

**THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FOR PHOSPHORUS REMEDIATION IN THE OCKLAWAHA PRAIRIE RESTORATION AREA
USING LANTHANUM-BASED SEDIMENT AND WATER AMENDMENTS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 38864**

The Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District (the “District”) requests that interested parties respond to the solicitation below by 10:00 a.m., August 22, 2023. Further information is available through DemandStar at *Demandstar.com* [(800) 711-1712], Vendor Registry at *Vendorregistry.com*, the state of Florida’s My Florida Marketplace at *vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com* or the District’s website at *sjrwmd.com*. Solicitation packages may be obtained from DemandStar, Vendor Registry, My Florida Marketplace or the District by emailing LaDonna Johnson, Associate Procurement Specialist, at *ljohnson@sjrwmd.com*. Responses will be opened at the District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

An eligible project is subject to funding through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Innovative Technologies Grant Program (the “Program”). The Program is made available only for those projects that evaluate and implement innovative technologies and short-term solutions to combat algal blooms and nutrient enrichment, restore and preserve Florida waterbodies, and implement certain water quality treatment technologies.

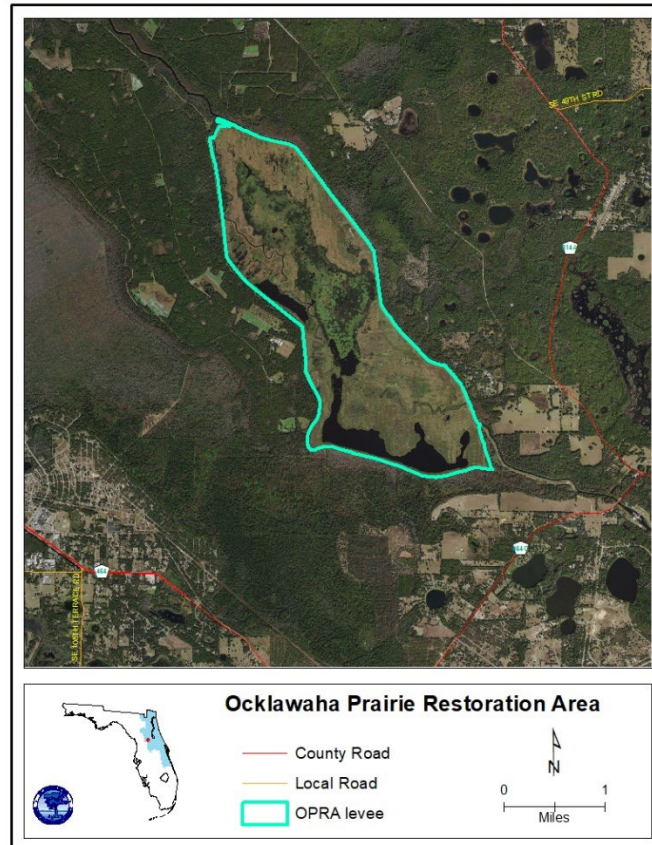
Under the Program, eligible projects will prevent, mitigate or clean-up harmful algal blooms (“HABs”), with an emphasis on projects that prevent blooms through nutrient reductions. Projects that improve the ability to predict and monitor HABs are also considered by FDEP for funding. Additional information on FDEP’s innovative funding program is available on its website: <https://protectingfloridatogether.gov/InnovativeTechnologies>.

Through this solicitation, the District is inviting firms interested in partnering with the District in the Program to submit a proposal for the District’s consideration. The District screens and reviews proposals in accordance with the Program key funding considerations, scientific and technical merit, alignment with District priorities, and outstanding resource management needs. The District’s requirements for innovative technology are set forth below. The evaluation criteria and minimum qualifications for submitting a proposal are detailed in the Instructions to Respondents.

I. Introduction

The District seeks proposals addressing HABs in the Ocklawaha Prairie Restoration Area (OPRA) (see Figure 1) through the reduction of phosphorous (P). The District would like to assess the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of using lanthanum-based products to sequester and remove P through the use of a lanthanum-based treatments. The District is interested in two types of treatments, sediment binding of P and P sequestration from water. The sediment treatment will consist of the treatment of approximately 20 acres of open water habitat within OPRA, for approximately one year, followed by monitoring, recurrent testing, to ensure P binding is permanent. The second type of treatment will involve treating water with a lanthanum material to sequester P and prevent downstream loading of bioavailable P. Both treatment type demonstrations should last approximately one year. The work will be carried out in the OPRA in Marion County, Florida over a two-year period (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2025). The successful Respondent will be responsible for all monitoring, equipment purchases, installation, maintenance, and final removal.

Figure 1



II. The Proposal

- A. The proposal must include:
 - 1) Scheduling, costs, and deliverables.
 - 2) Information concerning the treatment methodology for P in both sediment and water column.
- B. Proposed treatment methodologies for field applications should be applicable to habitats with submerged vegetation.
- C. Proposals utilizing automated treatment technologies and real-time system monitoring are welcome.
- D. Any proposed methodology and schedule that is consistent with the overall project objectives will be considered. Preference will be given for proposals that use products with higher lanthanum concentration and products that minimize the size of any potential storage tanks and/or pump infrastructure for the discharge water treatment.
- E. Previous work utilizing the lanthanum treatment methodologies, especially in large-scale field projects, including the ability to change application/dosing rates at will, and quantification of results must be discussed.
- F. Publications or reports should be included in a literature citation section of the proposal.
- G. Preference will be given to the use of DEP-accredited labs.

III. The Project Objectives

The objectives of this project are to:

- A. Demonstrate that the proposed treatment methodology can sequester P within the OPRA sediments and prevent the subsequent release of biologically available P into the overlying water column.
- B. Demonstrate that the proposed treatment methodology can cost-effectively remove P from the water column, bind it in an insoluble form within the sediments, and reduce biologically available P concentrations in water discharged from OPRA to the Ocklawaha River.
- C. The sediment and water column methodologies must demonstrate the ability to be implemented in large-scale field applications, including the ability to adjust applications/dosing rates as necessary to address changing conditions. Field methodologies must be applicable to areas with submerged and emergent vegetation.
- D. The proposals technique must:
 - 1) Be a technique using lanthanum-based products.
 - 2) Aid in phosphorus inactivation from hydric sediments and water column.
 - 3) Be supported by scientific literature. The new technology must have been demonstrated to be technically feasible under certain site conditions, but not widely used under the conditions that exist. This includes innovative applications of common use technology.

IV. Project Goals

This project's two goals are the prevention and cleanup of HABs, by:

- A. Evaluating the use of a lanthanum-based treatments to sequester sediment-bound P within OPRA, and
- B. Testing lanthanum-based treatments of water to be discharged from OPRA to reduce the downstream P loading.

V. Tasks And Deliverables

The successful Respondent shall complete the following tasks and deliverables:

- Task 1: Workplan Development.
- Task 2: Sequestration of P in Sediments.
- Task 3: Removal of Water Column P.
- Task 4: Draft Final Report.
- Task 5: Revised Final Report including all data.

The successful Respondent will be expected to produce a Quality Assurance Plan (QAPP).

Other tasks or subtasks are allowable, but must include associated scheduling, costs, and deliverables.

VI. Budget; Agreement

- A. Budget

The budget is in the amount of \$1,100,000. One or more proposals may be selected by the District for partnership for the FDEP Innovative Technologies Grant Program.

B. Agreement

The awarded Respondent will be expected to enter into the District's standard form of agreement, a substantial form is included in this solicitation. This project is made possible by funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP"). The awarded Respondent will be required to perform the agreement in compliance with the Contract Payment Requirements for State-Funded Cost Reimbursement Contracts. Attachment D to the sample agreement included herein.

Evaluation Committee Meetings and Oral Presentations:

The District's Evaluation Committee will hold the evaluation meeting at District Headquarters at 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-2571, to evaluate and rank Respondents as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. on August 25, 2023, to
 - Discuss the responses
 - Finalize the initial ranking
 - Determine a shortlist of Respondents
 - Decide if oral presentations (by some or all of the Respondents) are necessary to assist in facilitating the evaluation process in determining a final recommendation.

The District will hold oral presentations with the Respondents as follows:

- 9:00 a.m., September 11, 2023 (*if needed*)
 - Receive oral presentations, followed by a Committee meeting to evaluate the presentations, and determine the final Proposal rankings
 - Respondents selected for oral presentations will be notified in advance of the presentation date
- Evaluation Committee meeting 2:00 p.m. August 30, 2023 (*tentative*)

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

The District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities. Special accommodations for disabilities may be requested through LaDonna Johnson or by calling (800) 955-8771 (TTY), at least five business days before the date needed.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

1. DEFINITIONS

The definitions of capitalized terms used in this solicitation that are not otherwise defined herein can be found in the sample contract document (the “Agreement”) that is at the end of these instructions. The Agreement includes Instructions to Respondents, any addenda published by the District, the proposal provided by Respondent (the “Proposal”), and all required certifications and affidavits.

2. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

All inquiries related to this solicitation may only be directed to the Associate Procurement Specialist:

LaDonna Johnson, Associate Procurement Specialist Phone: 386-329-4592 Fax: 386-329-4546 Email: ljohnson@sjrwmd.com
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Between the release of this solicitation and the posting of the notice of intended decision, Respondents to this solicitation 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.

3. WHERE TO DELIVER PROPOSAL

Respondent must submit its Proposal either by (1) uploading it to Demandstar or (2) delivered in “digital format” in a sealed envelope. Instructions for submitting are provided below.

(a) Uploaded

Responses can now be uploaded directly to www.demandstar.com

OR

(b) Delivered

Delivered digital format. All digitally submitted files shall be saved to a single pin/thumb/jump drive. The pin/thumb/jump drive MUST be placed in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL BY EMAIL – THIS WILL RESULT IN THE PROPOSAL BEING REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.** Digital proposals must be mailed or hand-delivered, in a sealed envelope to:

LaDonna Johnson, Associate Procurement Specialist Attn: Office of Financial Services St. Johns River Water Management District 4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177-2571
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For mailed or hand-delivered digital responses, Respondents must clearly label the Proposal envelope with **large bold, and/or colored lettering (place label on inner envelope if double sealed)** as follows:

SEALED PROPOSAL — DO NOT OPEN Respondent’s Name: _____ Request for Proposal: 38864 Opening Time: 10:00 a.m. Opening Date: August 22, 2023

4. OPENING OF PROPOSALS

Respondents or their authorized agents are invited to attend the opening of the Proposals at the following time and place:

10:00 a.m. August 22, 2023
St. Johns River Water Management District
4049 Reid St, Palatka, Florida 32177-2571

The Florida Public Records Act, §119.071(1)(b), Fla. Stat., exempts sealed Proposals from inspection and copying until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision pursuant to §120.57(3)(a), Fla. Stat., or until 30 days after opening of Proposals, whichever is earlier. This exemption is not waived by the public opening of the Proposals.

Unless otherwise exempt, Respondent's Proposal is a public record subject to disclosure upon expiration of the above exemption period. If any information submitted with the Proposal is a trade secret as defined in §812.081, Fla. Stat., and exempt from disclosure pursuant to §815.04, Fla. Stat., Respondent must clearly identify any such material as "CONFIDENTIAL TRADE SECRET" in its Proposal and explain the basis for such exemption. The District reserves the right, in its sole judgment and discretion, to reject a Proposal for excessive or unwarranted assertion of trade secret confidentiality and return the Proposal to Respondent.

5. PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF DIGITAL PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

Respondent must submit its Proposal in "digital format." Instructions for submitting are provided below.

1. Respondent must follow all procedures for digital submission or the Respondent's Proposal may be determined as "non-responsive" and rejected.
2. *Forms included in this document:* Respondents must submit the fully completed documents by converting or scanning any paper forms to PDF format.
3. Respondent is responsible for providing evaluative documentation that it possesses the background and qualifications necessary to perform the work identified in the statement of work. Respondents shall provide the following information in their Proposal organized under the subfolders identified below (responses to the forms can be submitted on reproduced copies):

Subfolder 1: Alignment with Scientific Methodology (*lanthanum-based products*)

- a) Documentation of Methodology (*as specified in the Statement of Work*)
- b) Documentation Client References (*Qualifications – Client References*)
- c) Documentation Published Scientific Literature

Subfolder 2: Organization Abilities and Strength

- a) Organization Details
- b) Proposal Form
- c) Proposed Subcontractors Form
- d) Certificate as to Corporation Form
- e) Affidavit as to Non-Collusion and Certification of Material Conformance with Specifications
- f) Minimum Qualification Documents
- g) Documentation of all proposed equipment and software

Subfolder 3: Technical and Scientific Merit

- a) Proposed Technique Literature, Monitoring and Reports
- b) Documentation of Scientific Experience for work identified in the Statement of Work
- c) Qualifications and capabilities of firm's management, scientific, and project management team members (*Qualifications – Similar Projects*)
- d) Project Proposal

Subfolder 4: Financial Stability

- a) Provide current insurance coverages (*Respondent provided documentation*)
- b) Demonstrate long term efficacy and cost-effectiveness (*Respondent provided documentation*)
- c) Proposed Cost Schedule

Subfolder 5: Other Proposal Forms

- a) Drug-Free Workplace Form (*if applicable*)
 - b) Checklist of Required Documentation
 - c) Other related forms and documents
4. All of the forms in the solicitation package are available upon request in Microsoft® Word to aid the Respondent in submitting its Proposal in digital format.
 5. Unless directed otherwise, all information required by the solicitation, including the forms listed above must be completed (typed or handwritten) and included in the submission in digital format (forms must be completed and converted/scanned to PDF format [Adobe]).
 6. Unless submitted via DemandStar, the proposal must be submitted on a flash/thumb/jump drive placed in a sealed envelope pursuant to the instructions under Item 3 for sealed responses - **DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSE BY EMAIL — THIS WILL RESULT IN THE SUBMITTAL BEING REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.**
 7. The file-naming conventions for the Proposal shall include:
 - a) Proposal submittal: RFP # Respondent's name (abbreviated) Due Date
(Example: RFP _____ ABC Company 09-30-23)

A RESPONDENT'S PROPOSAL MAY BE REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE FOR (1) FAILING TO COMPLETE ALL FORMS AND QUESTIONNAIRES; (2) FAILING TO PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS; AND (3) OTHERWISE FAILING TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF A PROPOSAL.

If you need assistance or have any questions about the format, please email or call LaDonna Johnson at ljohnson@sjrwmd.com or 386-329-4592.

In the event you decline to submit a Proposal, the District would appreciate submittal of the "No Response Form" provided at the end of the "FORMS" section to describe the reason for not submitting a Proposal.

6. INQUIRIES AND ADDENDA

District staff are not authorized to orally interpret the meaning of the specifications or other Agreement documents, or correct any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency, or error therein. In order to be binding upon the District, the interpretation or correction must be given by the Associate Procurement Specialist

and must be in writing. The Associate Procurement Specialist may orally explain the District's procedures and assist Respondents in referring to any applicable provision in the Request for Proposal documents, but the Respondent is ultimately responsible for submitting the Proposal in the appropriate form and in accordance with written procedures.

Every request for a written interpretation or correction must be received at least nine days prior to opening of Proposals in order to be considered. Requests may be submitted by email at ljohnson@sjrwmd.com. Interpretations, corrections, and supplemental instructions will be communicated by written addenda to this solicitation posted by DemandStar and Vendor Registry to all prospective Respondents (at the respective addresses furnished for such purposes) no later than five days before the opening of Proposals.

Submission of a Proposal constitutes acknowledgment of receipt of all addenda. Proposals will be construed as though all addenda had been received. Failure of the Respondent to receive any addenda does not relieve Respondent from any and all obligations under the Proposal, as submitted. All addenda become part of the Agreement.

7. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The minimum requirements necessary to meet the qualifications for this solicitation are identified below. Place documentation to support these requirements in Subfolder 1 of the Proposal response.

- a. Respondent (or a combination of the Principal Investigators [PIs] or subcontractors assigned to the work) must have successfully completed at least two projects of a similar nature (phosphorus removal from hydric sediments and water column using lanthanum-based products) within the ten (10) years immediately preceding the date for receipt of Proposals. Each successfully completed project must have covered an area greater than or equal to ten (10) acres. Respondent shall provide three client references, which may include the similar project listed above, to demonstrate the Respondent firm's scientific expertise and organizational strength. No more than one reference shall be from the District. (For a similar project listed on the previous form, simply state "Similar Project.")
- b. Respondent (or a combination of the Principal Investigators [PIs] or subcontractors assigned to the work) must have successfully completed at least one project that used an injectable lanthanum-based product to treat discharge water of at least five (5) cubic feet per second (cfs).
- c. Respondent must have no less than three (3) years of experience on projects of the nature specified above.
- d. At least one of the Respondent's staff members, subcontractors, or PIs, assigned to this project, shall possess a minimum of five (5) years of cumulative experience in lanthanum-based chemical application for the binding of phosphorus in sediments and water. The time commitment of this person is considered very important to the evaluation. Explain how this individual's experience, expertise, and time will be utilized to assure the success of the Work.
- e. At least one of the Respondent's staff members, subcontractors, or PIs, assigned to this project, shall possess a minimum of three (3) years of experience in sediment and water collection for analysis and quality assurance/quality control methodologies. The time commitment of this person is considered very important to the evaluation. Explain how this individual's experience, expertise, and time will be utilized to assure the success of the Work.
- f. Respondent shall provide resumes for all personnel assigned to this project, including the time each person will commit to this project, the names and functions of personnel assigned, and special expertise of personnel.

Any other related information provided by respondent that may be considered beneficial in the review and understanding of the proposal not specified as minimum qualifications herein this solicitation may be

submitted within Subfolder 4 as “Other Proposal Forms and Documents”. Standard brochures and specifications may be submitted as additional material but shall not be submitted as the primary qualification data.

Irrespective of the stated minimum qualifications, the District may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Respondent to perform the Work. “Work” is defined as the whole of all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, supporting documentation, and other products, services, or facilities necessary for complete performance of the project. The District reserves the right to reject any Proposal if the evidence submitted by such Respondent and/or the District’s independent investigation of such Respondent fails to satisfy the District that such Respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and complete the Work in a manner acceptable to the District within the time period specified.

8. PROPOSAL GUARANTY

For the purposes of this Proposal, a Proposal guaranty is not required.

9. SUBCONTRACTS

Respondent must identify all portions of the Work Respondent intends to perform through subcontractors and must list all known subcontractors who will perform said portions, on the attached “Proposed Subcontractors” form. Subcontractors must be approved by the District. Acceptance of the Proposal does not constitute approval of the subcontractors identified with the Proposal.

10. SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

An individual Respondent submitting a Proposal must sign his/her name therein and state his/her address. . If a partnership submits the Proposal, state the name and address of each partner of the partnership. If an entity submits the Proposal, an authorized officer or agent must sign the Proposal, subscribing the name of the entity with the signer’s own name and affixing an entity seal. Such officer or agent must also provide the name of the state under which the corporation is chartered, and the names and business addresses of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Corporations chartered in states other than Florida must submit evidence of registration with the Florida Secretary of State for doing business in the State of Florida. Respondent must certify that all persons or entities having an interest as principal in the Proposal or in substantial performance of the Work have been identified in the Proposal forms. Respondent must submit evidence of registration (or the basis of exemption from registration) with E-Verify.

11. DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

Any of the following causes will be considered as sufficient grounds for disqualification of a Respondent and rejection of the Proposal:

- a. Contacting a District employee or officer other than the procurement employee named in this solicitation about any aspect of this solicitation before the notice of intended decision is posted;
- b. Submission of more than one Proposal for the same subject matter by an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation under the same or different names;
- c. Evidence of collusion among Respondents;
- d. Submission of materially false information with the Proposal;
- e. Information gained through checking of references or other sources which indicates that Respondent may not successfully perform the Work;
- f. Respondent is failing to adequately perform on any existing contract with the District;
- g. Respondent has defaulted on a previous contract with the District;

- h. The evidence submitted by Respondent, or the District's investigation of Respondent, fails to satisfy the District that Respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement in a manner acceptable to the District and within the time period specified;
- i. Evidence that any person or entity identified in the Proposal is found on the State's Convicted, Suspended or Discriminatory Vendor lists.
- j. Respondent fails to submit evidence of registration (or basis for exemption from registration) with E-Verify.
- k. Any other cause that is sufficient to raise doubt regarding the ability of a Respondent to perform the Work in a manner that meets the District's objectives for the Work.

12. REJECTION OF PROPOSAL

Proposals must be delivered to the specified location and received before the Proposal opening in order to be considered. Untimely Proposals will be returned to the Respondent unopened. Proposals will be considered irregular and may be rejected if they show material omissions, alterations of form, additions not called for, conditions, limitations, or other material irregularities. The District may consider incomplete any Proposal not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions specified herein and reserves the right to waive any minor deviations or irregularities in an otherwise valid Proposal.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and cancel this request for proposal when it determines, in its sole judgment and discretion, that it is not in its best interest to award the agreement.

13. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

Respondent may withdraw its Proposal if it submits such a written request to the District prior to the designated date and hour of opening of Proposals. Respondent may be permitted to withdraw its Proposal no later than 72 hours after the Proposal opening for good cause, as determined by the District in its sole judgment and discretion.

14. EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCEDURES

- a. Proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation Committee based upon the criteria and weighting set forth in "EVALUATION CRITERIA." The Committee members will meet at District headquarters or other location as appropriate to discuss the Proposals and their individual evaluations. Each Committee member completes a paper or digital evaluation form, from which the overall ranking of Proposals is compiled. Evaluation forms may be submitted at or subsequent to the evaluation Committee meeting. If it is determined that it will assist the Committee's evaluation for some or all Respondents to make an oral presentation, such presentations will be scheduled at District headquarters or other location as appropriate.
- b. Section 286.0113, Fla. Stat., exempts from being open to the public, any portion of a meeting at which: (1) a negotiation with a Respondent is conducted pursuant to a competitive solicitation; (2) a Respondent makes an oral presentation as part of a competitive solicitation; (3) a Respondent answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation; or (4) negotiation strategies are discussed. Also, recordings of, and any records presented at, the exempt meeting are exempt from §119.07(1) and §24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution (Public Records) until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the Proposals or final replies, whichever occurs earlier. A complete recording shall be made of any portion of an exempt meeting. No portion of the exempt meeting may be held off the record.
- c. Pursuant to §286.0113 Fla. Stat., if the District rejects all Proposals and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue the competitive solicitation, the recording and any records presented at any exempt meeting shall remain exempt from §119.07(1) and §24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution (Public Records) until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation or until the District withdraws the reissued competitive

solicitation. A recording and any records presented at an exempt meeting are not exempt for longer than 12 months after the initial District notice rejecting all Proposals.

- d. The Committee will meet to evaluate and rank the Proposals in the location(s), time(s) and date(s), stated at the beginning of this Request for Proposal package.
- e. Following the evaluation process, the Committee will submit the final ranking of Submittals to the Governing Board for approval, except for those instances in which the authority to approve and execute the Agreement has been delegated by the Governing Board to the Executive Director, or designee. All Respondents will be notified in writing of the evaluation Committee's final ranking of Proposals.
- f. If two or more Proposals are equal in all respects, the Agreement will be awarded as follows: (1) to the Respondent that certifies compliance with §287.087, Fla. Stat., via the Drug-Free Workplace Form; (2) to a Respondent university in the State University System pursuant to §373.63, Fla. Stat.
- g. All Respondents will be notified of the District's intent to award or decision to award the Agreement. For the purpose of filing a protest under §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., the time period will commence as provided in "NOTICES AND SERVICES THEREOF."

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15. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Responses shall include information or documentation and will be evaluated using the evaluation criteria set forth below. The evaluation rating scale is as follows:

More than adequate	8 to 10
Adequate	5 to 7
Less than adequate	1 to 4

	Criteria	Weight	Written Submittal Raw Score	Written Submittal Weighted Total	Oral Presentation Weighted Score
1	<p>Alignment with Scientific Methodology (<i>lanthanum-based products</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in removing phosphorus from the water column and inactivating it in the sediments, using lanthanum-based products • Published papers on the development or utilization of lanthanum-based products by the Respondent for phosphorus remediation in aquatic sediments or water • Client References 	25%			
2	<p>Organizational Abilities and Strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the requirements of the Statement of Work • Proposed Staffing assignments, proposed PI time assigned to project • Proposed Software • Proposed equipment to be used • Minimum Qualification Documents • Must be able to finance on a cost reimbursement basis • Qualifications and capabilities of firms management, scientific, and project management teams 	20%			
3	<p>Technical and Scientific Merit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of proposal • Proposal design and schedule for methodology development and water and sediment monitoring and verification of results • Quality assurance/Quality control methodology, including methods for accuracy assessment and collaboration with other PIs (<i>if applicable</i>) • Adequate contingency plan that ensures timely submittal of satisfactorily completed deliverables 	35%			
4	<p>Cost Effectiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest responsive, responsible Respondent with the lowest Total Proposal Cost. All other responses will be scored proportionately. 	20%			
	SUBTOTAL (Written Submittal)	100%			

16. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

Submittal of a Proposal binds the Successful Respondent to perform the Work upon acceptance of the project for FDEP grant funding and execution of the Agreement by the District.

If a project is selected by FDEP for grant funding, a contract substantially in the form included in these documents will be provided to the Successful Respondent(s), who must execute and return the Agreement to the District within ten days of the date of receipt, along with the following:

- a. A completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9;
- b. Satisfactory evidence of all required insurance coverage (as determined by the District based upon the nature of the selected project);
- c. Proof satisfactory to the District of the authority of the person or persons executing the Agreement on behalf of Respondent; and
- d. All other information and documentation required by the Agreement.

The District will not execute the Agreement until the above documents have been executed and delivered to the District. The Agreement will not be binding until executed by the District. A copy of the fully executed Agreement will be delivered to a Successful Respondent. The District reserves the right to cancel award of the Agreement without liability at any time before an Agreement has been fully executed by all parties and delivered to the Successful Respondent.

Failure upon the part of a Successful Respondent to execute the Agreement or timely submit the required evidence of insurance coverage, or any other matter required by the Agreement, will be just cause, if the District so elects, for the recommended award to be annulled.

17. EXAMINATION OF AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS AND WORK AREA

Respondent is solely responsible for being fully informed of the conditions under which the Work is to be performed in relation to existing conditions. Respondent is responsible for carefully examining the general area of the Work, the requirements of the drawings and other contract documents related to the Work, the time in which the Work must be completed, and any other details of the Work. Respondent must satisfy itself from its own personal knowledge and experience or professional advice as to the character of the Work, the conditions, and materials to be encountered, the character, quality, and quantities of the Work, and any other conditions affecting the Work, including surrounding land.

Failure to satisfy the obligations of this paragraph will not relieve a Successful Respondent of its obligation to furnish all material, equipment, and labor necessary to perform the Agreement and to complete the Work for the consideration set forth in its Proposal. Any such failure will not be sufficient cause to submit a claim for additional compensation.

No verbal agreement or conversation with any District officer, agent, or employee, either before or after the execution of the Agreement, will affect or modify any of its terms.

18. DIVERSITY

The District is committed to the opportunity for diversity in the award and performance of all procurement activities. The District encourages its Respondents to make a good faith effort to ensure that women, veteran, and minority-owned business enterprises (W/V/MBE) are given the opportunity for maximum participation. The District will assist Respondents by sharing information on W/MBEs to encourage their participation.

19. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERING SOCIAL, POLITICAL, OR IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING – F.S. 287.05701: Notice is hereby provided that pursuant to Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the District (1) will not request documentation of or consider a Respondent’s social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Respondent is a responsible respondent and (2) may not give preference to a Respondent based on the Respondent's social, political, or ideological interests.

20. FLORIDA SALES TAX

The District is exempt from payment of State of Florida sales tax pursuant to §212.08(6), Fla. Stat. Any tangible personal property that is the subject of this Request for Proposal is intended to remain tangible personal property and not become part of a public work owned by the District.

21. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES/DISCRIMINATORY VENDORS

In accordance with §287.133 and §287.134, Fla. Stat., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted or discriminatory vendor lists following a conviction for a public entity crime or placement on the discriminatory vendor list 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 Contractor under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in §287.017 for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted or discriminatory vendor lists.

22. NOTICES AND SERVICES THEREOF

The District will publish notice of specifications and criteria, including addenda, intended agency decisions, or other matters pertinent to this solicitation on DemandStar at *DemandStar.com* and Vendor Registry at *vendorregistry.com*. DemandStar and Vendor Registry may also be accessed through the District’s web site at *sjrwmd.com*. In addition, the District will post notices of intended agency decisions at the District’s headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida, Administration Building, Procurement Bulletin Board, on the date the publication is posted on DemandStar and Vendor Registry.

Notices will be posted for a minimum of 72 hours. The time period for filing a Notice of Protest pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code, commences at the time notices are posted.

As a courtesy to Respondents, the District may send copies of the notices of intended agency decisions via email or facsimile to Respondent. These courtesy communications neither constitute official notice nor vary the times of receipt set forth above.

23. PROTEST PROCEDURES

Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code, any person adversely affected by the procurement methodology described herein, or the specifications or criteria, including addenda, must file a Notice of Protest within 72 hours after its posting.

Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code, any person adversely affected by a District decision or intended decision to award a contract, or to reject all bids, proposals, or qualifications, must file a written Notice of Protest within 72 hours after posting of the decision or intended decision.

Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Rule 28-110.004, Fla. Admin. Code, the protester must also file with the District Clerk a Formal Written Protest within ten days after the date the Notice of Protest is filed with the District. The Formal Written Protest must state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Pursuant to §287.042(2)(c), Fla. Stat., any person who files an action protesting the decision or intended decision must post with the District Clerk at the time of filing the formal written protest a bond, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the St. Johns River Water Management District in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the District's estimated contract amount.

No additional time will be added for mailing. All filings must comply with Rule 28-106.104, Fla. Admin. Code, and must be addressed to and received by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida within the prescribed time periods. The District will not accept as filed any electronically transmitted facsimile pleadings, petitions, Notice of Protest or other documents.

The District's acceptance of pleadings, petitions, Notice of Protest, Formal Written Protest, or other documents filed by email is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at sjrwmd.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the document being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Fla. Stat. Mediation under §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., is not available.

PROPOSAL FORM

Include this form in the response under *Subfolder 2*

RESPONDENT:

The undersigned, as Respondent, hereby declares and certifies that the only person(s) or entities interested in this proposal as principal(s), or as persons or entities who are not principal(s) of the Respondent but are substantially involved in performance of the Work, is or are named herein, and that no person other than herein mentioned has any interest in this proposal or in the Agreement to be entered into; that this proposal is made without connection with any other person, company, or parties making a proposal; and that this proposal is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud.

Respondent represents to the District that, except as may be disclosed in an addendum hereto, no officer, employee or agent of the District has any interest, either directly or indirectly, in the business of Respondent to be conducted under the Agreement, and that no such person shall have any such interest at any time during the term of the Agreement, should it be awarded to Respondent.

Respondent further declares that it has examined the Agreement and informed itself fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to this solicitation; it has examined the specifications for the Work and any other Agreement documents relative thereto; it has read all of the addenda furnished prior to the proposal opening, as acknowledged below; and has otherwise satisfied itself that it is fully informed relative to the Work to be performed.

Respondent agrees that if its proposal is accepted and the project is selected, Respondent shall contract with the District in the form of the attached Agreement and shall furnish everything necessary to complete the Work in accordance with the time for completion specified in the Agreement and shall furnish the required evidence of the specified insurance.

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

Addendum No.	Date	Addendum No.	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Respondent (firm name) _____
Date

Address

Email address

Signature _____
Telephone number

Typed name and title

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FORM

Include this form in the response under *Subfolder 5*

Proposal to be opened at 10:00 a.m., August 22, 2023.

To: ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Respondents are reminded to refer to “PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS” for information to be included with the proposal package.

Subfolder 1 – Alignment with Scientific Methodology:

- a) Documentation of Methodology
- b) Documentation Client References (*Qualifications – Client Reference*)
- c) Documentation Published Scientific Literature

Subfolder 2 – Organization Abilities and Strength:

- a) Organization Details
- b) Proposal Form
- c) Proposed Subcontractors Form
- d) Certificate as to Corporation Form
- e) Affidavit as to Non-Collusion and Certification of Material Conformance with Specifications Form
- f) Minimum Qualifications documents
- g) Documentation of all proposed equipment and software

Subfolder 3 – Technical and Scientific Merit

- a) Proposed Technique Literature, Monitoring and Reports
- b) Documentation of Scientific Experience for work identified in the Statement of Work
- c) Qualifications and capabilities of firm’s management, scientific, and project management team members (*Qualifications – Similar Projects*)
- d) Project Proposal

Subfolder 4 – Financial Stability:

- a) Provide current insurance coverages (*Respondent provided documentation*)
- b) Demonstrate long term efficacy and cost effectiveness (*Respondent provided documentation*)
- c) Proposed Cost Schedule

Subfolder 5 – Other Proposal Forms:

- a) Drug-Free Workplace Form (*if applicable*)
- b) Checklist of Required Documentation
- c) Other related forms and documents

Note: The above list is provided to assist Respondents in coordinating their proposals and does not relieve Respondents from ensuring that their proposals are complete including all documentation and required forms, statements, etc.

The proposal will be awarded to the Respondent having the highest ranked proposal, which successfully concludes negotiations with the District.

PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS FORM

Include this form in the response (*under Subfolder 2*)

Respondent must identify all portions of the Work Respondent intends to perform through subcontractors.

1. Name and address of subcontractor: _____

Description of work: _____

Estimated value of Work: _____

2. Name and address of subcontractor: _____

Description of work: _____

Estimated value of Work: _____

3. Name and address of subcontractor: _____

Description of work: _____

Estimated value of Work: _____

4. Name and address of subcontractor: _____

Description of work: _____

Estimated value of Work: _____

5. Name and address of subcontractor: _____

Description of work: _____

Estimated value of Work: _____

6. Name and address of subcontractor: _____

Description of work: _____

Estimated value of Work: _____

QUALIFICATIONS — GENERAL

Include this form in the response (*under Subfolder 2*)

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

Name of Respondent: _____

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 (phosphorus remediation using lanthanum-based amendments on hydric sediment and water) work as described in 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.

Has Respondent ever been adjudicated bankrupt, initiated bankruptcy, or been the subject of bankruptcy proceedings on behalf of the current entity submitting this proposal 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 proposal. 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.

QUALIFICATIONS - SIMILAR PROJECTS FORM

Include this form in the response (*under subfolder 3*)

Respondent (or a combination of the Principal Investigators [PIs] or subcontractors assigned to the work) must have successfully completed at least two projects of a similar nature (phosphorus removal from hydric sediments and water column using lanthanum-based products) within the ten (10) years immediately preceding the date for receipt of Proposals. Each successfully completed project must have covered an area greater than or equal to ten (10) acres. Respondent shall provide three client references, which may include the similar project listed above, to demonstrate the Respondent firm's scientific expertise and organizational strength. No more than one reference shall be from the District. (For a similar project listed on the previous form, simply state "Similar Project.")

Similar Project 1:

Agency/company: _____

Current contact person at agency/company: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address of agency/company: _____

Name of project: _____

Description: _____

Name(s) of assigned personnel:

Project manager: _____

Others: _____

Similar Project 2:

Agency/company: _____

Current contact person at agency/company: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address of agency/company: _____

Name of project: _____

Description: _____

Name(s) of assigned personnel:

Project manager: _____

Others: _____

QUALIFICATIONS — CLIENT REFERENCES

Include this form in the response (*under Subfolder 1*)

Respondent (or a combination of the Principal Investigators [PIs] or subcontractors assigned to the work) must have successfully completed at least two projects of a similar nature (phosphorus removal from hydric sediments and water column using lanthanum-based products) within the ten (10) years immediately preceding the date for receipt of Proposals. Each successfully completed project must have covered an area greater than or equal to ten (10) acres. Respondent shall provide three client references, which may include the similar project listed above, to demonstrate the Respondent firm’s scientific expertise and organizational strength. No more than one reference shall be from the District. (For a similar project listed on the previous form, simply state “Similar Project.”)

Client Reference 1:

Agency/company: _____

Current contact person at agency/company: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Agency/Company Address: _____

Name of project: _____

Description: _____

Project value: _____ Project manager: _____

Client Reference 2:

Agency/company: _____

Current contact person at agency/company: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Agency/Company Address: _____

Name of project: _____

Description: _____

Project value: _____ Project manager: _____

Client Reference 3:

Agency/company: _____

Current contact person at agency/company: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Agency/Company Address: _____

Name of project: _____

Description: _____

Project value: _____ Project manager: _____

CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATION FORM

Include this form in the response *(under Subfolder 2)*

The below Corporation is organized under the laws of the State of _____; is authorized by law to respond to this Request for Proposal and perform all work and furnish materials and equipment required under the Agreement and is authorized to do business in the state of Florida.

Corporation name: _____

Address: _____

Registration No.: _____

Registered Agent: _____

By: _____

(Official title)

(Affix corporate seal)

Attest: _____

(Secretary)

The full names and business or residence addresses of persons or firms interested in the foregoing proposal as principals or officers of Respondent are as follows (specifically include the President, Secretary, and Treasurer and state the corporate office held of all other individuals listed):

Identify any parent, subsidiary, or sister corporations involving the same or substantially the same officers and directors that will or may be involved in performance of the Project, and provide the same information requested above on a photocopy of this form.

If applicable, attach a copy of a certificate to do business in the state of Florida, or a copy of the application that has been accepted by the state of Florida to do business in the state of Florida, for the Respondent and/or all out-of-state corporations that are listed pursuant to this form.

AFFIDAVIT AS TO NON-COLLUSION AND CERTIFICATION OF
MATERIAL CONFORMANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS

Include this form in the response (*under Subfolder 2*)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

I, the undersigned, _____ being first duly sworn, depose and say that:

1. I am the owner or duly authorized officer, representative, or agent of:

the Respondent that has submitted the attached proposal.
2. The attached proposal is genuine. It is not a collusive or sham proposal.
3. I am fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of, and knowledgeable of all pertinent circumstances respecting the attached proposal.
4. Neither Respondent nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Respondent, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham proposal in connection with the Agreement for which the attached proposal has been submitted, or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Agreement, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, collusion, communication, or conference with any other Respondent, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached proposal of any other Respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the proposal prices or the proposal price of any other Respondent, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the District or any other person interested in the proposed Agreement.
5. The price(s) quoted in the attached proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Respondent or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.
6. No official or other officer or employee of the District, whose salary or compensation is payable in whole or in part by the District, is directly or indirectly interested in this proposal, or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work, or labor to which it relates, or in any of the profits therefrom.
7. Any materials and equipment proposed to be supplied in fulfillment of the Agreement to be awarded conform in all respects to the specifications thereof. Further, the proposed materials and equipment will perform the intended function in a manner acceptable and suitable for the intended purposes of the District.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Notary Public, State of _____ at Large

My commission expires: _____ (SEAL)

Personally known OR Produced identification, Type of Identification Produced: _____

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

Include this form in the Response (*under Subfolder 5*)

This form is required only in the event of a tie response

The Respondent, (business name) _____, in accordance with §287.087, Fla. Stat., hereby certifies that Respondent does the following:

1. Informs 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
2. Publishes a statement notifying employees that
 - a. 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 its employees for violations of such prohibition.
 - b. as a condition of working on the contractual services that are the subject of this solicitation, 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, Fla. Stat., or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.
3. Gives each employee engaged in providing the contractual services that are the subject of this solicitation a copy of the statement specified in paragraph 2, above.
4. Imposes a sanction on, or requires the satisfactory participation in, a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee’s community, by any employee convicted of a violation listed in sub-paragraph 2.b., above.
5. Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of §287.087, Fla. Stat.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

PROPOSED COST SCHEDULE

Include this form in the response (under Subfolder 4)

Proposals to be opened at 10:00 a.m. E.S.T., August 22, 2023

To: ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with the advertisement requesting proposals for Phosphorus remediation in the Ocklawaha Prairie Restoration Area using lanthanum-based sediment and water amendments, the undersigned proposes to perform the Work for the price contained in the following schedule (fill in all blanks).

Respondents are reminded to refer to the section "Preparation and Organization of Proposal Documents" in Section 5 for information to be included with the proposal.

Respondent must also provide a breakdown of costs by tasks to be included with Respondent's Proposal (to be included in Subfolder 2).

TOTAL COST*: \$ _____

*(Total Cost must incorporate all related travel and any other anticipated fringe costs.)

Pursuant to §287.084(2) Fla. Stat., a vendor whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must accompany any written bid, proposal, or reply documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state in the letting of any or all public contracts.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE, as Respondent's authorized representative, that I have fully read and understand all terms and conditions as set forth in this proposal and upon award of such proposal, shall fully comply with such terms and conditions.

Date

Respondent (firm name)

Address

E-mail address

Signature

Telephone Number

NO RESPONSE FORM
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 38864
PHOSPHORUS REMEDIATION IN THE OCKLAWAHA PRAIRIE RESTORATION AREA USING
LANTHANUM-BASED SEDIMENT AND WATER AMENDMENTS

Your reasons for not responding to this Request for Proposal are valuable to the St. Johns River Water Management District's procurement process. Please complete this form and return it to the procurement staff named in this solicitation no later than the date set for receipt of proposals. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please check (as applicable):

- Specifications too "general" (explain below)
- Insufficient time to respond to the Request for Proposals
- Do not provide this type of work for this project
- Schedule would not permit us to perform
- Unable to meet proposal specifications
- Specifications unclear (explain below)
- Disagree with solicitation or Agreement terms and conditions (explain below)
- Other (specify below)

Remarks: _____

DATE _____

RESPONDENT (FIRM NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ TYPED NAME AND TITLE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

**SAMPLE STANDARD AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND _____ FOR
PHOSPHORUS REMEDIATION IN THE OCKLAWAHA PRAIRIE RESTORATION AREA
USING LANTHANUM-BASED SEDIMENT AND WATER AMENDMENTS**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the GOVERNING BOARD of the ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (the “District”), whose address is 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-2571, and _____ (“Contractor”), whose address is _____ . All references to the parties hereto include the parties, their officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns.

In consideration of the payments hereinafter specified, Contractor agrees to furnish and deliver all materials and perform all labor required for 38864, Phosphorus remediation in the Ocklawaha Prairie Restoration Area using lanthanum-based sediment and water amendments (the “Work”). In accordance with RFP 38864 Contractor shall complete the Work in conformity with this Agreement, which consists of and incorporates all of the following documents: (1) advertisement for bids, proposals, or qualifications; (2) Instructions to Respondents; (3) addenda; certifications, and affidavits; (4) bid, proposal, or qualifications submittals; (5) Agreement, including the Statement of Work, and any Special Conditions or other attachments. If any provision in the body of this Agreement conflicts with any attachment hereto, the body of this Agreement shall prevail. This Agreement, including attachments, shall take precedence over all solicitation documents (items 1 – 4). The parties hereby agree to the following terms and conditions.

1. TERM

- (a) The term of this Agreement shall be from October 1, 2023 to the Completion Date (defined below). Time is of the essence for each and every aspect of this Agreement. Where additional time is allowed to complete the Work, the new time limit shall also be of the essence. All provisions of this Agreement that by their nature extend beyond the Completion Date survive termination or expiration hereof.
- (b) **Completion Date.** The Completion Date of this Agreement is September 30, 2025, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the parties. The Work shall be completed in accordance with the timeframes in the Statement of Work but no later than the Completion Date.

2. COMMENCEMENT OF WORK. Contractor shall commence the Work based on an agreed upon Project calendar submitted to and approved by the District's Project Manager. Contractor shall prosecute the Work regularly, diligently, and uninterruptedly so as to complete the Work ready for use in accordance with the Statement of Work and the time for completion stated therein. Contractor shall not commence the Work until any required submittals are received and approved.

3. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- (a) If Contractor neglects, fails, or refuses to satisfactorily complete the Work by the Completion Date, Contractor shall, as a part of the consideration for this Agreement, pay the District the amount stipulated herein, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for such breach, for each day Contractor is in default thereafter. This amount is fixed and agreed upon between the parties due to the impracticability and extreme difficulty of ascertaining the actual damages the District would sustain in such event. The amount of liquidated damages shall be one half of one percent

(.5%) of the total contract amount per day. Liquidated damages shall be deducted from payments as they become due and may be deducted from the retainage due upon completion. They constitute an agreed-upon liquidated sum solely for consequential damages attributable to delay and are not a substitute for any other consequential damages incurred by the District, such as the cost of finding a replacement Contractor for completion of the Work if this Agreement is terminated by the District for non-performance.

- (b) Contractor shall not be charged with liquidated damages or any excess cost when the District determines that Contractor's reasons for the time extension are acceptable in accordance with **FORCE MAJEURE; DELAYS**. A written extension of the Completion Date constitutes a waiver of liquidated damages to the new Completion Date unless expressly provided therein to the contrary.

4. DELIVERABLES

- (a) The Work is specified in the Statement of Work, Attachment A. Contractor shall deliver all products and deliverables as stated therein. Contractor is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and timely completion of the Work. Both workmanship and materials shall be of good quality. Contractor shall, if required, furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials provided. Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, and other facilities and equipment necessary for performance of the Work. The District's Project Manager shall make a final acceptance inspection of the deliverables when completed and finished in all respects.
- (b) If not otherwise addressed in the Statement of Work, upon written request, Contractor shall submit written progress reports to the District's Project Manager at the frequency requested in the form approved by the Project Manager at no additional cost to the District. The progress report shall provide an updated progress schedule, taking into account all delays and approved changes in the Work. Failure to provide a progress report will be cause for withholding payment.
- (c) Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement is made possible by grant funding from the FDEP through its Innovative Technologies Program (the "Grant"). Accordingly, Contractor expressly agrees to perform this Agreement in compliance with Contract Payment Requirements for State-Funded Cost Reimbursement Contracts, Attachment D hereto.

- 5. OWNERSHIP OF DELIVERABLES.** The Work is specified in the Statement of Work, Attachment A, Contractor shall deliver all products and deliverables as stated therein. Contractor is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and timely completion of the Work. Both workmanship and materials shall be of good quality. Contractor shall, if required, furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials provided. Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, Contractor shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, and other facilities and equipment necessary for performance of the Work. The District's Project Manager shall make a final acceptance inspection of the deliverables when completed and finished in all respects.

6. FUNDING OF AGREEMENT

For satisfactory performance of the Work, the District agrees to pay Contractor the not to exceed amount of \$1,100,000 (the "Total Compensation").

Funding for each applicable fiscal year is subject to District Governing Board budgetary appropriation. Funding is further subject to District receipt of Grant monies from FDEP.

7. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

- (a) **Submittal.** Contractor shall submit itemized invoices on a monthly basis for the Work by one of the following two methods: (1) by email to acctpay@sjrwmd.com (preferred) or (2) by mail to the St. Johns River Water Management District, Accounting Director, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-2571. Each invoice shall be submitted in detail sufficient for proper pre-audit and post-audit review. If necessary for audit purposes, Contractor shall provide additional supporting information as required to document invoices.
- (b) **End of District Fiscal Year Reporting.** The District's fiscal year ends on September 30. Irrespective of the invoicing frequency, the District is required to account for all encumbered funds at that time. When authorized under the Agreement, submittal of an invoice for Work completed as of September 30 satisfies this requirement. The invoice shall be submitted no later than October 30. If the Agreement does not authorize submittal of an invoice for Work completed as of September 30, Contractor shall submit, prior to October 30, a description of the additional Work completed between the last invoice and September 30, and an estimate of the additional amount due as of September 30 for such Work. If there have been no prior invoices, Contractor shall submit a description of the Work completed on the project through September 30 and a statement estimating the dollar value of that Work as of September 30.
- (c) **Final Invoice.** The final invoice must be submitted no later than 45 days after the Completion Date; provided, however, that when the Completion Date corresponds with the end of the District's fiscal year (September 30), the final invoice must be submitted no later than 30 days after the Completion Date. **Final invoices that are submitted after the requisite date shall be subject to a penalty of ten percent of the invoice. This penalty may be waived by the District, in its sole judgment and discretion, upon a showing of special circumstances that prevent the timely submittal of the final invoice. Contractor must request approval for delayed submittal of the final invoice not later than ten days prior to the due date and state the basis for the delay.**
- (d) **Invoices.** All invoices shall include the following information: (1) District contract number; (2) Contractor's name and address (include remit address, if necessary); (3) Contractor's invoice number and date of invoice; (4) District Project Manager; (5) Contractor's Project Manager; (6) supporting documentation as to cost and/or project completion (as per the cost schedule and other requirements of the Statement of Work; (7) Progress Report (if required). Invoices that do not correspond with this paragraph shall be returned without action, stating the basis for rejection. Payments shall be made within 45 days of receipt of an approved invoice. Disputes regarding invoice sufficiency are resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure of this Agreement.
- (e) **Travel expenses.** If the cost schedule for this Agreement includes a line item for travel expenses, travel expenses shall be drawn from the project budget and are not otherwise compensable. If travel expenses are not included in the cost schedule, they are a cost of providing the service that is borne by Contractor and are only compensable when specifically approved by the District as an authorized District traveler. In such instance, travel expenses must be submitted on District or State of Florida travel forms and shall be paid pursuant to District Administrative Directive 391.
- (f) **ACH Payment.** Absent exceptional circumstances, Contractor is required to sign up and receive payment(s) electronically from the District via Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment.
- (g) **Payments withheld.** The District may withhold or, on account of subsequently discovered evidence, nullify, in whole or in part, any payment to such an extent as may be necessary to protect the District from loss as a result of: (1) defective Work not remedied; (2) failure of Contractor to make payments when due to subcontractors or suppliers for materials or labor; (3) failure to maintain adequate progress in the Work; (4) damage to another contractor; or

(5) any other material breach of this Agreement. Amounts withheld shall not be considered due and shall not be paid until the ground(s) for withholding payment have been remedied.

(h) **Payments.** The District shall pay Contractor 100% of each approved invoice.

- 8. PAYMENT AND RELEASE.** Upon satisfactory completion of the Work, the District will provide Contractor a written statement accepting all deliverables. Contractor's acceptance of final payment shall constitute a release in full of all Contractor claims against the District arising from the performance of this Agreement, with the exception of any pending claims for additional compensation that have been documented and filed as required by this Agreement.
- 9. INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the District, its public officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns, from any and all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, arising from or caused by the Contractor, its employees or subcontractors, in the performance of the Work. Contractor shall further indemnify the District for all costs and penalties the District incurs related to any failure to offer Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act compliant health care coverage to Contractor-employees performing under this contract.
- 10. INSURANCE.** Contractor shall acquire and maintain all insurance required by Attachment B, Insurance Requirements, and shall not commence Work until it has provided Certificates of Insurance to the District as per Attachment B. Receipt of Certificates of Insurance indicating less coverage than required does not constitute a waiver of the Insurance Requirements. Contractor waives its right of recovery against the District to the extent permitted by its insurance policies. Contractor's insurance shall be considered primary, and District insurance shall be considered excess, as may be applicable to Contractor's obligation to provide insurance.
- 11. FUNDING CONTINGENCY.** This Agreement is at all times contingent upon funding availability, which may include a single source or multiple sources, including, but not limited to: (1) ad valorem tax revenues appropriated by the District's Governing Board; (2) annual appropriations by the Florida Legislature, or (3) appropriations from other agencies or funding sources, including the FDEP Grant. Agreements that extend for a period of more than one Fiscal Year are subject to annual appropriation of funds in the sole discretion and judgment of the District's Governing Board for each succeeding Fiscal Year. Should the Work not be funded, in whole or in part, in the current Fiscal Year or succeeding Fiscal Years, the District shall so notify Contractor and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated for convenience five days after receipt of such notice, or within such additional time as the District may allow. For the purpose of this Agreement, "Fiscal Year" is defined as the period beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30. Authorization for continuation and completion of Work and any associated payments may be rescinded with proper notice, at the discretion of the District.
- 12. PROJECT MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**
- (a) The Project Managers listed below shall be responsible for overall coordination and management of the Work. Either party may change its Project Manager upon three business days' prior written notice to the other party. Written notice of change of address shall be provided within five business days. All notices shall be in writing to the Project Managers at the addresses below and shall be sent by one of the following methods: (1) hand delivery; (2) U.S. certified mail; (3) national overnight courier; or (4) email. Notices via certified mail are deemed delivered upon receipt. Notices via overnight courier are deemed delivered one business day after having been deposited with the courier. Notices submitted via email are deemed delivered on the date transmitted and received.

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- (b) The District’s Project Manager shall have sole responsibility for transmitting instructions, receiving information, and communicating District policies and decisions regarding all matters pertinent to performance of the Work.
- (c) Contractor shall provide efficient supervision of the Work, using its best skill and attention. Contractor shall at all times provide a competent Project Manager, satisfactory to the District. The Project Manager shall not be changed except with the District’s consent unless the Project Manager proves to be unsatisfactory to Contractor and/or ceases to be in its employ. All directions given to Contractor’s Project Manager shall be as binding as if given to Contractor. If the District has reason to believe that any person on the job is incompetent, disorderly, or is working contrary to the Agreement or the District’s instructions and notifies Contractor of such, then that person shall be immediately dismissed from the project and shall not perform any further work connected with this Agreement. The District may request Contractor replace its Project Manager if said manager fails to carry the Work forward in a competent manner, follow instructions or specifications, or for other reasonable cause.
- (d) Contractor shall maintain qualified and competent professional staff. Contractor’s employees, subcontractors, or agents shall be properly trained to meet or exceed any specified licensing, training and/or certification applicable to their profession. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish proof thereof.

13. SCHEDULING AND WORK PLANNING; PROGRESS REPORTING

- (a) **Progress Reports.** Contractor shall provide to the District update/status reports as provided in the Statement of Work. Reports will provide detail on progress of the Work and outline any potential issues affecting completion or the overall schedule. Reports may be submitted in any form agreed to by District’s Project Manager and Contractor, and may include emails, memos, and letters.
 - 1. **Progress Meetings.** The District may conduct progress meetings with Contractor on a frequency to be determined by the District. In such event, Contractor shall make available its Project Manager and other appropriate personnel to discuss matters pertinent to the Work.
 - 2. **Failure to Meet Schedule.** If progress of the Work falls five percent or more behind schedule, except as a result of District-approved delays, Contractor shall take all necessary steps to augment the work effort to get the project back on schedule. Should the progress of the Work fall ten percent or more behind schedule, the District may advise Contractor through a “cure” notice that this Agreement is subject to termination for cause if the failure is not cured within the time frame specified in said notice.

14. FORCE MAJEURE; DELAYS

- (a) **Force Majeure.** Contractor shall not be liable for failure to carry out the terms of this Agreement to the extent such failure is due to a Force Majeure event, except for failures that could have been reasonably foreseen and guarded against so as to avoid or reduce the adverse impact thereof. A Force Majeure event is hereby defined as the failure to carry out any of the terms of this Agreement due to any one of the following circumstances beyond the control of Contractor: (a) the operation and effect of rules, regulations, or orders promulgated by any commission, county, municipality, or governmental agency of the State of Florida or the United States, (b) a restraining order, injunction, or similar decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, (c) war, (d) flood, (e) earthquake, (f) fire, (g) severe wind storm, (h) acts of public disturbance, (i) quarantine restrictions, (j) epidemics, (k) strikes, (l) freight embargoes, or (m) sabotage. The times specified herein for performances include delays that can ordinarily be anticipated due to adverse weather conditions. The District is not obligated to grant an extension of time due to adverse weather conditions unless such conditions rise to the level of Force Majeure.
- (b) **Delay.** Contractor shall not be compensated for delays caused by Contractor's inefficiency, rework made necessary by Contractor's error, failure to perform the Work as scheduled, or any other corrective or productivity measures made necessary by errors, omissions, or failures to properly perform the Work. Within ten calendar days after the onset of a delay, Contractor shall notify the District in writing of the delay, which shall provide: (1) a detailed description the delay and its probable duration, (2) the specified portion of the Work affected, and (3) an opinion as to the cause of the delay and liability (if any) for the delay. Notices provided more than ten calendar days after the inception of the delay shall only be effective as to additional costs or delay incurred during the ten-day period preceding receipt of such notice. In the case of continuing cause delay for the same cause, only one notice of delay is necessary. **Failure to provide this notice waives any claim for extension of time or additional compensation resulting from such delay.** If the delay is due to the failure of another District contractor to complete its work in a timely manner, changes ordered in the Work, a Force Majeure event, or any other cause which the District, in its sole judgment and discretion, determines to justify the delay, then the Completion Date may be extended as necessary to compensate for the delay. All time extensions shall be in the form of a written amendment signed by both parties.

15. AMENDMENTS; EMERGENCY CHANGES IN WORK

- (a) **Amendments.** The parties may not amend this Agreement except in writing. Modifications that alter, add to, or deduct from the Work, or otherwise modify the terms of this Agreement, shall be implemented through a change order or formal amendment, specifying the nature of the change and any associated change in the Total Compensation and/or Completion Date. The District's Project Manager may also issue a District Supplemental Instruction (DSI) form (Attachment C) to authorize minor adjustments to the Work that are consistent with the purpose of the Work. Both parties must sign the DSI. A DSI may not be used to change the Total Compensation, quantity, quality or the Completion Date of the Work, or to change or modify the Agreement.
- (b) **Emergency Changes in Work.** In the event an emergency endangering life or property requires immediate action, the District may give Contractor an oral instruction to proceed with an emergency change in the Work, which will be confirmed in writing within five calendar days. Within 15 calendar days after commencement of the emergency change in the Work, Contractor shall provide the District with a written estimate of any increased costs or delays as a result thereof. **Failure to so notify the District constitutes a waiver of any right to an extension of time or increase in compensation.** Within 15 calendar days after receipt of Contractor's estimate, the parties shall negotiate a Change Order. If unable to reach agreement, disputed issues

shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure. In no event shall Contractor decline to perform the emergency change in the Work.

16. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

- (a) **District Termination for Cause.** The Agreement may be terminated by the District for cause in the event of any breach hereof, including, but not limited to, Contractor's: (1) failing to carry forward and complete the Work as provided herein; (2) failing to comply with applicable laws, regulations, permits, or ordinances; (3) failing to timely correct defective Work; (4) making a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; (5) having a receiver appointed because of insolvency; (6) filing bankruptcy or having a petition for involuntary bankruptcy filed against it; (7) failing to make payments when due to , or others for materials or labor used in the Work; (8) making a material misrepresentation to the District regarding the Work, or (9) any other material breach of this Agreement. In such event, the District shall provide Contractor with written notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement, stating the nature of the deficiency and the effective date of termination- 35 -. At the District's sole judgment and discretion, the District may afford Contractor an opportunity to cure said deficiency, in which event the notice shall specify the time allowed. Upon termination, the District may take possession of the premises and of all materials thereon and finish the Work by whatever means it deems expedient. In such event, Contractor shall not receive any further payment until the Work is completed by the District. Contractor shall be liable for all costs involved in completing the Work, including additional managerial and administrative services, which shall be offset against any amount due to Contractor.
- (b) **District Termination for Convenience.** Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the District may at any time terminate this Agreement or any Work issued under it, in whole or in part, without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to Contractor. In such event, Contractor shall be compensated for any Work performed prior to the date of termination and for materials that were ordered prior to receipt of notice of termination that cannot be returned to the vendor, which shall become District property. Upon receipt of notice, Contractor shall discontinue the Work on the date and to the extent specified therein and shall place no further orders for materials, equipment, services, or facilities, except as needed to continue any portion of the Work not terminated. Contractor shall also make every reasonable effort to cancel, upon terms satisfactory to the District, all orders or subcontracts related to the terminated Work. Contractor may not claim any compensation not specifically provided for herein, including, but not limited to loss of anticipated profits; idle equipment, labor, and facilities; any additional claims of subcontractors and vendors.
- (c) **District Suspension for Cause.** The District may issue a written partial or full Stop Work Notice in the event Contractor fails to comply with or is negligent in performing any provision hereof. All performance shall immediately cease as per such notice and no further billable costs shall be incurred. The District may terminate this Agreement if Contractor fails or refuses to comply with a Stop Work Notice.
- (d) **District Suspension for Convenience.** The District may direct Contractor to stop Work, in whole or in part, whenever, in the District's sole judgment and discretion, such stoppage is necessary to ensure proper completion of the Work, avoid injury to third persons, or otherwise meet the District's objectives. The District shall provide Contractor not less than five days' written notice, except in emergency circumstances. Contractor shall immediately comply with such notice. Should such stoppage increase Contractor's cost, an equitable adjustment will be made by Change Order. The notice shall be effective until rescinded in writing, unless the period of suspension is stated in the notice.

(e) Contractor’s Right to Stop Work or Terminate Agreement

- (i) **Stop Work.** Contractor may stop work only under the following circumstances: (1) the Work is ordered temporarily discontinued by a court or other public authority; (2) it is necessary to stop work in order to protect the safety of Contractor or third persons; or (3) the District fails to pay Contractor when due any undisputed and adequately documented sum certified for payment by the District Project Manager. In such event, Contractor shall provide the District not less than seven days prior written notice of its intention to stop work, except in emergency circumstances or when necessary to prevent injury to persons or property.
- (ii) **Termination.** Contractor may terminate this Agreement under only the following circumstances: (1) the Work is ordered discontinued by a court or other public authority, through no act or fault of Contractor, for a period of not less than three months; (2) the District fails to pay Contractor when due any undisputed and adequately documented sum certified for payment by the District Project Manager. In such event, Contractor shall provide not less than 20 days written notice of its intention to terminate and afford the District the opportunity to cure said deficiency within said time period.
- (iii) **Duty to Perform.** Except as expressly provided above, in the event of any event, dispute, or other matter arising under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully perform the Work in accordance with the District’s written instructions and may claim additional compensation as a Change Order, subject to the dispute resolution procedure.

**ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS
(In Alphabetical Order)**

17. DEFINITIONS

ADDENDA: Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of responses, which make additions, deletions, or revisions to the solicitation or contract documents.

AGREEMENT: The written contract between the District and Contractor covering the Work, which includes all documents attached to this Agreement or incorporated herein by reference. The words “contract” and “Agreement” are synonymous in these documents.

AMENDMENT: Any written change made to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Contractor: Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns.

Contractor’s PROJECT MANAGER: The individual designated by the Contractor to be responsible for overall coordination, oversight, and management of the Work for Contractor.

BUSINESS DAY: Monday through Friday, excepting those holidays observed by the District

CHANGE ORDER: A written agreement of the parties after the Commencement Date to amend this Agreement so as to modify the Statement of Work or the Total Compensation or provide for an extension of time.

DAY: All references to “day” shall be interpreted as a calendar day, unless specifically designated as a business day or holiday.

HOLIDAY: The following holidays are observed by the District: New Year’s Day, Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving (and Friday), and Christmas Day.

PERSON: Any individual, partnership, society, association, joint stock company, corporation, estate, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee, or capacity, whether appointed by a court or others, and any combination of individuals.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: An advertised solicitation for sealed competitive Proposals, with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated. It includes a detailed description of the services sought, the date for submittal of Proposals, and all contractual terms and conditions.

RESPONDENT: Any person who submits a response to a solicitation.

STATEMENT OF WORK: The District's written directions, requirements, and technical specifications for completing the Work. Standards for specifying materials or testing that are incorporated therein by reference shall have the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.

SUBCONTRACTORS: Those persons having a direct contract with Contractor relating to performance of the Work, including one who furnishes material worked into a special design in accordance with the plans or specifications of the Work, but not including one who merely furnishes material.

TOTAL PROPOSAL: The total cost to be paid to Contractor for completion of the Work.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: The total funds to be expended pursuant to this Agreement upon satisfactory completion of the Work.

WORK: All labor, materials, equipment, transportation, supporting documentation, and other products, services, or facilities necessary for complete performance of the Agreement.

18. AUDIT; ACCESS TO RECORDS. Contractor must preserve its books and other records involving transactions related to this Agreement and provide the District, or its duly authorized representatives, access and necessary facilities to inspect and audit those records for five years after the receipt of funds. If an examination or audit is performed, Contractor must continue to maintain all required records until such audit has been completed and all questions arising from it are resolved. Contractor shall refund any payment(s) that are found to not constitute allowable costs based upon an audit examination.

19. CIVIL RIGHTS. Pursuant to chapter 760, Fla. Stat., Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.

20. COOPERATION WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (IG), PURSUANT TO §20.055(5) FLA. STAT. Contractor and any subcontractors understand and will comply with their duty, pursuant to §20.055(5), Fla. Stat., to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing.

21. CORRELATION AND INTENT OF DOCUMENTS; QUESTIONS OR ISSUES REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK

- (a) This Agreement and all attachments are complementary. What is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. The intent is to include all labor and materials, equipment, transportation, and incidentals necessary for the proper and complete execution of the Work. Materials or work described in words, which so applied have a well-known technical or trade meaning, shall be held to refer to such recognized standards.
- (b) It is the District's intention to fully assist Contractor in the successful performance of the Work and to respond in a timely manner to questions or issues that arise. Contractor should discuss any questions or issues with the District's Project Manager and communicate such questions or issues

in writing when required by this Agreement. The District shall respond through its Project Manager.

22. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- (a) **During the course of Work.** In the event any dispute arises during the course of the Work, Contractor shall fully perform the Work in accordance with the District's written instructions and may claim additional compensation. Contractor is under a duty to seek clarification and resolution of any issue, discrepancy, or dispute by submitting a formal request for additional compensation, schedule adjustment, or other dispute resolution to the District's Project Manager no later than 15 days after the precipitating event. If not resolved by the Project Manager within five business days, the Project Manager shall forward the request to the District's Office of General Counsel, which shall issue a written decision within 15 days of receipt. This determination shall constitute final action of the District and shall then be subject to judicial review upon completion of the Work. Contractor **shall proceed with the Work in accordance with said determination. This shall not waive Contractor's position regarding the matter in dispute.**
- (b) **Invoices.** In the event the District rejects an invoice as improper, and the Contractor declines to modify the invoice, the Contractor must notify the District in writing within ten days of receipt of notice of rejection that the Contractor will not modify the invoice and state the reason(s) therefor. Within five business days of receipt of such notice, if not informally resolved through discussion with the District Project Manager, the Project Manager shall forward the disputed invoice and the Contractor's written response to the District's Office of General Counsel. The matter shall then proceed as described in subsection (a), above.

23. DIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES. The District is committed to the opportunity for diversity in its procurement activities and encourages its vendors (contractors and suppliers) to make a good faith effort to ensure that women and minority-owned business enterprises (W/MBE) are given the opportunity for maximum participation as sub-contractors. The District will assist Contractor by sharing information on W/MBEs.

24. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Pursuant to section 448.095, Fla. Stat., Consultant must use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system ("E-Verify") to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees during the term of this Agreement. Within 30 days of this Agreement's Effective Date, Consultant must provide the District with evidence that Consultant is enrolled in the E-Verify system. Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: www.e-verify.gov.
- (b) Consultant shall include in related subcontracts, if authorized under this Agreement, a requirement that subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement utilize the E-Verify system to verify employment eligibility of all employees used by the subcontractor for the performance of the Work. The subcontractor must provide Consultant with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Consultant must maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Agreement. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated section 448.095, Fla. Stat., and notifies Consultant of such, but the Consultant otherwise complied with the statute, then Consultant shall immediately terminate the contract with the Subcontractor.

25. FLORIDA SINGLE AUDIT ACT

- (a) **Applicability.** The Florida Single Audit Act (FSAA), §215.97, Fla. Stat., applies to all sub-recipients of state financial assistance, as defined in §215.97(1)(q), Fla. Stat., awarded by the

District through a project or program that is funded, in whole or in part, through state financial assistance to the District. In the event Recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such Recipient, Recipient must have a state single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with §215.97, Fla. Stat.; applicable rules of the Department of Financial Services; and chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, Recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the District, other state agencies, and other non-state entities. State financial assistance does not include Federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a non-state entity for Federal program matching requirements. Recipient is solely responsible for complying with the FSAA.

If Recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of §215.97, Fla. Stat., is not required. In such event, should Recipient elect to have an audit conducted in accordance with §215.97, Fla. Stat., the cost of the audit must be paid from the non-state entity's resources (i.e., Recipient's resources obtained from other than State entities).

- (b) Program Information.** This Agreement involves the disbursement of state funding by the FDEP. Funding is provided under the State of Florida, Innovative Technology, in the amount of \$1,100,000. The Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) number for this program is CSFA No. 37.103.
- (c) Additional Information.** For information regarding the state program under the above CSFA number, Recipient should access the Florida Single Audit Act website located at <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/catalog.aspx> for assistance. The following websites may be accessed for additional information: Legislature's Website at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/>, State of Florida's website at <http://myflorida.com>, District of Financial Services' website at <http://www.fldfs.com/> and the Auditor General's Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/audgen/>.
- (d) Allowable Costs.** Recipient may only charge allowable costs to this Agreement, as otherwise provided herein. Any balance of unobligated cash that have been advanced or paid that is not authorized to be retained for direct program costs in a subsequent period must be returned to the District.
- (e) Audit Requirements.** Recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of §215.97(7), Fla. Stat. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by §215.97(2), Fla. Stat., and chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. Recipient shall comply with the program requirements described in the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) [<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/catalog.aspx>]. The services/purposes for which the funds are to be used are included in the Statement of Work.
- (f) Financial Reporting.** Recipient shall provide the District with a copy of any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted in accordance with chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable, no more than 20 days after its preparation. Recipient shall indicate the date the reporting package was delivered to Recipient in correspondence accompanying the reporting package. This information shall be directed to: St. Johns River Water Management District, Finance Director, Office of Financial Services, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177. A copy of the report shall also be provided to the Auditor General's Office at the following address: State of Florida Auditor General, Room 401, Claude Pepper Building, 111 West Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450.

- (g) Monitoring.** In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with §215.97, Fla. Stat., as revised, monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by District staff, limited scope audits, and/or other procedures. Recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the District. In the event the District determines that a limited scope audit of Recipient is appropriate, Recipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the District to Recipient regarding such audit. Recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the District's Inspector General or the state Chief Financial Officer or Auditor General.
- (h) Examination of Records.** In addition to the District's audit rights otherwise provided for herein, Recipient shall permit the District or its designated agent, the state awarding agency, the Department of Financial Services, the state's Chief Financial Officer and the state's Auditor General to examine Recipient's financial and non-financial records to the extent necessary to monitor Recipient's use of state financial assistance and to determine whether timely and appropriate corrective actions have been taken with respect to audit findings and recommendations, which may include onsite visits and limited scope audits.
- (i) Records Retention.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Recipient shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this Agreement for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the District, or its designee, state Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. Recipient shall ensure that audit working papers are made available for such access for a period of three years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the District.

26. GOVERNING LAW, VENUE, ATTORNEY'S FEES, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JURY

TRIAL. This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of Florida and shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other because it may have been drafted by one of the parties. As used herein, "shall" is always mandatory. In the event of any legal proceedings arising from or related to this Agreement: (1) venue for any state legal proceedings will be in Putnam County and any federal legal proceeding shall be in Duval County; (2) each party shall bear its own attorney's fees, including appeals; (3) for civil proceedings, the parties hereby consent to trial by the court and waive the right to jury trial.

27. INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS OF CONTRACTOR; NON-LOBBYING. Contractor certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of the District has any material interest, as defined in chapter 112, Fla. Stat., either directly or indirectly, in the business of Contractor to be conducted under this Agreement, and that no such person shall have any such interest at any time during the term of this Agreement. Pursuant to §216.347, Fla. Stat., monies received from the District pursuant to this Agreement shall not be used to lobby the Florida Legislature or any other state agency.

28. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. Contractor is an independent contractor. Neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees are employees or agents of the District. Contractor controls and directs the means and methods by which the Work is accomplished. Contractor is solely responsible for compliance with all labor, health insurance (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 42 U.S.C. §§ 18001, et seq.), and tax laws pertaining to Contractor, its officers, agents, and employees, and shall indemnify and hold the District harmless from any failure to comply with such laws.

29. NUISANCE. Contractor shall exercise every reasonable means to avoid creating or continuing a public or private nuisance resulting from the Work, including, but not limited to: (1) excessive noise

associated with radio or other forms of electronic entertainment for persons at the worksite; (2) dust from construction operations, and (3) the uncontrolled flow of surface waters.

30. PERMITS AND LICENSES; COMPLIANCE WITH LAW. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including those pertaining to health and safety. All materials used and work performed must conform to the laws of the United States, the state of Florida and county and municipal ordinances. Contractor represents and warrants that it is duly licensed to perform the Work in accordance with the laws of the state of Florida and the county or municipality in which the Work is to be performed. Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, Contractor shall give to the proper authorities all required notices relative to the Work in its charge; obtain and pay for all official permits or any other licenses, including any and all professional licenses required by the nature of the Work; and furnish any bonds, security, or deposits required to permit performance of the Work. Contractor is responsible for the resolution of any issues resulting from a finding of noncompliance by any regulatory agencies, due to the Contractor's failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, including all costs for delays, litigation, fines, or other costs.

31. PUBLIC RECORDS

- (a) Contractor is responsible for identifying confidential trade secret information as such upon submittal to the District. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the District shall not be liable to Contractor for release of confidential information not identified as such upon submittal. If the District receives a public records request that requests information claimed to be confidential by Contractor, the District shall take such steps as are necessary to comply with chapter 119, Fla. Stat., while protecting the confidentiality of trade secret information. In the event of a dispute as to whether the requested information is a trade secret, Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the District resulting from the dispute, including any court costs and attorney's fees. The calculation of those costs shall not include costs that are charged to the public records requestor.
- (b) Contractor shall comply with Florida Public Records law under Chapter 119, Fla. Stat. Records made or received in conjunction with this Agreement are public records under Florida law, as defined in §119.011(12), Fla. Stat. Contractor shall keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the services under this Agreement.
- (c) If Contractor meets the definition of "Contractor" found in §119.0701(1)(a), Fla. Stat.; [i.e., an individual, partnership, corporation, or business entity that enters into a contract for services with a public agency and is acting on behalf of the public agency], then the following requirements apply:
 - (i) Pursuant to §119.0701, Fla. Stat., a request to inspect or copy public records relating to this Agreement for services must be made directly to the District. If the District does not possess the requested records, the District shall immediately notify the Contractor of the request, and the Contractor must provide the records to the District or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time. If Contractor fails to provide the public records to the District within a reasonable time, the Contractor may be subject to penalties under s. 119.10, Fla. Stat.
 - (ii) Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, Contractor shall provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Fla. Stat., or as otherwise provided by law.

- (iii) Contractor shall identify and ensure that all 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 Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the District.
- (iv) Upon completion of the Agreement, Contractor shall transfer, at no cost to District, all public records in possession of Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the services under this Agreement. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the District upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records that are stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is accessible by and compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLA. STAT., TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE DISTRICT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**District Clerk
St. Johns River Water Management District
4049 Reid Street
Palatka, Florida 32177-2571
(386) 329-4127
clerk@sjrwmd.com**

- 32. RELEASE OF INFORMATION.** Consultant shall not publish or release any information related to performance of this Agreement, or prepare, publish, or release any news or press release in any way related to this Agreement, without prior District review and written consent.
- 33. REMEDIES FOR NON-PERFORMANCE.** In the event of incomplete or damaged Work caused by Contractor's failure of performance, the District may terminate this Agreement for cause. Alternatively, the District, in its sole discretion and judgment, may allow Contractor to correct the deficiency at its expense. If the District determines that it is not in its best interest for Contractor to correct the deficiency, the District may pursue any or all of the following remedies, in whole or in part: (1) accept the Work as is and deduct the reasonable value of the deficient Work from the Total Compensation; (2) complete the Work through the utilization of District employees and deduct the cost thereof from the Total Compensation; (3) contract with a third party to complete the deficient Work and deduct the cost thereof from the Total Compensation. In addition to the remedies set forth above, the District may avail itself of any statutory and/or common law remedies. Delay or failure by the District to enforce any right or remedy hereunder shall not impair, or be deemed a waiver of, any such right or remedy, or impair the District's rights or remedies for any subsequent breach of this Agreement.
- 34. ROYALTIES AND PATENTS.** Consultant certifies that, to the best of its information and belief, the Work does not infringe on any patent rights. Unless provided otherwise herein, Consultant shall:

(1) pay all royalties, patent, and license fees necessary for the Work; (2) defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights, and (3) save and hold the District harmless from loss on account thereof; provided, however, that the District shall be responsible for any such losses when the utilization of a particular process or product of a particular manufacturer is specified by the District. If Consultant obtains information that the process or article so specified is a patent infringement, it shall be responsible for such loss unless it promptly so notifies the District.

- 35. SAFETY.** For any Work that is to be performed on premises that are owned or controlled by the District (the Premises), Contractor has the sole and exclusive duty for the safety of the premises. Contractor shall provide and maintain sufficient protection for the safety of its employees and other persons who may utilize the Premises, and prevent damage to District property, materials, and equipment. Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and shall not employ any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the work assigned. Neither Contractor nor its subcontractors shall allow or cause to be allowed any hunting or any weapons, animals, alcohol, or drugs, on or from the Premises or adjacent property. Contractor employees shall not park their vehicles or store equipment or materials adjacent to roads where it may be a hazard to traffic. A clear distance of at least 30 feet from the edge of the pavement or right-of-way shall be kept free of any obstacles unless otherwise authorized by the District. Contractor shall ensure that only authorized personnel are allowed on the worksite and shall post notices warning both employees and the public of all safety hazards created by Contractor.
- 36. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES.** Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or engaged in a boycott of Israel. Pursuant to §287.135, Fla. Stat., the District may terminate this Agreement at its sole option if Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification; or if Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Agreement. If this Agreement is for more than one million dollars, Contractor certifies that it is also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in §287.135, Fla. Stat. Pursuant to §287.135, Fla. Stat., the District may terminate this Agreement at its sole option if Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification; or if Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of the Agreement.
- 37. USE OF COMPLETED PORTIONS OF THE WORK.** The District shall have the right to take possession of and use any completed or partially completed portions of the Work, notwithstanding the fact that the time for completing the entire Work or such portions may not have expired. Such taking of possession and use will not be deemed an acceptance of any Work not completed. If such possession and use increases the cost of or delays the Work, Contractor shall be entitled to a Change Order for extra compensation, or extension of time, as necessary, to offset the effect of such prior possession and use.
- 38. WORK SCHEDULE.** For construction or other services upon District property, no Work shall be accomplished on Holidays or weekends unless approved in advance by the District Project Manager. Unless otherwise approved by the District Project Manager, Contractor's work hours on District property shall not commence before 7:00 a.m. and shall conclude on or before 6:00 p.m. All requests to change the schedule shall be coordinated with the District a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the change and confirmed in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the St. Johns River Water Management District has caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year written below in its name by its Executive Director, or duly authorized designee, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year written below in its name by its duly authorized representatives, and, if appropriate, has caused the seal of the corporation to be attached. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, which shall not affect its validity. Upon execution, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties, notwithstanding any stipulations, representations, agreements, or promises, oral or otherwise, not printed or inserted herein. This Agreement cannot be changed by any means other than written amendments referencing this Agreement and signed by all parties.

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Mary Ellen Winkler, J.D., Assistant Executive Director

By: _____

Typed Name and Title

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attachments:

Attachment A — Statement of Work

Attachment B — District's Supplemental Instructions (sample)

Attachment C — Insurance Requirements

Attachment D — Contract Payment Requirements for State-Funded Cost Reimbursement Contracts

ATTACHMENT A - STATEMENT OF WORK
PHOSPHORUS REMEDIATION IN THE OCKLAWAHA PRAIRIE RESTORATION AREA USING
LANTHANUM-BASED SEDIMENT AND WATER AMENDMENTS

[To be drafted based upon the Successful Respondent's Proposal.]

ATTACHMENT B - DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS

DATE:

TO: _____

FROM: Dianne Hall, District Project Manager

CONTRACT NUMBER: 38864

CONTRACT TITLE: PHOSPHORUS REMEDIATION IN THE OCKLAWAHA PRAIRIE RESTORATION AREA USING LANTHANUM-BASED SEDIMENT AND WATER AMENDMENTS

The Work shall be carried out in accordance with the following supplemental instruction issued in accordance with the Contract Documents without change in the Contract Sum or Contract Time. Prior to proceeding in accordance with these instructions, indicate your acceptance of these instructions for minor adjustments to the work as consistent with the Contract Documents and return to the District's Project Manager.

1. Contractor's SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS:

2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE CHANGED:

- DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:

Contractor's approval: (choose one of the items below):

Approved: _____ Date: _____

(It is agreed that these instructions shall not result in a change in the Total Compensation or the Completion Date.)

Approved: _____ Date: _____

(Contractor agrees to implement the Supplemental Instructions as requested but reserves the right to seek a Change Order in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement.)

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Dianne Hall, District Project Manager

Acknowledged: _____ Date: _____
LaDonna Johnson, Associate Procurement Specialist

c: Contract file
Financial Services

ATTACHMENT C - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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 include Endorsement CG 20101185, or equivalent, naming 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 workers' compensation, if applicable, in not less than the minimum limits required by Florida law. If Contractor claims an exemption from workers' compensation coverage, Contractor must provide a copy of the Certificate of Exemption from the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation for all officers or members of an LLC claiming exemption who will be participating in the Work. In addition, Contractor must provide a completed District "Affidavit (Non-Construction)" for non-construction contracts.
- (b) **General Liability.** Commercial General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence Basis," with limits of liability for each occurrence of not less than \$1,000,000 for personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage, with an aggregate of \$2,000,000. Coverage shall include: (1) contractual liability, (2) products and completed operations, (3) independent contractors, and (4) property in the care, control, or custody of Investment Manager. Extensions shall be added, or exclusions deleted to provide the necessary coverage. (c) **Automobile Liability.** Minimum limits of \$100,000/\$300,000/\$100,000
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- (d) **Professional Liability.** (Per Claim) \$1,000,000 single limit

Note: Mandated insurance coverages may vary depending upon the nature of the Successful Respondent's proposal.

ATTACHMENT D – CONTRACT PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS
FOR STATE-FUNDED COST REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS

Invoices for state-funded cost reimbursement contracts must be supported by an itemized listing of expenditures by category (salary, travel, expenses, etc.). Supporting documentation must be provided for each amount for which reimbursement is being claimed, indicating that the item has been paid. Check numbers may be provided in lieu of copies of actual checks. Each piece of documentation shall clearly reflect the dates of service. Only expenditures for categories in the approved contract budget will be reimbursed.

Listed below are examples of the types of documentation representing the minimum requirements by cost category:

Salaries: Submit a payroll register or similar documentation showing gross salary charges, fringe benefits, other deductions, and net pay. If an individual is paid by the hour, a document reflecting the hours worked times the rate of pay is acceptable.

Fringe Benefits: Fringe benefits should be supported by invoices showing the amount paid on behalf of the employee (e.g., insurance premiums paid). If the contract specifically states that fringe benefits will be based on a specified percentage, rather than the actual cost of fringe benefits, then the calculation for the fringe benefits amount must be shown.

Exception: Governmental entities are not required to provide check numbers or copies of checks for fringe benefits.

Travel: Reimbursement for travel must be in accordance with §112.061, Fla. Stat., which includes submission of the claim on the approved State of Florida (State) or District travel voucher.

Other direct costs: Reimbursement is based upon paid invoices/receipts. If nonexpendable property is purchased using State funds, the contract should include a provision for the transfer of the property to the State when services are terminated. Documentation must be provided to show compliance with Department of Management Services Rule 60A-1.017, F.A.C., regarding the requirements for contracts which include services and that provide for the contractor to purchase tangible personal property as defined in §273.02, Fla. Stat., for subsequent transfer to the State.

In-house charges: Charges which may be of an internal nature (e.g., postage, copies, etc.) may be reimbursed on a usage log which shows the units, times the rate being charged. The rates must be reasonable.

Indirect costs: If the contract specifies that indirect costs will be paid based on a specified rate, then the calculation should be shown.

The “Reference Guide for State Expenditures” prepared by the Florida Department of Financial Services can be found at this web address: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/reference-guide-for-state-expenditures.pdf>.