



Indian River County Purchasing Division

1800 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960
Phone (772) 226-1416

Invitation to Bid

Project Name: Indian River County Parks Athletic Field
Maintenance
Bid #: 2024012
Bid Bond Required: 5% if bid over \$35,000
Public Construction Bond Required: Yes, if total award is over \$100,000
Pre-Bid Meeting time/location: N/A

Bid Opening Date: October 17, 2023
Bid Opening Time: 2:00 P.M.

All bids must be received by the Purchasing Division, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960 prior to the date and time shown above. Late bids will not be accepted, opened or considered.

PLEASE SUBMIT:
(1) ONE MARKED ORIGINAL and,
(1) COPY OF YOUR BID
PRIOR TO THE BID OPENING DATE AND TIME.

Refer All Questions to:
Email: purchasing@ircgov.com

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Notice is hereby given that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners is calling for and requesting bids for the following:

Bid # 2024012
Indian River County Parks Athletic Field Maintenance

Detailed specifications are available at: www.demandstar.com or by selecting "Current Solicitations" at <http://www.ircgov.com/Departments/Budget/Purchasing>.

Deadline for receipt of bids has been set for **2:00 P.M. on October 17, 2023**. Only bids received on or before the time and date listed will be considered. Bids should be addressed to Purchasing Division, 1800 27th Street, Room B1-301, Vero Beach, Florida 32960. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 2:00 PM. Bids submitted after 2:00 PM on the day specified above, will not be opened or considered.

BID SECURITY in the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid must accompany each bid over \$35,000.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to cancel the bid, accept or reject any and all bids in whole or in part and to waive any technicality or irregularity.

PURCHASING MANAGER
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Publish: Vendor Registry/Demandstar

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2023

Instructions to Bidders

Definitions

Bidder – Individual or entity submitting a bid to Owner.

Contractor – The lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder to whom Owner makes award.

Owner – Indian River County

General Terms and Conditions

Cone of Silence. Potential bidders and their agents must not communicate in any way with the Board of Commissioners, County Administrator or any County staff other than Purchasing personnel in reference or relation to this solicitation. This restriction is effective from the time of bid advertisement until the Board of County Commissioners meets to authorize award. Such communication may result in disqualification.

Interpretations: No oral interpretations will be made to any Bidder as to the meaning of the Specifications. Every request for such an interpretation shall be made in writing, addressed and forwarded to the Purchasing Division (purchasing@ircgov.com) ten (10) or more days before the date fixed for opening of the bids. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee. Every interpretation made to bidder will be in the form of an Addendum to the specifications, which if issued, will be sent promptly as is practical to all persons to whom specifications have been issued. All such Addenda shall become part of the specifications. Further, it shall be the responsibility of each bidder, prior to submitting their bid, to determine if addenda were issued and to make such addenda a part of their bid.

Licensure: Bidder must possess licensure as indicated in the Technical Specifications Scope of Work. Indian River County Code section 400.01(1) requires that “No person shall engage in the business of construction, contracting or subcontracting as regulated by Florida Statutes or in a [any] categories listed in **Appendix A to Ordinance No. 94-16 without a valid certificate of competency issued by the Indian River County Building Department** unless certified under Florida Statutes.” Bidders who do not hold the appropriate licensure at the time of bid opening will be deemed non-responsive.

Insurance:

- **Owners and Subcontractors Insurance:** The Contractor shall not commence work until they have obtained all the insurance required under this section, and until such insurance has been approved by the owner, nor shall the contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work until the subcontractor has obtained the insurance required for a contractor herein and such insurance has been approved unless the subcontractor’s work is covered by the protections afforded by the Contractor’s insurance.
- **Worker’s Compensation Insurance:** The Contractor shall procure and maintain worker’s compensation insurance to the extent required by law for all their employees to be engaged in work under this contract. In case any employees are to be engaged in hazardous work under this contract and are not protected under the worker’s compensation statute, the Contractor shall provide adequate coverage for the protection of such employees.
- **Public Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall procure and maintain broad form commercial general liability insurance (including contractual coverage) and commercial automobile liability insurance in amounts not less

than shown below. The owner shall be an additional named insured on this insurance with respect to all claims arising out of the operations or work to be performed.

<p>Commercial General (Public) Liability, other than Automobile</p> <p>\$1,000,000.00 Combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage</p>	<p>Commercial General</p> <p>A. Premises / Operations</p> <p>B. Independent Contractors</p> <p>C. Products / Completed Operations</p> <p>D. Personal Injury</p> <p>E. Contractual Liability</p> <p>F. Explosion, Collapse, and Underground Property Damage</p>
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<p>Automobile</p> <p>\$1,000,000.00 Combined single limit Bodily Injury and Damage Liability</p>	<p>A. Owner Leased Automobiles</p> <p>B. Non-Owned Automobiles</p> <p>C. Hired Automobiles</p> <p>D. Owned Automobiles</p>
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- Proof of Insurance:** The Contractor shall furnish the owner a certificate of insurance in a form acceptable to the owner for the insurance required. Such certificate or an endorsement provided by the contractor must state that the owner will be given thirty (30) days written notice prior to cancellation or material change in coverage. Copies of an endorsement-naming owner as Additional Insured must accompany the Certificate of Insurance.

Permits, Impact and Inspection Fees. In accordance with Florida Statutes Section 218.80, the "Public Bid Disclosure Act", County as OWNER is obligated to disclose all license, permit, impact, or inspection fees that are payable to Indian River County in connection with the construction of the Work by the accepted bidder. No permitting is anticipated to be required under this scope of work.

Conditional Offers: Bidders are cautioned that any condition, qualification, provision, or comment in their bid, or in other correspondence transmitted with their bid, which in any way modifies, takes exception to, or is inconsistent with the specifications, requirements, or any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of this solicitation, is sufficient cause for the rejection of their bid as non-responsive.

Sealed Bids and Envelope Markings: All bids must be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope. The outside of the envelope must be clearly marked with the Sealed Bid #, Title of the Bid, Date of the Bid opening, and Time of the Bid Opening and name of firm submitting.

Bid Submission: All bids must be signed with the legal Firm name and by an Officer or employee having authority to bind the company or firm by his / her signature. Bids must be submitted on forms provided by the County, and the bid forms shall not be recreated or modified. **Bids not submitted on the attached form(s) shall be rejected, as will bids submitted on rewritten, recreated, or modified bid forms.** All blanks on the bid form should be completed with a unit bid price, or the phrase "No Bid" or the phrase "Not Applicable" entered on each section, bid item, and alternative. Submittal of one marked original bid and one copy, plus one electronic copy as a single pdf is required unless otherwise instructed. The County will not reimburse any bidder for costs associated with preparation or submittal of this bid.

Public Record Exemption: Correspondence, materials, and documents received pursuant to this Invitation for Bid become public records subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Should the Bidder assert any

exemptions to the requirements of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and related statutes, the burden of establishing such exemption, by the way of injunctive or other relief as provided by law, shall be upon the Bidder.

Errors: When an error is made in the bid extension of generating total bid prices or in any other process of completing the bid, the original unit prices submitted will govern. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of the words. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of the bid otherwise, will not relieve the bidder from performance.

Bid Rejection: Failure to comply with all the enclosed instructions may result in rejection of the bid.

Consideration of Bids: Verbal, emailed or faxed bids will not be considered.

Opening Location: It will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to deliver their bid personally or by mail or other delivery service to "Indian River County Purchasing Division, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960," on or before the closing hour and date shown for receipt of bids. Bids received in person or by mail after the stated time and date will not be accepted or considered.

Bid Security and Public Construction Bond: Bid security must accompany each Bid over \$35,000, and must be in the form of an AIA Document A310 Bid Bond, properly executed by the Bidder and by a qualified surety, or a certified check or a cashier's check, drawn on any bank authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Bid Security for bids over \$35,000 must be in the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, made payable to "Indian River County Board of County Commissioners." Electronically signed bid bonds will be acceptable.

In the event the Contract is awarded to the Bidder, Bidder will enter into a Contract with the County and furnish the required 100% Public Construction Bond and insurance certificates within the timeframe set by the County. If Bidder fails to do so, the Bid Security will be retained by the County as liquidated damages and not as a penalty. If bid does not exceed \$100,000, no Public Construction Bond will be required. Bid Security of other Bidders whom OWNER believes do not have a reasonable chance of receiving the award will be returned within seven days after the Bid opening.

Irrevocable Offer: Bidder warrants by virtue of submitting a signed bid, that the prices quoted will remain firm and be considered an irrevocable offer for a period of sixty (60) days, during which time one or more of the bids received may be accepted by the County. The Board of County Commissioners shall deem the offer accepted upon approval.

Withdrawal of Bids: A bid may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed in the manner that a Bid must be executed and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted prior to the date and time of opening of bids. If, within 48 business hours after Bids are opened, any bidder files a duly signed written notice with Owner and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of Owner that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its Bid, that bidder may withdraw its bid and bid security will be returned. Thereafter, if the work is rebid, that bidder may be disqualified from further bidding on the work.

Co-Operative Purchasing: It is the intent of the Invitation of Bid to secure goods or services to be used by Indian River County. However, by virtue of bidding, the bidder accepts the right of other Florida Governmental agencies to purchase from this bid proposal, when appropriate. The successful bidder and the requesting Governmental agency, apart from Indian River County, shall handle any such purchases separately. Further, County assumes no

liability for materials or services ordered by any other Governmental agency by virtue of this bid. Bidders that find this condition unsatisfactory should indicate this by showing exception on the Bid Form.

Public Record Exemption: Correspondence, materials, and documents received pursuant to this Invitation for Bid become public records subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Should the Bidder assert any exemptions to the requirements of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and related statutes, the burden of establishing such exemption, by the way of injunctive or other relief as provided by law, shall be upon the Bidder.

Local Preference: County has no local ordinance or preferences, as set forth in Florida Statutes section 255.0991(2) in place, therefore no preference prohibited by that section will be considered in the acceptance, review or award of this bid.

Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting: Bidders are hereby notified of the provisions of section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, as amended, that the County may not request documentation of, or consider a Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is responsible, and may not give preference to a Bidder based on the Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests.

Unbalanced Bids: The County will reject any bid that is unbalanced, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. A bid will be considered unbalanced when, in the opinion of the Purchasing Manager, the bid allocates a disproportionate share of costs to the price of one or more bid items in order to reduce the costs to the price of another bid item or items, and if there is a reasonable possibility that the bid will not result in the lowest overall cost to the County.

Supplemental Information: The County reserves the right to conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any Bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Bidders, proposed subcontractors, suppliers, and other relevant parties to perform and furnish the work. To demonstrate qualifications to perform the work, each Bidder must be prepared to submit, within 5 days of Owner's request, written evidence, such as financial data, previous experience, present commitments, and other such data as may be necessary to prove to the satisfaction of the Owner that the Bidder is qualified by experience to do the work and is prepared to complete the work within the stated time period. Failure to provide any requested information may result in the determination of the Bidder as non-responsible.

Awards: The County reserves the right to cancel the bid, accept or reject any and all bids in whole or in part, and waive any irregularity or technicality in bids received. When it is determined there is no competition to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder, rebidding of the project is not required. Bidders are cautioned to make no assumptions unless their bid has been evaluated as being responsive. The County reserves the right to not make any award(s) under this bid.

Bid Protest: Any actual or prospective bidder or proposer who is aggrieved in connection with a competitive selection process may protest to the Purchasing Manager. The protest shall be submitted to the Purchasing Manager in writing within five (5) calendar days after the bidder or proposer knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Purchasing Manager shall promptly issue a decision in writing, after consulting the using Department and the Office of the County Attorney.

Applicable Law and Venue: The resulting Agreement and all rights and duties of the parties hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, including but not limited to the provisions of the Florida Uniform Commercial Code Chapters 671-679 F.S., for any terms and conditions not specifically stated within. Venue for any

lawsuit brought by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of this Contract shall be in Indian River County, Florida, or, in the event of a federal jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Cancellation: It is the intention of the County to purchase material and / or services from sources of supply that will provide prompt and convenient shipment and service. Any failure of the supplier to satisfy the requirements of the County shall be reason for termination of the award.

Termination by the County: The County reserves the right to terminate a contract by giving thirty (30) days notice, in writing, of the intention to terminate, if at any time the contractor fails to abide by or fulfill any of the terms and conditions of the contract. The County also reserves the right to terminate this contract for convenience of the County and / or with or without cause.

Non-Collusion: By signing and submitting the Bid Form, the Bidder certifies that,

- This bid has been arrived at by the Bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion, and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course, or action with, any vendor of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition, and
- The contents of the bid have not been communicated by the Bidder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or an agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid, and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid.
- No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person(s) or firm(s) to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

Conflict of Interest: Any entity submitting a bid or proposal or entering into a contract with the County shall disclose any relationship that may exist between the contracting entity and a County Commissioner or a County Employee. The relationship with a County Commissioner or a County Employee that must be disclosed is as follows: *father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, grandparent, or grandchild.* The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of the entity. The disclosure of relationships shall be a sworn statement made on a County approved form. Failure to submit the form may be cause for rejection of the bid or proposal.

Public Entity Crimes: Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 287.133(2)(a), all Bidders are hereby notified that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity (defined as the State of Florida, any of its departments or agencies, or any political subdivision); may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statutes Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO [currently \$35,000] for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. A "public entity crime" means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political

subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid, proposal, reply, or contract for goods or services, any lease for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

Suspension and Debarment: County will not make award to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM). The bidder agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions. By submittal of a bid in response to this solicitation, bidder asserts neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended or proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this work by any Federal department or agency. For work funded by federal grant, contractor is required to have an active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>) prior to execution of the agreement.

Scrutinized Companies Lists: The bidder certifies that it and those related entities of respondent as defined by Florida law are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725 of the Florida Statutes, and are not engaged in a boycott of Israel. In addition, if this agreement is for goods or services of one million dollars or more, Contractor certifies that it and those related entities of respondent as defined by Florida law are not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473 of the Florida Statutes and are not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The County may terminate this Contract if Company is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, as defined by section 287.135, Florida Statutes. County may terminate this Contract if Company, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, and parent companies that exist for the purpose of making profit, is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel as set forth in section 215.4725, Florida Statutes.

Accordingly, firms responding to this solicitation shall return with their response an executed copy of the attached "Certification Regarding Prohibition Against Contracting With Scrutinized Companies." Failure to return this executed form with submitted bid/proposal/statement of qualifications will result in the response being deemed non-responsive and eliminated from consideration.

Non-Discrimination: County will not knowingly do business with vendors or contractors who discriminate on the basis of race, color or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age and/or disability. Through the course of providing services to the County, Contractors shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, as well as all other applicable regulations, guidelines and standards. Any person who believes their rights have been violated should report such discrimination to the County's Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator through the office of the County Attorney.

E-Verify: Bidder must be registered with and use, at their sole expense, the Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system (www.e-verify.gov) to confirm the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees, as required by Section 448.095, F.S. Owner, contractor, and subcontractors may not enter into a contract unless each party to the

contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system. Contractor is responsible for obtaining proof of E-Verify registration for all subcontractors. This requirement applies to any provider of services or goods.

Assignment/Delegation: No right, obligation or interest in an awarded Agreement may be assigned or delegated by the Bidder without prior written consent of the County, without prejudice to County's other rights and remedies.

Energy Policy and Conservation Act – The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations: Bidder agrees that they will comply with all Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations applicable to the production, sale, and delivery of the goods or the furnishing of any labor or services called for by the resulting Agreement, and any provisions required thereby to be included herein shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference. Noncompliance may be considered grounds for termination of contracts.

Affirmative Steps: CONTRACTOR must take the following affirmative steps to ensure minority business, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms are used when possible:

1. Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
2. Ensuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
3. Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
4. Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
5. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

DHS Seal: If this project is federally-funded, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials shall not be used by the Bidder without specific FEMA pre-approval.

Indemnification: CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County and its commissioners, officers, employees and agents, from any and all losses, damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees) and other liabilities of any type whatsoever, arising out of or relating to any negligence, intentional tort, breach of contract, or breach of applicable law by the contractor, or its employees, agents, subcontractors, or other persons or entities performing work under the contract.

Records/Audit: The Bidder shall maintain books, records and documents pertinent to performance under this Invitation and any resulting Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. The County and the Florida Office of the Inspector General shall have inspection and audit rights to such records for audit purposes during the term of the contract and for three years following the termination of obligations hereunder. Records which relate to any litigation, appeals or settlements of claims arising from performance under this work or purchase shall be made available until a final disposition has been made of such litigation, appeals, or claims.

Public Access: The Bidder shall allow public access to all documents and materials in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Delivery Requirements: Delivery of goods is "FOB Destination" unless delivery terms are specified otherwise in the specifications. If County agrees in writing to reimburse Seller for transportation costs, County shall have the right to designate the method of shipment. In either case, the title and all risk of loss of the goods shall remain with the Seller until the goods are received and accepted by the County. Rejected materials will be returned to Seller at the Seller's risk and expense.

Descriptive Information: Descriptive literature including Specifications must accompany your bid. Manufacturer's name and model numbers are used herein solely for the purpose of establishing a standard of design, quality, and use of the merchandise required. Products of other manufacturers will be acceptable if they meet or exceed established standards with the exception of those items specified "NO SUBSTITUTION".

Manufacturer's Certification: County reserves the right to request from the Bidder a separate manufacturer's certification of all statements made in the bid.

Domestic Preference for Procurement: In accordance with 2 CFR 200.322, County will extend a preference for the purchase, acquisition or use of goods, products or materials produced in the United States (including, but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement and other manufactured products), to the maximum extent practicable.

Price and Discount Requirements: Quote net prices after deducting trade discounts. All discounts must be incorporated in the prices contained in the bid, and not shown separately. Invoices submitted must agree with the prices formally bid.

Taxes: County is exempt from any taxes imposed by State and / or Federal Government. Exemption Certificates, if required, are to be furnished by the successful bidder and will be filled out by the County.

Delivery and Completion Dates: Indicate delivery and completion dates. This may be a determining factor in the award of the bid. The County may, at its option, grant additional time for any delay or failure to perform hereunder if the delay will not adversely affect the best interests of the County and is due to causes beyond the control of the Bidder. Such grant must be in writing and made part of the resulting Agreement.

Direct Purchase: County reserves the option to purchase certain tangible materials necessary for the performance of the Contract, and thereby save the amount of the sales tax thereon by virtue of the Owner's status as a Tax Exempt Institution. For the purpose of these procedures, the Contractor will assign to the County any rights the Contractor may have under quotes, contracts or commitments received from the particular vendor or supplier for the materials described in the requisition. The invoiced amount of County Purchased Materials and applicable sales tax, had the purchases not been tax exempt, once finalized through the Owner's Purchase Order and after confirmation of completed delivery and acceptance, will be deducted from the Contractor's Contract price via Change Order.

Acceptance: Receipt of an item shall not be an indication that the items are acceptable. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given after a thorough inspection indicates that the item is delivered in accordance with the Bid Specifications. Suppliers are advised that in the event the delivered item does not meet specifications, payment will be withheld until such time the supplier takes necessary corrective action.

Default Provision: In case of default by the Bidder, County may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the Bidder responsible for excess costs incurred thereby, and may take such action, as it deems appropriate, including legal action for Damages or Specific Performance.

Note: *Any and all special conditions attached hereto, which may vary from these General Conditions, shall have precedence.*

End of General Terms and Conditions

Technical Specifications

Scope

Indian River County is requesting bids from experienced and qualified vendors, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor(s)", to provide field maintenance services for the following locations: (1) Fran B. Adams Park (4 multi-use fields) as depicted on Figure 1; (2) Victor Hart Park (football field, multi-use field & little league field) as depicted on Figure 2; and (3) Dick Bird Park (4 multi-use fields) as depicted on Figure 3. Field maintenance services include aeration, topdressing, fertilizing and pest management. Services to be provided in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Invitation to Bid.

Services that are anticipated to be required are shown on the bid form. Quantities are not guaranteed, and County may procure the same or similar services under other agreements. This bid may be awarded to multiple Contractors and/or on an item-by-item basis, with blanket purchase orders issued to facilitate purchases. The initial term of this contract will be for two (2) years, with options to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

Contractor(s) shall be expected to perform the following types of services per the information contained herein. All of these services will be provided by the Contractor, upon request, on any other applicable County sites. This list of services provided is for bid purposes only, and to inform vendors of the types of services that may be needed. This list does not limit or obligate Indian River County to any specific scope of work. With each invoice, the contractor shall include a report detailing the status of the athletic turf. This report shall include details of all services performed and recommendations for future services. The Contractor shall notify the County (by email or phone call) prior to the initiation of work on any site(s) to allow the County staff to review the proposed work to be completed. The Contractor shall be available to respond to emergency turf issues within 48 hours.

Type of Service and Description:

- Weed Control and Management – Contractor will apply both liquid and granular herbicides to all fields as required to control all broad leaf weeds, sedges and grassy weeds on all fields and in accordance with plan agreed upon with County Representatives. This includes weed control on the clay surfaces.
- Insect Control and Management – Contractor will apply both liquid and granular insecticides as required to preventatively control turf damaging insects and fire ants and in accordance with plan agreed upon with County Representatives.
- Fertilization – Contractor will apply both liquid and granular fertilizer to all fields as required to maintain turf color and vigor and in accordance with plan agreed upon with County Representatives. Please reference the County's Fertilizer Ordinance, attached to this Invitation to Bid.
- Soil Testing – Contractor will conduct soil testing/analysis (which includes but is not limited to), testing the soil PH level and the following nutrients are present in the soil: Nitrogen, Zinc, Phosphorous, Potassium, Sulfur, Calcium, Magnesium, Iron, Boron, Manganese, Copper, Nickle and Chlorine. The frequency of the soil test will be agreed upon between the Contractor and County Representatives.
- Aeration – Contractor will aerate using tractor mounted equipment as required and in accordance with plan agreed upon with County Representatives.
- Seed spreading and removal – Contractor will apply seeds using a tractor mounted spreader or walk behind drop spreader for infields and tight spaces. Removal of perennial rye grasses will be in accordance with plan agreed upon with County Representatives.

- Verticutting – Contractor will verticut using tractor mounted equipment as required and in accordance with plan agreed upon with County Representatives. Verticutting includes removal and disposal of debris as directed by County Representatives.
- Top Dressing – Contractor will apply top dressing as requested by County Representatives.
- Material Hauling - Contractor will haul all material in turf friendly trailers, and provide any required material.
- Rototilling – Contractor will rototill softball/baseball infields or any other needed areas as requested by County Representatives.
- Laser Leveling – Contractor will laser level softball/baseball infields or any other needed areas as requested by County Representatives.
- Fungus/Disease Control – Contractor will apply required fungicides on all fields as required to control nematodes and any other fungi and in accordance with plan agreed upon with County Representatives.
- Sod Removal and Replacement – Contractor shall remove/add necessary sod to conform to dimensions required or as directed by County Representatives. Sod will be supplied by Contractor.
- Mowing – Contractor shall mow athletic turf as requested by County Representatives.

Fran B. Adams Park (Figure 1)

9450 Sebastian Blvd.
Sebastian, FL 32958
(4) Multi-use Ballfields

Victor Hart Park (Figure 2)

4715 43rd Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32967
- Jackie Robinson Field
- Lundy Field
- Wilson-Chisholm Field

Dick Bird Park (Figure 3)

800 20th Ave. SW
Vero Beach, FL 32962
(4) Multi-use Ballfields

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The following agencies have permitting jurisdiction over the project site:

City of Sebastian
Indian River County
SJRWMD

Bidder must possess the following licenses and registrations at the time of bid:

State of Florida: Commercial Applicator License (CM) under Florida Statute 487. This license allows for the Licensee (or designees) to purchase, apply, and maintain Restricted Use and General Use Pesticides.

It is required for the fertilizer applicators to have completed the Green Industries Best Management Practices GI-BMP (ufl.edu) and obtain a Limited Urban Commercial Fertilizer License (LF). This license is specific to the person and not the company.

End of Technical Specifications

Bid Form

Indian River County Parks Athletic Field Maintenance

Bid #: 2024012
 Bid Opening Date and Time: October 17, 2023 2:00 P.M.
 Bid Opening Location: Purchasing Division
 1800 27th Street
 Vero Beach, FL 32960

The following addenda are hereby acknowledged:

Addendum Number	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

In accordance with all terms, conditions, specifications, and requirements, the Bidder offers the following:

Item	Cost Per Unit	Unit
1. Herbicide Application - Liquid	\$	Acre
2. Herbicide Application - Granular	\$	Acre
3. Insecticide Application - Liquid	\$	Acre
4. Insecticide Application - Granular	\$	Acre
5. Fertilizer Application - Liquid	\$	Acre
6. Fertilizer Application - Granular	\$	Acre
7. Fungus/Disease Control - Liquid	\$	Acre
8. Fungus/Disease Control - Liquid	\$	Acre
9. Aeration	\$	Acre
10. Verticutting	\$	Acre
11. Roto Tilling	\$	Acre
12. Laser Leveling	\$	Acre

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Item	Cost Per Unit	Unit
13. Top Dressing	\$	Acre
14. Mowing Athletic Turf	\$	Acre
15. Seed spreading	\$	Acre
16. Soil Testing	\$	Per Field
17. Sod Removal	\$	SF
18. Sod Installation	\$	SF
19. Sod (Bermuda)	\$	SF

Other recommended/Optional/As-Needed Items (not considered in base bid total)	Cost Per Unit	Unit
1.	\$	
2.	\$	
3.	\$	
4.	\$	
5.	\$	
6.	\$	

Will your company extend these prices to other governmental agencies within the State of Florida?

Yes

No

The undersigned hereby certifies that they have read and understand the contents of this solicitation and agree to furnish at the prices shown any or all of the items above, subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications, and attachments hereto. Failure to have read all the provisions of this solicitation shall not be cause to alter any resulting contract or request additional compensation.

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Business Tax Receipt Number: _____ FEIN Number: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____ Title: _____
(Type / Printed)

Qualifications Questionnaire

1. How many years has your organization been providing these services? _____

2. List Commercial Applicator License Number(s): _____

3. List Limited Urban Commercial Fertilizer License (LF) Numbers and the name of the employee associated with it: _____

4. List government agencies and private firm(s) with whom you have completed similar work:

Agency/Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Services Provided: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Agency/Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Services Provided: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Agency/Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Services Provided: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Agency/Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Services Provided: _____

Dates of Service: _____

5. List any Subcontractors that may be necessary in the provision of these services:

Type of Work	Subcontractor Name	License Number

6. Date Registered with e-Verify.gov: _____

7. List all ligation cases during the past three (3) years in which the Contractor has been a named party.

Use additional sheets, as necessary.

Year filed	Case number	Venue	Description

Attach Occupational License/Business Tax Receipt, proof of current liability insurance and W-9.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

(Please include this form with your bid)

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that _____ does:

(Name of Business)

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community by, any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of Section 287.087.

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

Company Name

Bidder's Signature

Date: _____

**SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 105.08, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CODE, ON DISCLOSURE OF
RELATIONSHIPS**

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

1. This sworn statement **MUST** be submitted with Bid, Proposal or Contract No. 2024012
for Indian River County Athletic Field Maintenance

2. This sworn statement is submitted by: _____

(Name of entity submitting Statement)

whose business address is:

_____ and its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

3. My name is _____
(Please print name of individual signing)

and my relationship to the entity named above is _____

4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Section 105.08, Indian River County Code, means:

The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of the entity.

5. I understand that the relationship with a County Commissioner or County employee that must be disclosed as follows:

Father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, grandparent, or grandchild.

6. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. [Please indicate which statement applies.]

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the

entity, have any relationships as defined in section 105.08, Indian River County Code, with any County Commissioner or County employee.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents, who are active in management of the entity have the following relationships with a County Commissioner or County employee:

Name of Affiliate or entity	Name of County Commissioner or employee	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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

(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTRACTING WITH SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

(This form MUST be submitted with your bid)

I hereby certify that neither the undersigned entity, nor any of its wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to s. 215.4725 of the Florida Statutes, or are engaged in a boycott of Israel.

In addition, if this solicitation is for a contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, I hereby certify that neither the undersigned entity, nor any of its wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473 of the Florida Statutes, or are engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria as defined in said statute.

I understand and agree that the County may immediately terminate any contract resulting from this solicitation upon written notice if the undersigned entity (or any of those related entities of respondent as defined above by Florida law) are found to have submitted a false certification or any of the following occur with respect to the company or a related entity: (i) it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, or (ii) for any contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or it is found to have been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Name of Respondent: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

Title: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements
(This form MUST be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

Figures



Figure 1
Fran B. Adams Park
9450 Sebastian Blvd.
Sebastian, FL 32958

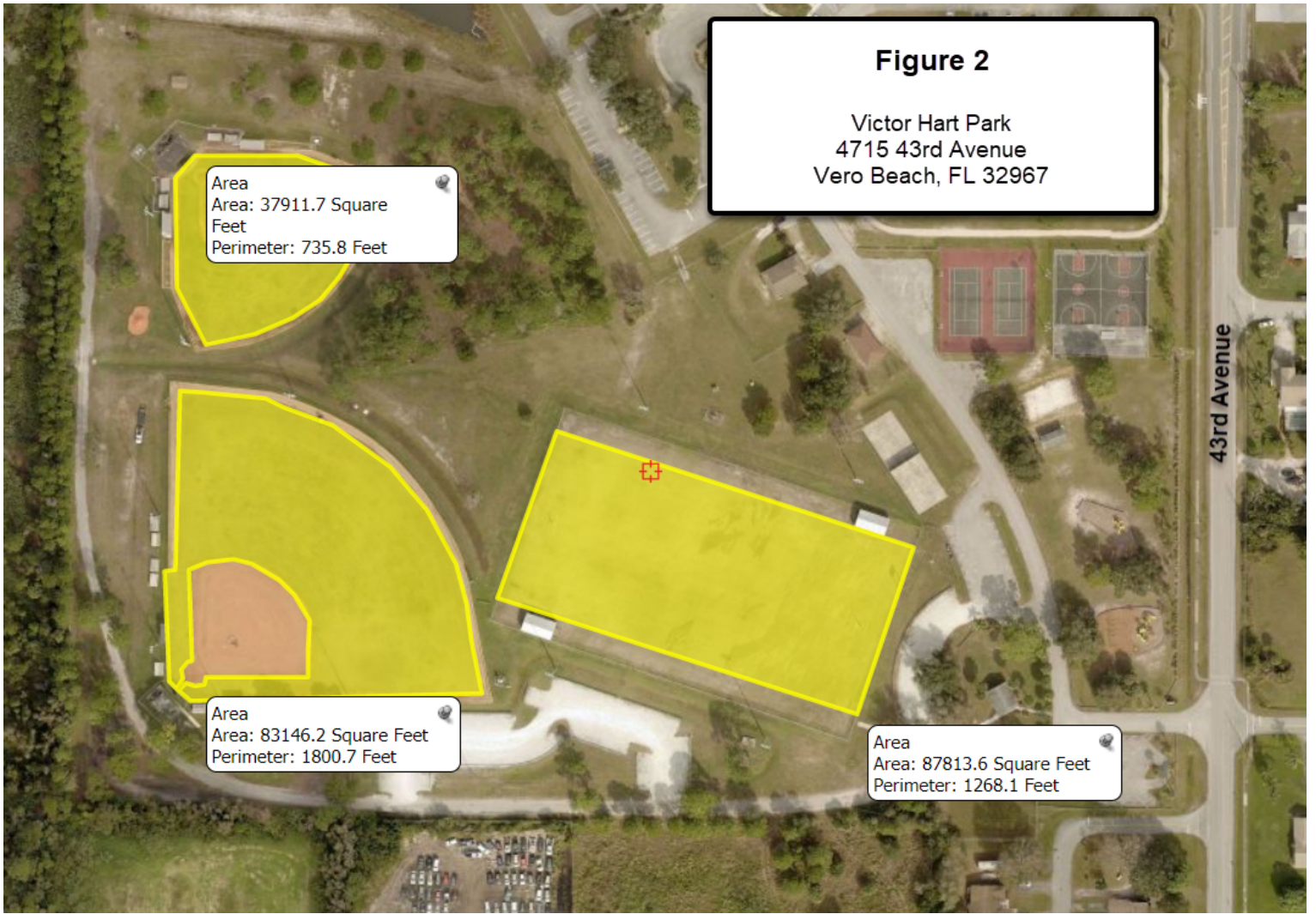
Figure 2

Victor Hart Park
4715 43rd Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32967

Area
Area: 37911.7 Square Feet
Perimeter: 735.8 Feet

Area
Area: 83146.2 Square Feet
Perimeter: 1800.7 Feet

Area
Area: 87813.6 Square Feet
Perimeter: 1268.1 Feet





5th Street SW

Click a starting point.

Figure 3

Dick Bird Park
800 20th Ave. SW
Vero Beach, FL 32967

Area
Area: 54462.8 Square Feet
Perimeter: 1072.1 Feet

Field 3

Field 4

Field 2

Field 1

20th Avenue SW

Fertilizer Ordinance

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER 316, ENTITLED "FERTILIZER AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT;" ADOPTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S MODEL ORDINANCE FOR FLORIDA-FRIENDLY USE OF FERTILIZER ON URBAN LANDSCAPES, WITH MODIFICATIONS; MAKING FINDINGS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION; DIRECTING COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO POST SUMMARY ON COUNTY WEBSITE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as a result of impairment to Indian River County's surface waters caused by excessive nutrients, or, as a result of increasing levels of nitrogen in the surface and/or ground water within the aquifers or canals within the boundaries of Indian River County, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the use of fertilizers on lands within Indian River County creates a risk of contributing to adverse effects on surface and/or ground water; and

WHEREAS, in order to address this risk, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is not only critical to adopt the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Model Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Use of Fertilizer on Urban Landscapes, but that as part of Indian River County's science-based, and economically and technically feasible, comprehensive program to address nonpoint sources of nutrient pollution, additional and more stringent standards are necessary in order to adequately address urban fertilizer contributions to nonpoint source nutrient loading to the surface and/or ground water of Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance regulates the proper use of fertilizers by any applicator; requires proper training of Commercial Fertilizer Applicators and Institutional Fertilizer Applicators; establishes training and licensing requirements; establishes a Prohibited Application Period; and specifies allowable fertilizer application rates and methods, fertilizer-free zones, low maintenance zones, and exemptions. The ordinance requires the use of Best Management Practices which provide specific management guidelines to minimize negative secondary and cumulative environmental effects associated with the misuse of fertilizers. These secondary and cumulative effects have been observed in and on Indian River County's natural and constructed stormwater conveyances, rivers, creeks, canals, lakes, estuaries and other water bodies. Collectively, these water bodies are an asset critical to the environmental, recreational, cultural and economic well-being of Indian River County residents and the health of the public. Overgrowth of algae and vegetation hinder the effectiveness of flood attenuation provided by natural and constructed stormwater conveyances. Regulation of nutrients, including both phosphorus and nitrogen contained in fertilizer, will help improve and maintain water and habitat quality,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Enactment Authority.

Article VIII, §1 of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 125, Florida Statutes vest broad home rule powers in counties to enact ordinances, not inconsistent with general or special law, for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the county. The Board specifically determines that the enactment of this ordinance is consistent with general or special law, and is necessary and appropriate to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Indian River County.

Section 2. Findings.

The Board finds that the above "Whereas" clauses are true and correct, and hereby incorporates such clauses as findings of the Board.

Section 3. Adoption of Chapter 316 of the Code of Indian River County (the "Code").

Chapter 316 of the Code is hereby adopted, as follows (new language is indicated by underline):

Section 316.1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Indian River County Fertilizer and Landscape Management Ordinance."

Section 316.2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Administrator" shall mean the County Administrator, or an administrative official of the County designated by the County Administrator to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter.

"Application" or "apply" shall mean the actual physical deposit of fertilizer to turf or landscape plants.

"Applicator" shall mean any Person who applies fertilizer on turf and/or landscape plants in Indian River County.

"Board" shall mean the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners.

"Best Management Practices" shall mean turf and landscape practices or combination of practices based on research, field-testing, and expert review, determined to be the most effective

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and practicable on-location means, including economic and technological considerations, for improving water quality, conserving water supplies and protecting natural resources.

“Chapter 85-427” shall mean The Indian River County Environmental Control Act, Chapter 85-427, Special Acts, Laws of Florida.

“Code Enforcement Officer shall mean any designated employee or agent of Indian River County whose duty it is to enforce codes and ordinances enacted by Indian River County.

“Commercial Fertilizer Applicator,” except as provided in §482.1562(9), Florida Statutes, shall mean any person who applies fertilizer for payment or other consideration to property not owned by the person or firm applying the fertilizer or the employer of the applicator.

“Code” shall mean The Code of Indian River County.

“Environmental Control Officer” shall mean the Indian River County Environmental Control Officer appointed by the Board pursuant to Chapter 85-427, and Chapter 303 (Part I) of this Code, and his or her designees.

“Fertilize,” “fertilizing,” or “fertilization” shall mean the act of applying fertilizer to turf, specialized turf, or landscape plants.

“Fertilizer” shall mean any substance or mixture of substances that contains one or more recognized plant nutrients and promotes plant growth, or controls soil acidity or alkalinity, or provides other soil enrichment, or provides other corrective measures to the soil.

“Heavy rain” shall mean rainfall greater than two inches in a 24 hour period.

“Institutional Fertilizer Applicator” shall mean any person, other than a private, non-commercial applicator or a Commercial Fertilizer Applicator (unless such definitions also apply under the circumstances), that applies fertilizer for the purpose of maintaining turf and/or landscape plants. Institutional Fertilizer Applicators shall include, but shall not be limited to, owners, managers or employees of public lands, schools, parks, religious institutions, utilities, industrial or business sites and any residential properties maintained in condominium and/or common ownership.

“Landscape plant” shall mean any native or exotic tree, shrub, or groundcover (excluding turf).

“Low maintenance zone” shall mean an area a minimum of ten feet wide adjacent to water courses which is planted and managed in order to minimize the need for fertilization, watering, mowing, etc.

“Person” shall mean any natural person, business, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, association, club, organization, and/or any group of people acting as an organized entity.

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"Restricted Season" shall mean June 1 through September 30.

"Saturated soil" shall mean a soil in which the voids are filled with water. Saturation does not require flow. For the purposes of this chapter, soils shall be considered saturated if standing water is present or the pressure of a person standing on the soil causes the release of free water.

"Slow Release Nitrogen" shall mean nitrogen in a form which delays its availability for plant uptake and use after application, or which extends its availability to the plant longer than a reference rapid or quick release product.

"Turf," "sod," or "lawn" shall mean a piece of grass-covered soil held together by the roots of the grass.

"Urban landscape" shall mean pervious areas on residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, highway rights-of-way, or other nonagricultural lands that are planted with turf or horticultural plants. For the purposes of this section, agriculture has the same meaning as in §570.02, Florida Statutes.

Section 316.3. Timing of fertilizer application.

No applicator shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus to turf and/or landscape plants during the Restricted Season, to saturated soils, or during a period in which a Flood Watch or Warning, or a Tropical Storm Watch or Warning, or a Hurricane Watch or Warning is in effect for any portion of Indian River County, issued by the National Weather Service, or if heavy rain is likely.

Section 316.4. Fertilizer-free zones.

Fertilizer shall not be applied within ten feet of any pond, stream, watercourse, lake, canal, or wetland as defined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Chapter 62-340, Florida Administrative Code) or from the top of a seawall. If more stringent Indian River County Code regulations apply, this provision does not relieve the requirement to adhere to the more stringent regulations. Newly planted turf and/or landscape plants may be fertilized in this zone only for a 60-day period beginning thirty days after planting if needed to allow the plants to become well established. Caution shall be used to prevent nutrients from being directly deposited into the water.

Section 316.5. Low maintenance zones.

A voluntary ten foot low maintenance zone is strongly recommended, but not mandated, from any pond, stream, water course, lake, wetland or from the top of a seawall. A swale/berm system is recommended for installation at the landward edge of this low maintenance zone to capture and filter runoff. If more stringent Indian River County Code regulations apply, this provision

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does not relieve the requirement to adhere to the more stringent regulations. Notwithstanding the voluntary nature of the above sentences, no mowed or cut vegetative material may be deposited or left remaining in this zone or deposited in the water. Care should be taken to prevent the over-spray of aquatic weed products in this zone.

Section 316.6. Fertilizer content and application rates.

(a) No fertilizer containing phosphorous shall be applied to turf or landscape plants in Indian River County unless a soil or plant tissue deficiency is verified by a University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences, approved testing methodology. In the case that a deficiency has been verified, the application of a fertilizer containing phosphorous shall be in accordance with the rates and directions for the Central Region of Florida as provided by Rule 5E-1.003(2), Florida Administrative Code. Deficiency verification shall be no more than 2 years old. However, recent application of compost, manure, or top soil shall warrant more recent testing to verify current deficiencies.

(b) The nitrogen content of fertilizer applied to turf or landscape plants within Indian River County shall contain at least 50% slow release nitrogen per guaranteed analysis label.

(c) Fertilizers applied to an urban lawn or turf within Indian River County shall be applied in accordance with requirements and directions set forth on the label or tag for packaged fertilizer products, or in the printed information accompanying the delivery of bulk fertilizer products, as provided by Rule 5E-1.003(2), Florida Administrative Code, *Labeling Requirements For Urban Turf Fertilizers*. All packaged and bulk fertilizer products sold in Indian River County shall be sold in packages with labels or tags, or, if sold in bulk, be accompanied by printed information, which complies with the requirements of Rule 5E-1.003(2), Florida Administrative Code.

(d) Fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus shall not be applied before seeding or sodding a site, and shall not be applied for the first 30 days after seeding or sodding, except when hydro-seeding for temporary or permanent erosion control in an emergency situation (wildfire, etc.), or in accordance with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for that site.

Section 316.7. Application practices.

(a) Spreader deflector shields are required when fertilizing via rotary (broadcast) spreaders. Deflectors must be positioned such that fertilizer granules are deflected away from all impervious surfaces, fertilizer-free zones and water bodies, including wetlands.

(b) Fertilizer shall not be applied, spilled, or otherwise deposited on any impervious surfaces.

(c) Any fertilizer applied, spilled, or deposited, either intentionally or accidentally, on any impervious surface shall be immediately and completely removed to the greatest extent practicable.

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(d) Fertilizer released on an impervious surface must be immediately contained and either legally applied to turf or any other legal site, or returned to the original or other appropriate container.

(e) In no case shall fertilizer be washed, swept, or blown off impervious surfaces into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, or water bodies.

Section 316.8. Management of grass clippings and vegetative materials.

In no case shall grass clippings, vegetative material, and/or vegetative debris be washed, swept, or blown off into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, wetlands, or sidewalks or roadways. Any material that is accidentally so deposited shall be immediately removed to the maximum extent practicable.

Section 316.9. Exemptions.

The provisions set forth above in this chapter shall not apply to:

(a) bona fide farm operations as defined in the Florida Right to Farm Act, § 823.14, Florida Statutes;

(b) other properties not subject to or covered under the Florida Right to Farm Act that have pastures used for grazing livestock;

(c) any lands used for bona fide scientific research, including, but not limited to, research on the effects of fertilizer use on urban stormwater, water quality, agronomics, or horticulture.;

(d) golf courses when landscaping is performed within the provisions of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection document, "Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses", these provisions shall be followed when applying fertilizer to golf course practice and play areas;

(e) athletic fields at public parks and school facilities that apply the concepts and principles embodied in the Florida Green BMPs, while maintaining the health and function of their specialized turf areas;

(f) vegetable gardens owned by individual property owners or a community, and trees grown for their edible fruit.

Section 316.10. Training.

(a) Within the time period set forth in section 316.12 of this Chapter, all Commercial Fertilizer Applicators and Institutional Fertilizer Applicators within Indian River County shall abide by and successfully complete the six-hour training program in the "Florida-friendly Best

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Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries” offered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the University of Florida Extension “Florida-Friendly Landscapes” program, or an approved equivalent.

(b) Private, non-commercial applicators are encouraged to follow the recommendations of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program when applying fertilizers.

Section 316.11. General education program.

The Public Works Department shall have an employee who shall address issues pertaining to this Chapter. This employee shall implement a program to inform the general public of the requirements of this chapter, which program shall include, among other things, informative postings on the County website, printing and distributing informative brochures and other print materials, and speaking engagements at community associations, civic organizations, etc. The program shall also include, to the extent practicable, use of any materials from the Be Floridian program and coordination and collaboration with University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences educational activities. Any claimed or alleged deficiency in the County’s general education program shall not constitute a defense to any action brought to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

Section 316.12. Licensing of commercial fertilizer applicators.

(a) No later than December 31, 2013, all Commercial Fertilizer Applicators within Indian River County, shall abide by and successfully complete training and continuing education requirements in the “Florida-friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries,” offered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences “Florida-friendly Landscapes” program, or an approved equivalent program, prior to obtaining an Indian River County Local Business Tax Certificate for any category of occupation which may apply any fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants. Commercial Fertilizer Applicators shall provide proof of completion of the program to the Indian River County Tax Collector’s Office within 180 days of the effective date of this ordinance.

(b) After December 31, 2013, all Commercial Fertilizer Applicators within Indian River County shall have and carry in their possession at all times when applying fertilizer, evidence of certification by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a Commercial Fertilizer Applicator per Rule 5E-14.117(18), Florida Administrative Code.

(c) All businesses applying fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants (including but not limited to residential lawns, golf courses, commercial properties, and multi-family and condominium properties) must ensure that at least one employee has a “Florida-friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries” training certificate prior to the business owner obtaining a Local Business Tax Certificate. Owners for any category of

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occupation which may apply any fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants shall provide proof of completion of the program to the Indian River County Tax Collector's Office.

Section 316.13. Enforcement.

This chapter may be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer in the Public Works Department who is devoted to issues pertaining to this Chapter, pursuant to Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and §103.07 of this Code. In addition, this chapter may be enforced by the Environmental Control Officer pursuant to Chapter 85-427, Special Acts, Laws of Florida, and §303.14 of this Code. Penalties and remedies for violations shall be as set forth in §100.05 of this Code, and, to the extent applicable, Chapter 85-427, Special Acts, Laws of Florida. Funds generated by penalties imposed under this section shall be used by Indian River County for the administration and enforcement of §403.9337, Florida Statutes, and the corresponding sections of this chapter, and to further water conservation and nonpoint pollution prevention activities.

Section 316.14. References to state law.

Any references in this chapter to Florida Statutes, rules or regulations shall refer to such statutes, rules or regulations, as amended from time to time.

Section 316.15. Applicability.

This chapter shall be applicable to and shall regulate any and all applicators of fertilizer and areas of application of fertilizer within the area of Indian River County, unless such applicator is specifically exempted; provided, however, that this chapter shall not apply within the limits of any municipality which has adopted an ordinance regulating the same subject matter. This chapter shall be prospective only, and shall not impair any existing contracts.

Section 4. Severability.

If any part of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such holding and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Codification.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Indian River County Code, and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word ordinance may be changed to section, article or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

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Section 6. Directing County Attorney's Office to Post Summary on County Website.

The County Attorney's Office is directed to post a summary of this ordinance on the County's website within 15 days of the filing of this ordinance with the Florida Department of State.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective 45 days after the filing of the ordinance with the Florida Department of State.

This ordinance was advertised in the Vero Beach Press Journal, on the 8th day of July, 2013, for a public hearing to be held on the 18th day of July, 2013, and on the 10th day of August, 2013 for an additional public hearing to be held on the 20th day of August, 2013, at which time it was moved for adoption by Commissioner Solari, seconded by Commissioner O'Bryan, and adopted by the following vote:

Chairman Joseph E. Flescher	<u>AYE</u>
Vice Chairman Wesley S. Davis	<u>AYE</u>
Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan	<u>AYE</u>
Commissioner Bob Solari	<u>AYE</u>
Commissioner Tim Zorc	<u>AYE</u>

The Chairman thereupon declared the ordinance duly passed and adopted this 20th day of August, 2013.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Joseph E. Flescher
Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman

ATTEST: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court
and Comptroller

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: Jeffrey R. Smith
Deputy Clerk

Dylan Reingold
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance was filed with the Florida Department of State on the _____ day of _____, 2013.