACTOR WILL NOT BE PAID FOR LOADS THAT DO NOT HAVE A TICKET SIGNED BY A COUNTY EMPLOYEE.**
7. Any moving or other legal violations shall be the responsibility of Contractor and/or Contractor's driver. Contractor is responsible for proper and adequate maintenance of vehicles used to perform the services including, as applicable, but not limited to, protective equipment for vehicle drivers, mechanical and electrical systems, and tarping apparatus.
8. In performing work for Highlands County, Contractor and Contractor's driver shall comply with all relevant federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, laws, and regulations.

-END OF SECTION-

SECTION V. BID SUBMITTAL FORM

HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

ITB 19-004 – SHELL HAULING

BID SUBMITTED TO:

HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – PURCHASING DIVISION

BID SUBMITTED BY:

Bidding Firm's Name

Bidding Firm's Address 1

Bidding Firm's Address 2

Contact's Name (Print)

Contact's E-mail Address

Contact's Phone Number

In submitting this response, BIDDER represents that:

- BIDDER has examined and carefully studied the ITB Documents and the following Addenda (receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged). Bidder should insert date of the Addendum and Addendum Number in boxes below:

Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number	Date	Number

BID SUBMITTAL FORM (continued)

- The following documentation is included with this Bid:

Document	Check if included or circle one		
Completed Bid Form and Price Sheet (page 17-19)	Required	YES	NO
Documentation of authority to submit Bid	Required	YES	NO
Drug-Free Workplace Certification (page 20)	Required	YES	NO
Public Entity Crimes Sworn Statement (page 21-22)	Required	YES	NO
Discrimination Certification (page 23)	Required	YES	NO
Scrutinized Companies Certification (page 24)	Required	YES	NO
Acord Insurance Form (sample copy from Vendor)	Required	YES	NO
E Verify Certification (page 25)	Required	YES	NO
Local Preference Affidavit (page 26)	If Applicable	YES	NO
Women / Minority Business Enterprise Certification	If Applicable	YES	NO

- PRICING:

The undersigned agrees to provide the service at the price listed below:

DISTANCE	PRICE
40-50 miles One-Way	\$ _____ per ton
51-60 miles One-Way	\$ _____ per ton
61-70 miles One-Way	\$ _____ per ton

DISTANCE	PRICE
71-80 miles One-Way	\$ _____ per ton
81-90 miles One-Way	\$ _____ per ton
91-100 miles One-Way	\$ _____ per ton

Price and payment is per haul.

DELIVERY: _____ CALENDAR DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER

DISCLOSE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES, CHARGES, AND SURCHARGES WHICH MIGHT BE INVOICED (INCLUDE FEES CHARGED FOR USE OF CREDIT CARD):

- Exceptions to Bid: Please attach a separate paper to discuss each exception, or list below.

- This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; Bidder has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; Bidder has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over the County; and that Bidder has no conflict of interest with any person or entity associated with the project or purchase contemplated by this ITB, including the County, other Bidders, or entities that have provided or are providing services or goods related to this ITB.

SUBMITTED ON: _____, 20_____.

COMPANY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ (seal)

PRINTED NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

SECTION VI. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES
PREFERENCE TO DO BUSINESS WITH DRUG FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAMS
ITB 19-004**

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to the HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

by _____
[Print individual's name and title]

for _____
[Print name and state of incorporation or other formation of the entity submitting this sworn statement]

whose business address is _____ and

whose Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Bidder")

2. CERTIFICATION

Bidder hereby certifies that at the time of its Bid the Bidder has a drug free workplace program in place. The program meets the requirements of Section 287.087, Florida Statutes.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.087, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND IS, UPON DELIVERY, A PUBLIC RECORD.

Print Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing Certification was sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, as _____, the duly authorized officer of _____, on its behalf, who is either personally known to me [] or has produced _____ as identification [].

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Notary Public, State of _____
Commission No. _____
My Commission Expires: _____

**SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES,
ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

ITB 19-004

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

STATE OF FLORIDA }ss
COUNTY OF _____ }

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____ who, being by me first duly sworn, made the following statement:

1. The business address of _____ (name of bidder or contractor), is

2. I understand that a public entity crime as defined in Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes includes a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity in Florida or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or such an agency or political subdivision and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy or material misrepresentation.

3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" is defined by the statute to mean a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilt or nolo contendere.

4. I understand that "affiliate" is defined by the statute to mean (1) a predecessor or successor of a person or a corporation convicted of a public entity crime, or (2) an entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime, or (3) those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate, or (4) a person or corporation who knowingly entered into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months.

5. Neither the bidder or contractor nor any officer, director, executive, partner, shareholder, employee, member or agent who is active in the management of the bidder or contractor nor any affiliate of the bidder or contractor has been convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

(Draw a line through paragraph 5 if paragraph 6 below applies.)

6. There has been a conviction of a public entity crime by the bidder or contractor, or an officer, director, executive, partner, shareholder, employee, member or agent of the bidder or contractor who is active in the management of the bidder or contractor or an affiliate of the bidder or contractor. A determination has been made pursuant to 287.133(3) by order of the Division of Administrative Hearings that it is not in the public interest for the name of the convicted person or affiliate to appear on the convicted vendor list. The name of the convicted person or affiliate is _____.
A copy of the order of the Division of Administrative Hearings is attached to this statement.

(Draw a line through paragraph 6 if paragraph 5 above applies.)

THIS SWORN STATEMENT IS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(3)A, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND IS, UPON DELIVERY, A PUBLIC RECORD

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

On ____ day of _____, 20____.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn and subscribed before me in the State and County first mentioned above on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Notary Public, State of _____

Commission No. _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.134, FLORIDA STATUTES
DISCRIMINATION; DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF THE RIGHT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH
PUBLIC ENTITIES
ITB 19-004**

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to the HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

by _____

[Print individual's name and title]

for _____

[Print name and state of incorporation or other formation of the entity submitting this sworn statement]

whose business address is _____ and

whose Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Bidder")

2. CERTIFICATION

Bidder hereby certifies that at the time of its Bid the Bidder has not been placed on the discriminatory vendor list by the Department of Management Services.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.134, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND IS, UPON DELIVERY, A PUBLIC RECORD.

Print Name: _____ Date: ___/___/___

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing Certification was sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20___, by _____, as _____, the duly authorized officer of _____, on its behalf, who is either personally known to me [] or has produced _____ as identification [].

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Notary Public, State of _____

Commission No. _____

My Commission Expires: _____

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.135, FLORIDA STATUTES

ITB 19-004

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to the HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

by _____

[Print individual's name and title]

for _____

[Print name and state of incorporation or other formation of the entity submitting this sworn statement]

whose business address is _____ and

whose Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Bidder")

2. **CERTIFICATION**

Bidder hereby certifies that at the time of its Bid the Bidder is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria. Bidder also hereby certifies that it is not participating in a boycott of Israel.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.135(5), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND IS, UPON DELIVERY, A PUBLIC RECORD.

Print Name: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing Certification was sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 2017, by _____, as _____, the duly authorized officer of _____, on its behalf, who is either personally known to me [] or has produced _____ as identification [].

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

Print Name: _____

Notary Public, State of Florida

Commission No. _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICE BUREAU'S E-VERIFY PROGRAM
ITB 18-004**

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to the HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

by _____

[Print individual's name and title]

for _____

[Print name and state of incorporation or other formation of the entity submitting this sworn statement]

whose business address is _____ and

whose Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Bidder")

2. CERTIFICATION

Bidder hereby certifies that at the time of its Bid the Bidder participates in the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau's E-Verify Program, and does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien.

Bidder's E-verify Company ID #: _____

THIS CERTIFICATION IS, UPON DELIVERY, A PUBLIC RECORD.

Print Name: _____ Date: ___/___/___

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing Certification was sworn to before me this ___ day of _____, 20___, by _____, as _____, the duly authorized officer of _____, on its behalf, who is either personally known to me [] or has produced _____ as identification [].

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public, State of _____

**SECTION VII. LOCAL VENDOR AFFIDAVIT
LOCAL PREFERENCE AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY**

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to
HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- by _____
[Print individual's name and title]
- for _____
[Print name of Company/Individual submitting sworn statement]

Whose business address is _____

(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): _____.

2. LOCAL PREFERENCE ELIGIBILITY

A. Contractor/Individual has had a fixed office or distribution point located in and having a street address within Highlands County for at least twelve (12) months immediately prior to the issuance of the request for quotation, competitive bids or request for proposals by the County.

YES ____ NO ____

B. Contractor/Individual holds business license required by the County, and/or if applicable, the Municipalities:

YES ____ NO ____

C. Contractor/Individual employs at least one full-time employee, or two part-time employees whose primary residence is in Highlands County, or, if the business has no employees, the business shall be at least fifty (50) percent owned by one or more persons whose primary residence is in Highlands County.

YES ____ NO ____

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM SHALL BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORD.

[Signature and Date]

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn before me, the undersigned notary public on this ____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC

SEAL

Commission Expiration Date

SECTION VIII. ITB CONTACT INFORMATION

All questions regarding this ITB and the details of the project during the ITB process shall be submitted by Bidders in writing to:

*Mrs. Chris Davis, Purchasing Manager
Highlands County Purchasing Division
600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33875
Phone: (863) 402-6528; Email: cmdavis@hcbcc.org*

SECTION IX. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) CUT-OFF

All questions regarding this ITB shall be submitted by Bidders in writing by **5 P.M. on Tuesday, October 22, 2018** to the contact referenced in Section VII.

SECTION X. SAMPLE CONTRACT

CONTRACT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY ITB 19-004 – SHELL HAULING

This Contract (“Contract”) is made _____, 2018, by and between Highlands County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (“County”) and _____ (“Contractor”). In consideration of the mutual covenants to be performed by the Parties pursuant to this Contract, each Party hereby represents, warrants and agrees as follows:

ARTICLE 1. SCOPE OF WORK. Contractor hereby agrees to provide the County with the hauling of shell as described in the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners’ Invitation to Bid number 19-004 (“ITB”) attached hereto as Exhibit A and pursuant to the pricing and delivery set forth in the Contractor’s Bid attached hereto as Exhibit B (the “Services”). County may issue purchase orders for receipt of Services.

The precedence of documents comprising the parties’ agreement shall be: 1) this Contract; 2) purchase order; 3) the ITB; 4) Contractor’s Bid. Contractor agrees that all work performed by Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be to the standards of, and approval by the County’s Project Manager. Further, Contractor agrees not to publish or disseminate any materials developed pursuant to this Contract without prior written approval by the Project Manager.

ARTICLE 2. TERM. This Contract shall be for the Term of Bid as specified in the ITB (“Term”). Permitted extensions of the Term, if any, shall be as set forth in the ITB.

ARTICLE 3. CONTRACT PRICE. The prices for performance of the Services, is set forth in Exhibit B. The total amount that will be paid by the County to the Contractor, for Services performed in accordance with the terms of this Contract and to the satisfaction and approval by the County, shall not exceed \$_____ [in figures] (____) [in words].

ARTICLE 4. PAYMENT PROCEDURES. Invoices shall be submitted to the Project Manager, who will determine if the Services rendered are satisfactory. Invoices shall be timely submitted and shall be in sufficient detail for the Project Manager and/or Purchasing Manager to ensure compliance with this Contract. Payment shall be made in accordance with the Highlands County Prompt Payment Policy and Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70 et. seq., Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 5. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work, services, and activities under this Contract, an Independent Contractor and not an employee, agent, or servant of County. All persons engaged in any of the work or Services performed by or for Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to Contractor’s direction, supervision, and control as an employee of Contractor. Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which its employees perform the work, and in all respects Contractor’s relationship and the relationship of its employees to County shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees or agents of County. Services performed by Contractor pursuant to this Contract are solely for the benefit of County. Nothing contained in this Contract creates any duties on the part of Contractor toward any third party.

ARTICLE 6. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL. Contractor shall maintain sufficient staff to perform the Services. Contractor shall remove any person from performing Services upon a determination by the County that such person is or has been careless, incompetent, insubordinate, reasonably objectionable, or whose continued presence on the job is deemed to be contrary to the best interest of Highlands County. Any personnel of Contractor who is charged with or is being prosecuted for a felony will be considered reasonably objectionable. Contractor warrants and represents that it has the right and power to fulfill its obligations under this Article.

ARTICLE 7. PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY. Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions for, and will be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all programs relating to the safety of all persons and property affected by, or involved in, the performance of its operations under this Contract. Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent damage, injury or loss to: (a) all persons who may be affected by the performance of its operations, including employees; (b) all materials and equipment; and (c) all property at or surrounding the work site. In an emergency affecting the safety of persons or property, Contractor shall act with reasonable care and discretion to prevent any threatened damage, injury or loss.

ARTICLE 8. INDEMNIFICATION. Contractor shall, in addition to any other obligation to indemnify the County and to the fullest extent permitted by law, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its elected officials, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against all claims, actions, liabilities, losses (including economic losses), costs, including attorneys' fees and all costs of litigation, and judgments of every name and description arising out of or incidental to the performance of this Contract or work performed under or related to this Contract, unless caused by the sole negligence of the County, its elected officials, employees, agents, or volunteers. Any cost or expenses, including attorneys' fees (including appellate, bankruptcy or patent counsel fees), incurred by the County to enforce this Indemnification shall be borne by the Contractor. This Indemnification shall also cover all claims brought against the County, its elected officials, employees, agents, or volunteers by any employee of the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation under this Indemnification shall not be limited in any way to the agreed upon contract price as shown in this Contract or the Contractor's limit on or lack of sufficient insurance protection. Upon completion of all services, obligations and duties provided for in this Contract, or in the event of termination of this Contract for any reason, the terms and conditions of this Indemnification shall survive indefinitely.

ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE.

9.1 **Required Insurance.** Contractor shall have and maintain in full force and effect the following minimum levels of insurance during the Term of this Contract and shall furnish to County Certificates of Insurance documenting that insurance coverage has been obtained which meets the following requirements:

(a) *Workers' Compensation.* Contractor shall have and maintain workers' compensation insurance for all employees for statutory limits in compliance with Florida law and Federal law. This insurance policy must include Employer' Liability with a limit of \$100,000 each accident, \$100,000 each employee, and \$500,000 policy limit for disease.

(b) *Commercial General Liability. Occurrence Form Required:* Contractor shall have and maintain commercial general liability (CGL) insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to the work performed pursuant to this Contract in the amount of \$1,000,000. Products and completed operations aggregate shall be \$1,000,000. CGL insurance shall be written on an occurrence form and shall include bodily injury and property damage liability for premises, operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, contractual liability, broad form property damage and property damage resulting from explosion, collapse or underground (x, c, u) exposures, personal injury and advertising injury. Fire damage liability shall be included at \$100,000.

(c) *Commercial Auto Liability Insurance.* Contractor shall have and maintain commercial automobile liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage liability. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto (including owned, hired, and non-owned autos). The policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage.

9.2 Additional Requirements.

- (a) Certificates of Insurance shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All Certificates of Insurance must be on file with and approved by County before commencement of any work activities. The formal insurance certificates shall name "Highlands County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida and its elected officials, agents, employees and volunteers as "Additional Insureds" on all policies except Workers' Compensation.
- (b) Contractor shall deliver written notice to the County Purchasing Manager, 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, by overnight delivery return receipt requested, hand delivery thirty (30) days prior to giving or within three (3) days after receiving notice of cancellation, modification, non-renewal, or any other lapse in coverage of any required insurance policies.
- (c) In event the insurance coverage expires prior to termination of this Contract a renewal certificate shall be issued thirty (30) days prior to said expiration date.
- (d) All insurance policies shall be written on forms acceptable to County and placed with insurance carriers authorized by the Insurance Department in the State of Florida that meet an A.M. Best financial strength rating of no less than "A-Excellent: (FSC) VII".
- (e) All insurance policies must include Waiver of subrogation; any liability aggregate limits shall apply "Per Jobsite/Per Job Aggregate." All liability insurance, except Professional Liability, shall be Primary and Non-Contributory. Certificate of Insurance shall confirm in writing that these provisions apply.
- (f) In the event that expired or terminated Certificates of Insurance are not replaced or renewed to cover the Term of this Contract, including any extended Term, County may suspend the Contract until the new or renewed certificates are received by County in the manner prescribed herein. If such suspension exceeds ten (10) calendar days, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract for cause and Contractor shall be responsible for all direct and indirect costs associated with such termination.

9.3 These insurance requirements constitute the minimum requirements and shall in no way lessen or limit the liability of the Contractor.

ARTICLE 10. PATENT/COPYRIGHT INDEMNIFICATION. Contractor shall pay all royalties and assume all costs arising from the use of any invention, design, process, materials, equipment, software, product or device which is the subject of patent rights and copyrights. Contractor agrees, at its own expense, to hold harmless and to defend County and its officers, employees, elected officials, appointed officials, attorneys, and agents against any claims, suits, or proceedings brought against County for patent infringement occasioned by the manufacture, sale, or use of invention, design, process, materials, equipment, software, product or device under this Contract and to indemnify County against any damages occasioned by such claims whether justified or unjustified.

ARTICLE 11. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. Contractor shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to providing the services, materials, and equipment specified in this Contract. Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws that may affect the services, material, and equipment specified by this Contract.

ARTICLE 12. LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, PERMITS AND FEES. Contractor shall hold all licenses and certifications and comply with all laws, ordinances, and regulations, applicable to the work required herein. Any of the Contractor's personnel who perform services shall be lawfully licensed and certified. Damages,

penalties, and fines imposed on County or Contractor resulting from Contractor's failure to obtain and maintain required licenses and certifications shall be borne by Contractor. All fees, permits, certifications and licenses are the responsibility of the Contractor and are included in the Contract price.

ARTICLE 13. LIMITED THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. County shall not be obligated or liable to any person, organization or entity other than Contractor. Except provided in Article 24 of this Contract, no provision in this Contract is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Contract, including but not limited to any citizen or employee of County or Contractor.

ARTICLE 14. PRODUCTS AND SERVICES. The hauling of shell shall meet Florida Department of Transportation specifications, including those specifically identified in the ITB.

ARTICLE 15. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE. This Contract and all matters relating to the validity, interpretation, and performance of this Contract (whether in contract, statute, tort or otherwise) shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, except for principles of conflict of laws. Venue for any legal action shall lie in Highlands County, Florida, and any proceedings to enforce or interpret any provision of this Contract shall be brought exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction in Highlands County, Florida.

ARTICLE 16. ASSIGNMENT. No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in this Contract will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound, and specifically, but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law). Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent of an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract.

ARTICLE 17. SUBCONTRACTORS. Contractor agrees that no subcontractors are permitted be used pursuant to this Contract without prior written consent of the Project Manager.

ARTICLE 18. PROJECT MANAGER. The County designates the County's Project Manager as set forth in the ITB ("Project Manager"). The Project Manager shall be responsible for oversight, administration, and coordination of performance of this Contract for the County and is the County's primary contact person for Services performed pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor's primary contact person for Services performed pursuant to this Contract shall be: _____. Contractor shall provide County with immediate notice if there is a change to the Contractor's primary contact person.

ARTICLE 19. NOTICES AND DESIGNATED CONTACT PERSON. Any notice required or permitted by this Contract to be given shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or five (5) days after mailing by first class registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid or by Federal Express, UPS or other nationally recognized delivery service, with confirmation of delivery requested, and addressed as follows:

To County: Highlands County Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Kyle Green, Director, Road and Bridge Department
600 South Commerce Ave.
Sebring, Florida 33870
Attn: Purchasing Manager

with a copy to: Joy Carmichael
Highlands County Attorney's Office
600 South Commerce Ave
Sebring, Florida 33870

To Contractor: _____

Attn: _____

ARTICLE 20. TAXES. County is a non-profit governmental operation and not subject to federal excise or state sales tax.

ARTICLE 21. BANKRUPTCY. County reserves the right to terminate this Contract, if, during the term of the Contract, Contractor becomes involved as a debtor in any bankruptcy proceeding or becomes involved in a reorganization, dissolution or liquidation proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of Contractor under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law.

ARTICLE 22. SURVIVAL. The Parties acknowledge that the respective obligations of Contractor and County under this Contract, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination, cancellation or expiration of this Contract, shall survive termination, cancellation or expiration of this Contract.

ARTICLE 23. WAIVER. No waiver by either Contractor or County with respect to any breach or default of or with respect to any provision or condition of this Contract shall be deemed to constitute a continuing waiver of any other breach or default of or with respect to the same or any other provision or condition of this Contract. No claim or right arising out of a breach of this Contract can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved Party.

ARTICLE 24. THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINTS. Complaints against the Contractor in connection with the Contractor's performance of Services under this ITB shall be processed through the Highlands County Purchasing Department ("Purchasing Department"). It is the County's intention that complaints will be addressed within five business days from receipt. The County will provide Contractor with written notice of a received complaint. Contractor shall provide a written response to the complaint to the Purchasing Department Manager within forty-eight (48) hours or as otherwise provided in the County's notice. Contractor's written response shall provide details of corrective action that has been or will be taken with respect to the complaint. Contractor's failure to timely respond to the County's notice or Contractor's failure to properly resolve complaints within the time provided by the Purchasing Department Manager may result in cancellation of this Contract.

ARTICLE 25. DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties will use the following procedure to address any dispute arising under this Contract.

25.1 Negotiation.

(a) *Notice of claims or disputes.* All claims or disputes (hereinafter generally referred to as "contract claim(s)") by Contractor against the County relating to this Agreement, except bid protests, including, without limitation, breach of contract, mistake, misrepresentation, or other such claims or disputes shall be submitted in writing to the County's purchasing manager for initial informal review and determination.

(b) *Requested information.* During the initial review stage provided for in subsection (1) above, Contractor shall supply any additional information requested by the County's purchasing manager within the time period set forth in the request. Failure of Contractor to comply may result in resolution of the claim without consideration of any information which is untimely-filed pursuant to such request.

(c) *Authority of the purchasing manager to resolve formal contract claims.* The purchasing manager is authorized to resolve any claim arising out of the performance of this Agreement at any time during the contract claim process. Where otherwise required, such resolution shall be conditioned on the approval of the County Administrator or the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners.

(d) *Notice to Contractor of the purchasing manager's decision.* The written decision of the purchasing manager pertaining to Contractor's formal contract claim shall be sent to the Contractor by hand delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by such other means as agreed by the parties, at the notice address listed on the contract claim.

(e) *Adverse decision.* If an adverse decision on the Contractor's formal contract claim has been rendered by the County's purchasing manager, the notice of decision shall inform the Contractor of the right to request mediation.

(f) *Finality of purchasing manager's decision.* The purchasing manager's decision shall be final and conclusive unless, within ten (10) calendar days from the date of receipt of the decision, Contractor files a written request for mediation.

25.2 **Mediation.** The parties agree that they will voluntarily and in good faith participate in mediation of any controversies between them prior to and as a prerequisite of a party filing a legal proceeding unless such legal proceeding must be filed in order to avoid a contractual or statutory deadline; but in such event, the legal proceeding shall be abated until the required mediation is concluded. In the event of a controversy, the parties agree to schedule mediation to occur within forty-five (45) days of a party forwarding written notice to the other party of a controversy. The parties shall mutually agree to the selection of a mediator from the list of mediators who are authorized to mediate civil cases through the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida. Each party will bear its own costs of mediation, but the parties will equally share the cost of the mediator.

25.3 **Litigation, Venue, and Jurisdiction.** If a contract claim remains unresolved for sixty (60) days after receipt of the Notice of Mediation, the County may terminate this Contract in accordance with Article 26.1 or either party may then submit the contract claim to a court of competent jurisdiction in in Highlands County, State of Florida. Each party irrevocably agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the court over any claim or matter arising under or in connection with this Contract. Venue for any and all actions arising out of or in any way related to the interpretation, validity, performance or breach of this Contract shall lie exclusively in a state court of appropriate jurisdiction in Highlands County, Florida. The use of these dispute resolution procedures shall not be construed under the doctrines of laches, waiver or estoppel to affect adversely the rights of either party.

ARTICLE 26. FAILURE TO PERFORM. Contractor shall be prepared to start providing Services within fourteen days (14) days after execution of this Contract by Contractor and County. Failure to complete the work as scheduled may result in written notice to the Contractor terminating its right to proceed as to the whole or any part of this Contract. Should the Contractor be unable to supply Services within a reasonable time or refuse to supply Services, the County may use the services provided by another contractor. The difference in the contracted price of the Services and that paid to the new contractor for performance of services shall be charged to and paid by Contractor by set-off against any amount owed by the County to the Contractor or, if none, shall be paid by the Contractor to the County within twenty (20) days after being invoiced by the County.

ARTICLE 27. TERMINATION.

- 27.1 **County May Terminate For Convenience.** Upon seven days written notice to Contractor, County may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of County, terminate the Contract. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for completed Services rendered by Contractor in accordance with the Contract prior to the effective date of termination where such Services are completed to the satisfaction and approval by the County. Contractor shall not be paid for loss of anticipated overhead, profits, or revenue, or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.
- 27.2 Except as specified above, this Contract may only be terminated by either party for cause based upon a breach of this Contract. In the event of termination, the County shall only be responsible for payment to Contractor based upon Services satisfactorily completed up to the date of termination.

ARTICLE 28. [Intentionally deleted.]

ARTICLE 29. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. County is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer and as such encourages Contractor to voluntarily comply with EEO regulations with regards to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, age, disability, genetic information and sexual orientation. In addition, Contractor or anyone under its employ shall comply with all applicable rules, regulations, and promulgations thereby pertaining to the avoidance or appearance of sexual harassment or on the job discrimination. Contractor shall maintain a work environment free of discrimination or unwelcome action of a personal nature. Any subcontracts entered into shall make deference to this clause with the same degree of application being encouraged. When applicable, Contractor shall comply with all new state and federal EEO regulations.

ARTICLE 30. INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE PROVISION. Any provision or part of this Contract held to be void or unenforceable under any law or regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon County and Contractor, who agree that this Contract shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

ARTICLE 31. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT. Contractor represents that it has full knowledge of the requirements contained in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, relating to public entity crimes and that by executing this Contract, assures to County that neither Contractor nor agents, officers or employees of Contractor is on the convicted vendor list and that it is otherwise in compliance with the statute.

ARTICLE 32. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- 32.1 Upon the occurrence of any event of default or breach by Contractor, all obligations on the part of County to make any further payments of funds pursuant to this Contract shall, if County so elects, terminate, but County may make any payments or parts of payments after the happening of any event of default or breach without thereby waiving the right to exercise any remedy which it may have and without becoming liable to make any further payment.
- 32.2 In the event of litigation to enforce the terms of this Contract the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including attorneys' fees and costs upon appeal.
- 32.3 Contractor certifies by signing this Contract that no Commissioner or employee of the County has solicited or accepted gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from Contractor or parties to subcontracts. Contractor and Contractor's agents and, officers or employees shall not pay any gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value to any Commissioner or employee of the County.

- 32.4 Contractor shall cooperate fully with County in the scheduling and coordination of all phases of the Services.
- 32.5 Contractor shall report the status of performance of the Services to County upon request and hold pertinent data, calculations, and records pertaining to this Contract and performance of the Services open to the inspection of County and its authorized agents at any time.

ARTICLE 33. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION.

33.1 Definitions. As used in this Article.

- a) *Employee assigned to this Contract* means an employee who was hired after November 6, 1986, who is directly performing work, in the United States, under this Contract. An employee is not considered to be directly performing work under this Contract if the employee 1) Normally performs support work, such as indirect or overhead functions; and 2) Does not perform any substantial duties applicable to the Contract.
- b) *Subcontract* means any contract entered into by a subcontractor to furnish supplies or services for performance of this Contract or a subcontract under this Contract. It includes but is not limited to purchase orders, and changes and modifications to purchase orders.
- c) *Subcontractor* means any supplier, distributor, vendor, or firm that furnishes supplies or services to or for Contractor or another subcontractor.
- d) *United States*, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(38), means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

33.2 Enrollment and verification requirements.

- a) Contractor must be enrolled in E-Verify at time of contract award, and the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new employees.
- 1) *Enrolled thirty (30) calendar days or more.* Contractor shall initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the State of Florida, whether or not assigned to this Contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire; or
- 2) *Enrolled less than thirty (30) calendar days.* Within thirty (30) calendar days after enrollment in E-Verify, Contractor shall initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of Contractor who are working in the State of Florida, whether or not assigned to this Contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire; or
- b) *Employees assigned to this Contract.* For each employee assigned to this Contract, Contractor shall initiate verification of employment eligibility, to the extent allowed by the E-Verify program, within thirty (30) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to this Contract, whichever date is later.
- c) Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this Contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU. Termination of Contractor's MOU and denial access to the E-Verify system by the Department of Homeland Security or the Social Security Administration or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service is an event of default under this Contract.

- 33.3 **Website.** Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's Web site: <http://www.uscis.gov>.
- 33.4 **Individuals previously verified.** Contractor is not required by this Article to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee whose employment eligibility was previously verified by Contractor through the E-Verify program.
- 33.5 **Subcontracts.** Contractor shall include, and shall require the inclusion of, the requirements of this Article, including this paragraph (33.5) (appropriately modified for identification of the parties), in each subcontract that includes work performed in the United States under this Contract.

ARTICLE 34. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES. Pursuant to Section 287.135(3)(b), Florida Statutes, County may terminate this Contract, at the option of its Board of County Commissioners, if the Contractor is found to have submitted a certification required by Section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, that is false or if Contractor is or has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel or if Contractor is or has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or if Contractor is or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

ARTICLE 35. PUBLIC RECORDS COMPLIANCE. If by providing services to County pursuant to this Contract Contractor is a contractor, as defined by Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, Contractor shall:

- 35.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services.
- 35.2 Upon request of the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at the cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- 35.3 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 term of this Contract and following competition of this Contract if Contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
- 35.4 Upon competition of this Contract, transfer to the County, at no cost, all public records in possession of Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services. If Contractor transfers all public records to the County upon competition of this Contract, Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Contract, Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Gloria Rybinski, County Public Information Officer
Telephone Number: 863-402-6836, E-mail Address: grybinski@hcbcc.org
Mailing Address: 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870

ARTICLE 36. CHANGES/AMENDMENTS. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements. This Contract shall not be changed except by written amendment signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals effective the day and year above set forth.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

Contractor Name

By: _____
Name: R. Greg Harris
Title: Chairman
Date: _____

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Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

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Name: Robert W. Germaine
Title: Clerk of Courts
Date: _____

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