

**THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
ORANGE CREEK SJ29 – PINE PLANTATION TO UPLAND SANDHILL GROUNDCOVER  
RESTORATION AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT  
INVITATION FOR BID 40226**

The Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District (the “District”) requests that interested parties respond to the solicitation below by 2:00 p.m., June 17, 2024. Further information is available through DemandStar at *Demandstar.com* [(800) 711-1712], Vendor Registry at *Vendorregistry.com*, the state of Florida’s *myfloridamarketplace.com*, Central Bidding at *centralbidding.com* or the District’s website at *sjrwmd.com*. Solicitation packages may be obtained from DemandStar, Vendor Registry, My Florida Market Place, Central Bidding, or the District by contacting Breanna Pierce, Procurement Specialist, at [bpierce@sjrwmd.com](mailto:bpierce@sjrwmd.com) or by calling 386-643-1168. Responses will be opened at the District Headquarters, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka FL 32177.

The District is requesting Bid Submittals from firms licensed in the state of Florida to provide herbicide work and seeding. The overall goal of this project is to improve the habitat value for wetland buffers and improve the suite of groundcover vegetation as a component of a sandhill pine restoration area. The groundcover seeding effort will be conducted in a not to exceed 25-acre area that was selected with the assistance of our land management staff who have selectively timbered to approximate 60-80 stems per acre and have recently burned the area.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** is scheduled for **June 13, 2024, at 1:00 PM**, at the Orange Creek Restoration Area, 24281 SE 219 Avenue, Hawthorne, Florida 32640.

The purpose of the pre-bid conference is to allow potential bidders an opportunity to review the project area and to present questions to staff and obtain clarification on the requirements of the bid documents. For mandatory pre-bid conferences, the District will only accept bids from those firms attending the pre-bid conference.

**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 Breanna Pierce, Procurement Specialist, 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 (the “Agreement”) that is at the end of these instructions.

**2. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

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

Breanna Pierce, Procurement Specialist  
Phone: 386-643-1168  
Email: bpierce@sjrwmd.com

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 SUBMIT BID**

**Respondent must submit its Bid in electronic format (no paper copies) either by:**

- (1) Uploading to DemandStar directly at [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com) **OR** to Central Bidding directly at [www.centralauctionhouse.com](http://www.centralauctionhouse.com) (NOT BOTH); **OR**
- (2) Delivering all files on a single pin/thumb/jump drive either by mail or hand-delivery in a sealed envelope labeled as follows:

SEALED BID – DO NOT OPEN  
 Respondent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Invitation for Bid: 40226  
 Opening Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Opening Date: Jun 17, 2024

Breanna Pierce, Procurement Specialist  
 St. Johns River Water Management District  
 Office of Financial Services  
 4049 Reid Street  
 Palatka FL 32177

**DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR BID BY EMAIL OR MORE THAN ONCE – THIS WILL RESULT IN THE BID BEING REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.**

**4. PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF BID DOCUMENTS**

Respondent must submit its Bid in an electronic format as directed in paragraph 3, above, or the Bid may be deemed non-responsive.

- 1. Respondent must complete and submit the following forms in PDF format (these forms are in the FORMS section of this document):
  - a. Bid Form

- b. Cost Schedule
  - c. Proposed Subcontractors
  - d. Certificate as to Corporation
  - e. Affidavit as to Non-collusion and Certification of Material Conformance with Specifications
  - f. Qualifications (General, Similar Projects, Client References, and other required qualification forms)
  - g. Drug-Free Workplace Form (not required unless there is a tie bid)
2. All blank spaces on the bid documents must be typewritten or legibly printed in ink. In the event you decline to submit a bid, 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 bid.
  3. The file naming conventions for the bid must clearly identify specific information, such as the solicitation number and the respondent’s name (Example: IFB 12345, ABC Company)
  4. **Please do not password protect files included with your Submittal.** The District recommends that Respondents confirm their Submittal will open correctly on a non-company owned computer. Any electronic submittal received by the District that does not open on a District-owned computer is subject to rejection as a defective response.

All of the forms and questionnaires in the Invitation for Bids package are available upon request in Microsoft® Word to aid the Respondent in submitting its Bid.

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

**5. OPENING OF BIDS**

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

2:00 p.m., June 17, 2024  
 St. Johns River Water Management District  
 District Headquarters  
 4049 Reid Street  
 Palatka FL 32177

The Florida Public Records Act, §119.071(1)(b), Fla. Stat., exempts sealed Bids 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 bids, proposals, submittals, or final replies, whichever is earlier. This exemption is not waived by the public opening of the Bids.

Unless otherwise exempt, Respondent's Bid is a public record subject to disclosure upon expiration of the above exemption period. If any information submitted with the Bid 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 Bid and explain the basis for such exemption. The District reserves the right, in its sole judgment and discretion, to reject a Bid for excessive or unwarranted assertion of trade secret confidentiality and return the Bid to Respondent.

## 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 Procurement Specialist and must be in writing. The Procurement Specialist may orally explain the District's procedures and assist Respondents in referring to any applicable provision in the Invitation for Bids documents, but the Respondent is ultimately responsible for submitting the Bid 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 Bids in order to be considered. Requests may be submitted by email to Breanna Pierce [bpierce@sjrwmd.com](mailto:bpierce@sjrwmd.com). Interpretations, corrections, and supplemental instructions will be communicated by written addenda to this solicitation posted by the advertising portals referenced on the first page of this document to all prospective Respondents (at the respective addresses furnished for such purposes) no later than five days before the opening of Bids

Submission of a Bid constitutes acknowledgment of receipt of all addenda. Bids 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 Bid, as submitted. All addenda become part of the Agreement.

## 7. BUDGET

The estimated budget for the Work is \$99,188 This amount is an estimate only and does not limit the District in awarding the Agreement.

Respondents are cautioned to not make any assumptions from the budget estimate about the total funds available for the Work. The District retains the right to adjust the estimate in awarding the Agreement. The District also reserves the right to reject all Bids if subsequent negotiations with qualified Respondents result in costs over this estimated budget amount. In addition, the District reserves the right to increase, decrease, or delete any class, item, or part of the Work in order to reduce costs for any reason. The District may discuss alternatives for reducing the cost of the Work with Respondents and make such modifications as it determines to be in its best interest.

## 8. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Respondent must use the "Qualification" forms (General Similar Projects, and Client References) provided in these documents to document the minimum qualifications listed below. **Failure to include the forms and documentation with the Bid may be considered non-responsive.**

- a. Respondent must be licensed to do business in the state of Florida. *(Respondent provided documentation must be included with its Bid).*
- b. Respondent (or a combination of the firm, individual, or project manager assigned to the work) must have successfully completed at least three (3) projects of a similar nature, with no more than one being a District project, utilizing required equipment (refer to the tasks outlined in the Statement of Work), within the last three (3) years. Each project must have had a total project value of at least \$40,000.00. *(Respondent must use form Qualifications – Similar Projects provided under the section "FORMS")*
- c. Respondent must provide a field supervisor with a valid Florida Pesticide Applicators License for Natural Areas and must be onsite during all herbicide applications. *(Respondent provided documentation must be included with its Bid).*
- d. Respondent must submit documentation showing that it has no less than five years of experience on herbicide application projects of the nature outlined in the Statement of Work. *(Respondent must use form Qualifications – General provided under the section "FORMS")*

- e. Respondent must provide three (3) client references. At least two of the client references must be from the similar projects (two different projects and not of the same project) listed in response to QUALIFICATIONS – SIMILAR PROJECTS. No more than one of the client references may be from similar work successfully completed for the District. If a District project is cited, do not contract District staff. *(Respondent must use form Qualifications – Client References provided under the section “FORMS”).*

Irrespective of the minimum qualifications stated above, the District may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Respondent to perform the Work.

The District reserves the right to reject any Bid 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.

## 9. SUBCONTRACTS

Respondent must submit with its Bid a list of all known subcontractors who will participate in more than ten percent of the Work on the attached “Proposed Subcontractors” form. Acceptance of the Bid does not constitute approval of the subcontractor identified with the Bid.

## 10. SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

An individual submitting a Bid must sign his/her name therein and state his/her address and the name and address of every other person interested in the Bid as principal.

If a firm or partnership submits the Bid, state the name and address of each member of the firm or partnership.

If a corporation submits the Bid, an authorized officer or agent must sign the Bid, subscribing the name of the corporation with his or her own name and affixing the corporate 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 Bid or in substantial performance of the Work have been identified in the Bid forms.

## 11. DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

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

- 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 Bid 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 Bid;
- 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. 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 BID

Bids must be delivered to the specified location and received before the Bid opening in order to be considered. Untimely Bids will be returned to the Respondent unopened. Bids 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 Bid 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 Bid.

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

## 13. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

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

## 14. AWARDING THE AGREEMENT

- a. The Agreement will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible Respondent, being the Respondent with the lowest Total\_Cost as reflected on the Cost Schedule who demonstrates, in accordance with the requirements of the bid documents, a verifiable history of the skill, ability, integrity, and reliability necessary for the faithful performance of the Agreement (the "Successful Respondent"). The Agreement may be modified based on the District's acceptance of any alternatives listed in the bid that the District deems in its best interest.
- 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 bids, proposals, submittals, 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 bids and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue the competitive solicitation, any recordings or records presented at any exempt meeting relating to the solicitation 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 bids.
- d. If two or more bids 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.; (3) to a

Respondent whose bid contains commodities manufactured, grown, or produced within the state of Florida pursuant to §287.082 Fla. Stat.; or (4) by lot.

- e. The District reserves the right to award the Agreement to the next lowest available bidder in the event the Successful Respondent fails to enter into the Agreement, or the Agreement with said Respondent is terminated within 90 days of the effective date.
- f. All Respondents will be notified of the District's intent to award or decision to award the Agreement. For the purpose of filing a bid protest under §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., the time period will commence as provided in "NOTICES AND SERVICES THEREOF."

## 15. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

Submittal of a Bid binds the Successful Respondent to perform the Work upon acceptance of the Bid and execution of the Agreement by the District.

Unless all Bids are rejected, a contract substantially in the form included in these documents will be provided to the Successful Respondent, 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
- c. Proof satisfactory to the District of the authority of the person or persons executing the Agreement on behalf of Respondent
- d. All other information and documentation required by the Agreement.

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

Failure upon the part of the 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.

## 16. 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 Bid. 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.

## 17. 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 and minority-owned business enterprises (W/MBE) are given the opportunity for maximum participation as second and lower tier participants. The District will assist Respondents by sharing information on W/MBEs to encourage their participation.

**18. 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, Fla. Stat., the District (1) will not request documentation of or consider a Respondent's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is a responsible Bidder and (2) may not give preference to a Bidder based on the Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests.

**19. 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 Invitation for Bids is intended to remain tangible personal property and not become part of a public work owned by the District.

**20. 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 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 §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.

**21. USE BY OTHER FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

Respondent may provide services to other state of Florida governmental entities pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement. These governmental entities include other water management districts, state of Florida agencies (including members of the state university system and community college system), counties, school boards, municipalities, special districts, and other local public agencies or authorities. References to the St. Johns River Water Management District in the Agreement will be replaced with the purchasing entity and the District will not be a party to any other governmental entity's agreement to purchase. Nor will the District be responsible for payment for any goods or services delivered or performed for any other governmental entity that utilizes Respondent pursuant to this paragraph.

**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*, Vendor Registry at *vendorregistry.com*, My Florida Market Place at *myfloridamarketplace.com*, and Central Bidding at *centralbidding.com*. DemandStar, Vendor Registry, My Florida Market Place and Central Bidding may also be accessed through the District's web site at *sjrwm.com*.

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 terms, conditions, or specifications contained in a solicitation, 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](http://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 will constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Fla. Stat. Mediation under §120.573, Fla. Stat., is not available.

**FORMS**

**BID FORM**

*Include this form in the response*

RESPONDENT:

The undersigned, as Respondent, hereby declares and certifies that the only person(s) or entities interested in this Bid 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 Bid or in the Agreement to be entered into; that this Bid is made without connection with any other person, company, or parties making a Bid; and that this Bid 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 Bid 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 Bid is accepted, 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.

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

COST SCHEDULE

*Include this form in the response*

Bid to be opened at 2:00 p.m., June 17, 2024

To: ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with the advertisement requesting Bids for Orange Creek SJ29 – Pine Plantation to Upland Sandhill Groundcover Restoration and Habitat Enhancement, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the undersigned proposed to perform the Work for the costs contained in the following (fill in all blanks). The Agreement will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Respondent for the Estimated Total Cost (also known as the “Total Bid Cost”).

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

**Acreage to be Treated/Planted (not to exceed 25 acres) x Total Cost**

TASKS - WORK DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE PER ACRE	TOTAL COST
Herbicide Ground Application Pre - Herbicide treatments (acreage should reflect total acres amount to be treated based on budget)	25 acres Max.		
Grass Seeding (80% survivorship) A minimum of 8 pounds per acre seeded with north or central Florida wiregrass seeds with sandhill species mix	25 acres Max.		
Post Herbicide Application (3 times per year) (4 months post planting for 1 year)	25 acres Max.		
<b>TOTAL BID COST</b>			

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent (firm name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed name and title

PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS

*Include this form in the response*

Respondent must submit with its Bid a list of all known subcontractors who will participate in more than ten percent of the Work by providing the information requested below. Acceptance of the Bid does not constitute approval of the subcontractors identified with the Bid.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE AS TO CORPORATION

*Include this form in the response*

The below Corporation is organized under the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_; is authorized by law to respond to this Invitation for Bids 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 bid 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

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 bid.

2. The attached bid is genuine. It is not a collusive or sham bid.

3. I am fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of, and knowledgeable of all pertinent circumstances respecting the attached bid.

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 bid in connection with the Agreement for which the attached bid has been submitted, or to refrain from bidding 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 bid of any other Respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid prices or the bid 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 bid 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 bid, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

QUALIFICATIONS — GENERAL

*Include this form in the response*

As part of the Bid, 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 (refer to the tasks outlined in the Statement of Work) work 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 Bid or a prior entity that Respondent substantially operated or controlled? If yes, please describe the nature and result of those proceedings and the entity involved.

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

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

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



QUALIFICATIONS — SIMILAR PROJECTS

*Include this form in the response*

Respondent (or a combination of the firm, individual, or project manager assigned to the work) must have successfully completed at least three (3) projects of a similar nature, with no more than one being a District project, utilizing required equipment (refer to the tasks outlined in the Statement of Work), within the last three (3) years, as described in the INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS. Each project must have had a total project value of at least \$40,000.

**Completed Project 1:**

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Description of project: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total project value: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (month/year)

Name(s) of assigned personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

Project manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Project completed by (check one and include name of Subcontractor, if applicable):

Respondent       Subcontractor \_\_\_\_\_  
(Subcontractor Name)

**Completed Project 2:**

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Description of project: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total project value: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (month/year)

Name(s) of assigned personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

Project manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Project completed by (check one and include name of Subcontractor, if applicable:

Respondent

Subcontractor \_\_\_\_\_

(Subcontractor Name)

**Completed Project 3:**

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Description of project: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total project value: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (month/year)

Name(s) of assigned personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

Project manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Project completed by (check one and include name of Subcontractor, if applicable:

Respondent       Subcontractor \_\_\_\_\_  
(Subcontractor Name)

QUALIFICATIONS — CLIENT REFERENCE

Include this form in the response

Respondent must provide three (3) client references. At least two of the client references must be from the similar projects (two different projects and not of the same project) listed in response to QUALIFICATIONS — SIMILAR PROJECTS. No more than one of the client references may be from similar work successfully completed for the District. If a District project is cited, do not contact District staff. (For similar project listed above, simply state “Similar project No. \_\_\_\_.”)

**Client Reference 1:**

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

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

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

Agency/Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Total 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Total project value: \_\_\_\_\_ Project manager: \_\_\_\_\_

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

*This form 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 require 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: \_\_\_\_\_

NO RESPONSE FORM  
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
INVITATION FOR BIDS 40226

Your reasons for not responding to this Invitation for Bids are valuable to the St. Johns River Water Management District’s procurement process. Please complete this form and return it to the Office of Financial Services no later than the date set for receipt of Bids. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please check (as applicable):

- Specifications too “general” (explain below)
- Insufficient time to respond to the solicitation
- Do not provide this type of work for this project
- Schedule would not permit us to perform
- Unable to meet solicitation 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 AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
AND \_\_\_\_\_ TO/FOR  
ORANGE CREEK SJ29- PINE PLANTATION TO UPLAND SANDHILL GROUNDCOVER  
RESTORATION AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ (“Respondent”), 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 Contract 40226, Orange Creek SJ29- Pine Plantation to Upland Sandhill Groundcover Restoration And Habitat Enhancement (the “Work”). In accordance with IFB 40226, 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. The parties hereby agree to the following terms and conditions.

**1. TERM**

- (a) The term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date to the Completion Date. 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) **Effective Date.** The Effective Date is the date upon which the last party to this Agreement has dated and executed the same.
- (c) **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. 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 to withhold payment.

3. **OWNERSHIP OF DELIVERABLES.** All deliverables, including Work not accepted by the District, are District property when Contractor has received compensation therefor, in whole or in part. Any District source documents or other District or non-District documents, specifications, materials, reports, or accompanying data developed, secured, or used in the performance of the Work, excluding proprietary materials, as outlined in the Statement of Work, are District property and shall be safeguarded and provided to the District upon request. District plans and specifications shall not be used on other work and, with the exception of the original plans and specifications, shall be returned to the District upon request. This obligation shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

#### 4. FUNDING OF AGREEMENT

(a) For satisfactory performance of the Work, the District agrees to pay Contractor according to the Cost Schedule set forth in the Statement of Work, a sum not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Total Compensation").

#### 5. PAYMENT OF INVOICES

(a) 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](mailto:acctpay@sjrwmd.com) (preferred) or (2) by mail to the St. Johns River Water Management District, Finance 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) 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) **Payments.** Absent exceptional circumstances, Contractor is required to sign up and receive payment(s) electronically from the District via Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment. The District shall pay Contractor 100% of each approved invoice.
  - (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 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.
6. **PAYMENT AND RELEASE.** 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.
  7. **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.
  8. **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.
  9. **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. 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.
  10. **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 via email are deemed delivered on the date transmitted and received.

DISTRICT

Sandy Smith, Project Manager  
 St. Johns River Water Management District  
 7775 Baymeadows Way, Suite 102  
 Jacksonville, Florida 32256  
 Phone: 904-448-7915  
 Email: ssmith@sjrwmd.com

CONTRACTOR

TBD, Project Manager  
 TBD  
 TBD  
 TBD  
 Phone: TBD  
 Email: TBD

- (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 keep, on the worksite during its progress, a competent site manager that is satisfactory to the District. The site manager shall not be changed except with the District's consent, unless the site manager proves to be unsatisfactory to Contractor and/or ceases to be in its employ. The site manager shall represent Contractor in the absence of Contractor's Project Manager. All directions given to the site 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 notified 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 an adequate 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.

## 11. 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.

## 12. 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 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 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.

## 13. MODIFICATION OF SPECIFICATIONS; CHANGE ORDERS; EMERGENCY CHANGES IN WORK

- (a) **Modification of Specifications.** No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of the District after execution of this Agreement shall affect or modify any of its terms. No one is authorized to change any provision of the specifications without written authorization of the District. The presence or absence of a District inspector shall not relieve Contractor from any requirements of this Agreement. 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. 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. The DSI shall indicate that both parties agree the adjustments to the Work do not affect the Total Compensation or the Completion Date. Both parties must sign the DSI. If Contractor believes that the proposed supplemental instructions will involve extra cost or extend the Completion Date and the District continues to direct that the DSI be implemented, Contractor shall implement said instructions and may submit a Change Order, subject to the dispute resolution procedure. In an emergency condition, the parties shall follow the procedure for "Emergency Changes in the Work."
- (b) **Change Orders**
- (i) The District may alter, add to, or deduct from the Work by executing a Change Order without liability to Contractor, except for the reasonable cost of any additional Work. All such Work within Contractor's capacity to perform shall be performed pursuant to the Change Order. Any

associated claim for extension of time will be adjusted when the Change Order is issued. The parties shall negotiate the cost of the Change Order on an equitable basis, which may be determined in one or more of the following ways: (1) estimate and acceptance of a lump sum, (2) unit prices named in the contract or subsequently agreed upon, (3) costs and percentage or by (4) cost and a fixed fee. If the parties cannot agree upon cost, Contractor shall implement the Change Order and shall maintain and present in such form as the District Project Manager may direct the correct amount of the net cost of labor and materials, together with vouchers. The Project Manager will certify the amount due Contractor, including reasonable allowances for overhead and profit. Pending a final determination of value, payments will be based upon the District Project Manager's certification. Final resolution of the amount due to Contractor shall be pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure.

- (ii) For any Change Order requests submitted by Contractor, the District may determine that District instructions to correct deficient Work, to stop the Work due to deficiencies in the Work, or any other matters that impose additional costs upon Contractor, do not warrant an increase in the Total Compensation or extension of the Completion Date. If Contractor disputes this determination, final resolution shall be pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure.
- (c) **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 days. Within 15 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 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.

#### 14. 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 subcontractors, vendors, 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. 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)**

#### **15. 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.

**BID:** The written offer of Respondent (when submitted on the reproduced approved forms) to perform the Work and furnish the necessary materials in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

**BID BOND:** The security furnished with a Bid to guarantee that Respondent will enter into a contract and execute, deliver, and perform all other obligations described in the Invitation for Bids if Contractor receives a Notice of Intent to Award the contract from the District.

**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.

**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.

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

**INVITATION FOR BIDS:** An advertised solicitation for sealed competitive Bids, with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated. It includes a detailed description of the goods and/or services sought, the date for submittal of Bids, and all contractual terms and conditions.

**PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND:** The security furnished by Contractor and Surety in the form provided by the District as a guarantee that Contractor will perform all of its contractual obligations in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and pay in full all bills and accounts for material, labor, services, and supplies used directly or indirectly in the performing the Work.

**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.

**PRINCIPAL:** When used in a bid, proposal, or Performance and Payment Bond, the word “principal” means the same as the word “Contractor.”

**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.

**SURETY:** The person bound by the Agreement bond with and for Contractor, and who is primarily liable and engages to be responsible for Contractor’s satisfactory performance of the Work and for its payment of all debts pertaining thereto.

**TOTAL BID:** 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.

## 16. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

- (a) Contractor shall not sublet, assign, or transfer any Work or assign any monies due hereunder, without the District's prior written consent. As soon as practicable after signing this Agreement, but not less than seven business days prior to the effective date of any subcontracts, Contractor shall notify the District's Project Manager in writing of the name of any subcontractor that has not been previously disclosed in the procurement process. Within five business days the District shall indicate its approval or disapproval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Failure to timely provide such approval or disapproval shall constitute approval. Neither District approval of a subcontractor nor any other provision of this Agreement creates a contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the District. Contractor shall be allowed a maximum 15 % markup of their subcontractor's work for oversight and management.
- (b) Contractor is responsible for fulfilling all work elements in any subcontracts and payment of all monies due. Contractor is fully responsible to the District for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and persons directly or indirectly employed by them, and shall hold the District harmless from any liability or damages resulting from any subcontract to the extent allowed by law.

17. **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.

18. **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, pregnancy, or national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.

19. **CLEANUP; EQUIPMENT REMOVAL.** Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall restore the worksite to its original condition, except for replacement of vegetation, unless otherwise required by this Agreement. Contractor shall remove from District property and all public and private property all machinery, equipment, supplies, surplus materials, temporary structures, rubbish, and waste materials resulting from its activities. After 20 days, the District may sell or dispose of any materials left at the worksite as it sees fit and deduct the cost of sale or disposal from any amounts due to Contractor. Any revenues obtained shall be applied toward costs incurred by the District, with excess revenues paid to Contractor.

20. **COOPERATION WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, 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. COORDINATION WITH THE DISTRICT AND OTHER DISTRICT CONTRACTORS

- (a) The District may let other contracts in connection with the Work. Wherever work done by the District or another District contractor is contiguous to Contractor's Work, the respective rights of the various interests shall be established by the District so as to secure completion of the Work. Contractor shall arrange its Work so as not to interfere with the District or other District contractors and join its Work to that of others in a proper manner, and in accordance with the intent of the Statement of Work. Contractor shall perform its Work in the proper sequence in relation to that of other District

contractors, as may be directed by the District. Contractor shall afford other District contractors reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and execution of their work, and shall properly conduct and coordinate its Work with theirs. Contractor shall take into account all contingent work to be done by others and shall not plead its want of knowledge of such contingent work as a basis for delay or non-performance. Contractor shall be liable for any damage it causes to the work performed by other District contractors.

- (b) If any part of the Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of other District contractors, Contractor shall inspect and promptly report any defects in the other contractors' work that render it unsuitable for Contractor's Work. Failure to so inspect and report shall constitute an acceptance of the other contractors' work as fit and proper for the reception of its Work, except as to defects which may develop in the other contractors' work after execution of the Work.

## 22. 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.

## 23. 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.

- 24. **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.



## 25. DUTY TO INSPECT AND REPORT DEFICIENCIES IN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- (a) For any Work that is dependent upon conditions at the worksite, Contractor's acceptance of contract award represents and warrants that Contractor has inspected and satisfied itself concerning the nature and location of the Work and general and local conditions, including, without limitation:
- (1) conditions affecting transportation, disposal, handling, and storage of materials;
  - (2) availability and quality of labor;
  - (3) availability and condition of roads;
  - (4) climatic conditions and seasons;
  - (5) hydrology of the terrain;
  - (6) topography and ground surface conditions;
  - (7) nature and quantity of surface materials to be encountered;
  - (8) equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during the Work; and
  - (9) all other matters that can affect the Work and the cost thereof. Contractor's failure to acquaint itself with such conditions will not relieve it from its responsibility for properly estimating the time required or cost of performing the Work. Where the District has investigated subsurface conditions, this data may be provided to Contractor or is available upon request. Contractor must either seek clarification concerning the data or assume the responsibility for its interpretation.
- (b) If Contractor discovers hidden or subsurface conditions that differ materially from those normally expected or indicated in the technical specifications, Contractor shall immediately, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the District in writing of: (1) subsurface or latent physical conditions differing materially from those indicated in the technical specifications, or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for herein. The District shall promptly investigate the conditions and determine whether they materially differ so as to cause an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost. Where the differing site conditions materially impact Contractor's cost, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the Agreement modified accordingly. No claim will be allowed if Contractor fails to provide the required notice.
- (c) If Contractor in the course of the Work finds any defect in the plans and specifications, including, but not limited to, any discrepancy between the drawings and the physical conditions at the worksite, or any errors or omissions in the drawings or in the layout, as given by points and instructions, it shall immediately inform the District in writing, which shall be promptly verified by the District. Any Work done after such discovery, until authorized, will be done at Contractor's risk as to cost overruns and modifications necessary to correct deficiencies in the Work. To ensure the proper execution of its subsequent Work, Contractor shall measure Work already in place or completed and shall immediately report any discrepancy between the executed Work and the drawings or other specifications.

## 26. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.

- (a) Pursuant to section 448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor 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. Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: [www.e-verify.gov](http://www.e-verify.gov).
- (b) Contractor 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 Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor 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 Contractor of such, but the Contractor otherwise complied with the statute, then Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the Subcontractor.

**27. 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 is Putnam County or federal legal proceedings 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.

**28. 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.

**29. 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 and tax laws pertaining to it, its officers, agents, and employees, and shall indemnify and hold the District harmless from any failure to comply with such laws. Contractor's duties include, but not be limited to: (1) providing Workers' Compensation coverage for employees as required by law; (2) hiring employees or subcontractors necessary to perform the Work; (3) providing any and all employment benefits, including, but not limited to, annual leave, sick leave, paid holidays, health insurance, retirement benefits, and disability insurance; (4) payment of all federal, state and local taxes, income or employment taxes, and, if Contractor is not a corporation, self-employment (Social Security) taxes; (5) compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq., including payment of overtime as required by said Act; (6) compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 42 U.S.C. §§ 18001, et seq.; and (7) providing employee training, office or other facilities, equipment and materials for all functions necessary to perform the Work. In the event the District provides training, equipment, materials, or facilities to meet specific District needs or otherwise facilitate performance of the Work, this shall not affect Contractor's duties hereunder or alter Contractor's status as an independent contractor. This paragraph does not create an affirmative obligation to provide any employee benefits not required by law.

**30. LAND AND WATER RESOURCES.** Contractor shall not discharge or permit the discharge, directly or indirectly, of any fuels, oils, calcium chloride, acids, insecticides, herbicides, wastes, toxic or hazardous substances, or other pollutants or harmful materials, onto any lands or into any surface or ground waters, including, but not limited to, streams, lakes, rivers, canals, ditches, or reservoirs. Contractor shall investigate and comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal laws concerning toxic wastes, hazardous substances, and pollution of surface and ground waters. If any waste, toxic or hazardous substance, or other material that can cause pollution, as defined in §403.031, Fla. Stat., is dumped or spilled in unauthorized areas, Contractor shall notify the District thereof within one workday and thereafter shall remove the material and restore the area to its original condition. If necessary, contaminated ground shall be excavated and disposed of as directed by the District and replaced with suitable fill material, compacted and finished with topsoil, and planted as required to re-establish vegetation. All cleanup and disposal costs shall be borne by Contractor.

**31. 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.

32. **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.

33. **PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS.** Any petroleum storage tanks with a capacity of 55 gallons or greater that Contractor brings onto District property must be either double-walled or kept within secondary containment that will contain 110% of the tank volume.

#### 34. **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.
- (d) **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLA. STAT., TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, 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@sjrwm.com](mailto:clerk@sjrwm.com)**

35. **RELEASE OF INFORMATION.** Contractor 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.

36. **REMEDIES FOR NON-PERFORMANCE**

- (a) **District Remedies.** The remedies enumerated herein are non-exclusive. In addition to the remedies set forth below, the District may avail itself of any statutory and/or common law remedies not set forth herein. In the event of a breach, the District may terminate this Agreement for cause. Alternatively, the District may allow Contractor to correct the deficiency, or may take such action as is necessary to correct such deficiency through District action or that of a third party. 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.
- (b) **Contractor Correction of Deficiencies.** The District shall provide Contractor with written notice of deficiency. At the District's sole judgment and discretion, the District may afford an opportunity to correct said deficiency, in which event the notice shall specify the time allowed to cure. If Contractor disputes that a failure of performance has occurred, Contractor shall, nevertheless, perform the corrective action and may submit a request for a Change Order subject to the dispute resolution procedure. Unless authorized through a Change Order, the Completion Date shall not be extended in order to correct deficiencies. Contractor shall bear the cost of correcting all work of other contractors that is destroyed, damaged, or otherwise negatively impacted by its corrective action. Failure to take timely corrective action may result in termination for cause or the District pursuing alternative remedies, as provided herein.
- (c) **Alternative Remedies to Correct Deficiency.** If the District determines that it is not in its best interest for Contractor to correct incomplete or damaged Work caused by Contractor's failure of

performance, 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.

(d) **District Technical Assistance.** The District may elect to provide technical assistance to Contractor in order to complete satisfactory performance of the Work. If the District is performing a function that Contractor is required to perform, the District may deduct the cost of providing such technical assistance from the Total Compensation. Prior to providing any such technical assistance, the District shall notify Contractor that it considers such assistance to be above and beyond its duties under this Agreement and that it intends to deduct the cost of providing such assistance from the Total Compensation. Contractor shall not be entitled to reject technical assistance when the District determines that such assistance is necessary to complete the Work.

37. **ROYALTIES AND PATENTS.** Contractor certifies that, to the best of its information and belief, the Work does not infringe on any patent rights. Unless provided otherwise herein, Contractor 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 Contractor 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.
38. **SAFETY.** Contractor has the sole duty to ensure the safety of its employees, subcontractors, and the general public. Contractor shall 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 and servants shall allow any hunting, or any weapons, animals, alcohol, or illegal drugs, on District property, except as authorized by law. Contractor shall provide and maintain sufficient protection for the lives and health and safety of its employees and other persons who may utilize any District premise and shall comply with all applicable state, federal, and local governmental safety laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.
39. **CERTIFICATION.** Contractor certifies that it, principals, and affiliates, are not now, and during the term of this Agreement will not be (a) on the Scrutinized Companies (sec. 287.135, Fla. Stat), Discriminatory (sec. 287.134, Fla. Stat.), Convicted (sec. 287.133, Fla. Stat.), or Antitrust Vendor (sec. 287.137, Fla. Stat.) lists, (b) engaged in a Boycott of Israel (sec. 287.135, Fla. Stat.), or (c) engages in business operations in Cuba or Syria (sec. 287.135, Fla. Stat.). Pursuant to the respective statutes, the District may terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification or if the certification proves to be untrue during the terms of the Agreement.
40. **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.

**41. WARRANTY**

- (a) Contractor warrants that the Work, workmanship and material furnished by Contractor shall be new and of specified quality, shall conform to the requirements of this Agreement, shall be free from defects, and shall be free from any security interest, lien, or other encumbrances. This warranty shall remain in effect for a period of 12 months after completion of the Work, unless otherwise specified herein. Any defective Work, workmanship, or material corrected during the warranty period shall be similarly warranted for 12 months following its correction or for such other period as specified herein. The express warranty set forth herein shall not be exclusive and shall not act as a limitation upon any statutory or other warranty of any kind, express or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.
- (b) In the event of breach of this warranty, Contractor shall take the necessary actions to correct the breach in the most expedient manner as dictated by then-existing circumstances. All costs incidental to the repair, replacement, redesign, and testing incurred as a result thereof, including the removal, replacement, and reinstallation of equipment in place when the Work was started, shall be Contractor's responsibility. Upon written notification of a breach, Contractor shall promptly send the necessary personnel to the project site to assume responsibility for corrective action. Time is of the essence. Contractor shall be afforded necessary and reasonable access to perform warranty work. If Contractor fails to promptly correct the breach, the District may take corrective action without waiving any other rights or remedies it may have, and Contractor shall reimburse the District for all expenses reasonably incurred in performing such corrective action.

42. **WORK SCHEDULE.** For construction or other services upon District property, no Work shall be accomplished 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael A. Register, P.E., Executive Director

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed Name and Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attachments:
- Attachment A — Statement of Work/Technical Specifications
  - Attachment B — Insurance Requirements
  - Attachment C — District’s Supplemental Instructions (sample)

**ATTACHMENT A — STATEMENT OF WORK**

**ORANGE CREEK SJ29- PINE PLANTATION TO UPLAND SANDHILL  
GROUND COVER RESTORATION AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT**

**I. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND**

The property is located northeast of the town of Citra in Alachua and Marion Counties on the eastern edge of Orange Lake, with access from S.E 219th Avenue in SJRWMD drainage Basin 11 -Northern Ocklawaha River (Figure 1). In 1998, the District acquired the 3,415-acre property, which included over 1,500 acres of diked and drained wetlands. The property was formerly known as Ocklawaha Farms, Inc. and was acquired in partnership with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service's Wetland Reserve Program (NRCS-WRP) and FDOT Senate Bill funding. The property was ditched and drained extensively in the past, restoration efforts have allowed Orange Creek Restoration Area to again serve as an important hydrological connector of the lands in eastern Alachua and northwest Marion Counties.

Orange Creek and Crones Cradle enhancement/restoration included the removal of a levee, debris, planting, mowing, spartina restoration, herbicide work and overall site improvement activities to benefit the overall property. Orange Creek Restoration Area uplands are characterized by pine plantation, ruderal pasture, mesic and wet flatwoods, and upland mixed forest. The property offers several opportunities for nature-based recreation including hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, group camping, and wildlife viewing.

To continue the efforts to restore the property and provide valuable buffers to the wetland systems. We are proposing to enhance and restore approximately 25 acres of pine plantation back to a sandhill pine uplands. This will be completed through restoration of ground cover by herbicide work and native grass species seeding.

**II. OBJECTIVES**

The overall goal of this project is to improve the habitat value for wetland buffers and improve the suite of groundcover vegetation as a component of a sandhill pine restoration area. The groundcover seeding effort will be conducted in a not to exceed  $\pm$ 25-acre area that was selected with the assistance of our land management staff who have selectively timbered to approximate 60-80 stems per acre and have recently burned the area.

The work to be completed includes herbicide work and seeding. Based on a per acre charge to complete the herbicide pre and post activities and the native ground cover seeding. The awarded contract will be based on the lowest price per acre to perform all these activities. The area to be restored will not exceed 25 acres. The planting areas can be accessed via on-site gates and trail roads as shown on Figure 2 and Figure 3.

**III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Contractor shall complete all herbicide pre-seeding site prep herbicide application and post seeding follow up herbicide treatments and supply viable wiregrass and sandhill natural community seed mix sourced from a north and/or central Florida collection site free of non-native and invasive plants.

Seeds will be sourced, collected, and seeded by contractor. Seeds used will be no more than 10 months old and will be collected from approved north or central Florida sites burned during the timeframe of May-July of 2024. Planting method will be by "Grasslander" style seeder or comparable implement. A minimum of eight pounds of wiregrass with native sandhill species seed mix will be planted per acres.

Herbicide treatment will include removal of unwanted pasture grasses, dogfennel and 2023 Florida Invasive Species List (FISC) Category I and II exotic species (<https://www.floridainvasives.org/plant-list/2023-invasive-plant-species/>). Herbicide work will include an initial area-wide broadcast treatment of 2% Glyphosate mixed with water pretreatment and (3x) follow up post treatments four months after planting for



up to 1 year to treat any nuisance or invasive plants that are present or precluding the success of the grass seeding.

### III. TASK IDENTIFICATION

#### Contractor's Responsibilities:

1. Contractor will attend a prebid meeting to assure they know the full scope of work and can be sure to bid with appropriate seeds, herbicide, equipment, and application process. Herbicide applicator will be properly licensed and capable of determining vegetative species to be treated and species that should be avoided.
2. Contractor shall provide all required equipment/personnel to complete the work including herbicide pre and post grass seeding.
3. The Contractor or designee shall contact the District's designated Site Manager by phone, at the beginning and end of each herbicide treatment day and relate to the Site Manager the work accomplished that day as well as approximate, if any, work remaining. Treatment rates will be specific to the species of plant that is being treated and will be determined by the Project Manager (PM). Contractor must provide GPS tracklogs to show thorough coverage of the treatment area. Contractor must provide a weekly reporting form to the Project Manager (See attached Figure 4). Care should be taken to avoid all non-target species impacts and any incidences of overspray.
4. Contractor shall source and collect seeds from sites that were burned between May and July of 2024. Collection sites must contain viable wiregrass and sandhill natural community seed mix sources from a north and/or central Florida approved collection site. Collection sites must be available for onsite inspection by PM prior to collection.
5. Contractor will collect enough wiregrass and sandhill species seed mix to provide, at a minimum, and eight pound of clean seed per acre planting rate. Weight per acre is for seed weight only and does not include the weight of non-seed material, such as leaves, stems, etc.
6. Herbicide work is to preclude invasive and unwanted pasture grasses, dog fennel or other competing vegetation this list also includes any species listed on the 2023 Florida Invasive Species List (FISC) Category 1 and II exotic species (<https://www.floridainvasives.org/plant-list/2023-invasive-plant-species/>).
7. Herbicide prescription will consist of 2% Glyphosate mixed with water and surfactant
8. Contractor shall guarantee that 80% survival of seed-planting for 1 year and complete (3x) post herbicide treatments to preclude competition and assist in planting survivorship. If necessary, re-seeding may be necessary if survivorship in areas is not at 80%.
9. Provide a seven-day advance schedule providing start and end dates prior to commencement of delivery and planting of seeds. Provide date of burn on seed collection site(s).
10. Seeds collected shall be placed in paper bags to prevent molding and transported to the planting site for immediate planting or otherwise previously dried and stored in appropriate manner to preserve viability prior to planting.
11. Provide all incidental materials and labor necessary for the delivery and planting seeds without damaging the trees or surrounding areas.
12. Contractor will begin work after schedule and collection site location is reviewed and approved by the District Project Manager and notification to proceed has been issued. Herbicide work must be completed within 30 days of the approved start date provided by the schedule. Planting will occur 6-10 weeks post herbicide work or longer based on BMP's of the herbicide utilized.
13. Contractor shall provide a 1-year guarantee on the seedlings and replace any area that has greater than 20% mortality.

14. Contractor may need to test soil for proper PH content to assure success of grass planting. If necessary, soil additive maybe added to reach the proper PH to assure seedling success.
15. Contractor shall install all seedlings with the use of a “Grasslander” or comparable style seeding implement and ensure proper compaction into the soil upon planting.
16. Contractor shall use care to minimize rutting or other alterations within the project by trucks and equipment.
17. Contractor shall ensure that all equipment is clean and free of invasive species seeds and spores prior to entering the property. Contractor must notify PM prior to mobilizing to the site and schedule a pre-work inspection of all equipment.
18. Contractor shall remove all containers, trash, and debris generated during this project from the job site as necessary and repair any grading/elevations if rutting or other alterations occur that is beyond normal or expected.
19. Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that all gates are closed, and locked, if applicable, upon each entry, exit and at the end of each working day to ensure security on the property.
20. Contractor should take care to ensure parked equipment and vehicles do not block roadways.
21. Work area shall be kept clear of rubbish. Discharge of petroleum products or other harmful material shall be prohibited on the herbicide/ planting site. Should any harmful material be discharged, the District Project Manager shall be immediately notified.
22. Contractor shall be solely responsible for any and all costs associated with any resulting clean up and remediation.
23. Due care shall be exercised against starting and spreading fires during operations by Contractor, and/or its employees.
24. Contractor shall be held liable for all damage caused by such fires.
25. Contractor shall repair or replace at their cost any damage to fences, cattle guards, gates, power lines, or other improvements.
26. Contractor shall inform crew that this area is open to, and used by, the public. Care will be taken to ensure vehicles are operated at a safe speed while on the property.
27. Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to project or project activities.
28. Provide the Project Manager with at least 24 hours’ notice to inspect completed work.
29. Post-herbicide follow-up months after seeding for 1 year to help assure planted grasses survivorship (3 times per year post planting). Each post follow-up herbicide treatment will be coordinated with District Project Manager with minimum one week notice.
30. All herbicide work will follow the following weather conditions:

**Weather Conditions**

- Fog: Application will not be allowed in fog or when there is a danger of applying the chemicals in a fog bank.
- Rain: Application will not be allowed during rainy conditions or when rain is expected within three (3) hours of application.
- Wind: Application will not be allowed when wind speed reaches or exceeds **10 m.p.h.**

**District Responsibilities:**

- The District will provide gate access and provide the staging area for plants and herbicide treatments. Updated Avenza maps will be provided to the wining contractor to match the total work area of the bid not to exceed 25 acres.

- The District’s Project Manager will review the pre – herbicide/seeding areas to ensure that herbicide work is completed, and seeds have been planted appropriately prior to payment for services.
- The District’s Project Manager will review the post – herbicide work prior to post herbicide invoice payment.
- If work is found to be unsatisfactory, Contractor will be notified and has 45 days to resolve.
- If problems are not resolved within 45 days of notification, District Project Manager reserves the right to offer remainder of contract to next lowest bidder. If this occurs within the end of the District’s fiscal year, contractor will have 30 days to resolve any issue.

**V. EQUIPMENT**

Contractor may use ATVs, UTVs, or other equipment approved in advance by PM as deemed necessary to complete the work. Equipment used to apply herbicides and conduct seeding operations must fit between existing pine stand rows and not damage pine trees.

**VI. TIME FRAME AND DELIVERABLES**

All pre-herbicide application work for this contract must be completed between **June 19, 2024 and July 30, 2024**. Minor adjustments to application dates may be approved by PM. All planting work shall be completed by **September 15, 2024** and invoiced prior to September 30, 2024. The Contractor shall invoice the District upon successful completion of the pre herbicide work, delivery, planting of the grasses and approval by the District Project Manager (pre herbicide/ seedling installation cost). The post treatment herbicide work can be billed following each treatment basis not to exceed the 3x amount per the total acre bid for post herbicide treatment in the cost-schedule up to 1 year following the seedling planting (Post herbicide treatments and billing must be completed by **September 30, 2025**).

**VII. CONTRACT BUDGET/COST SCHEDULE**

The contract shall be awarded based on the lowest overall bid per acre for pre and post herbicide work and total cost for seedling collection and installation. Herbicide post treatment and 80% survivorship is for 1 year following planting. Total project area will not exceed a total of 25 acres. The District has budgeted \$99,188.00 for the proposed work.

TASKS - WORK DESCRIPTION	EST QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE PER ACRE	TOTAL COST
Herbicide Ground Application Pre - Herbicide treatments (acreage should reflect total acres amount to be treated based on budget)	25 acres max.		
Grass Seeding (80% survivorship) A minimum of 8 pounds per acre seeded with north or central Florida wiregrass seeds with sandhill species mix	25 acres max.		
Post Herbicide Application (3 times per year) (4 months post planting for 1 year)	25 acres max.		

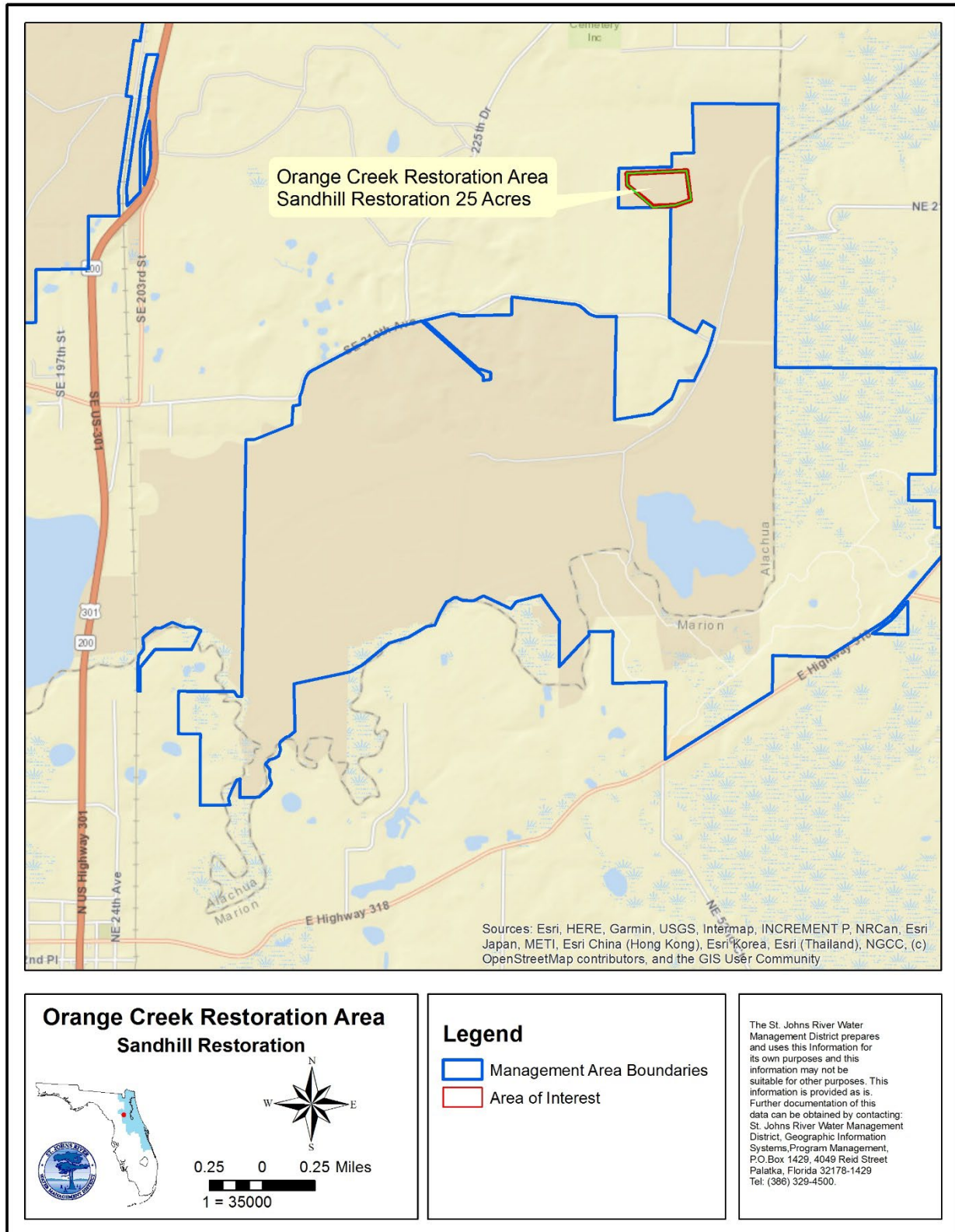
**VIII. District's Project Manager**

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**Figures:**

- Figure 1- General location of SJ 29 Orange Creek Mitigation Area
- Figure 2- Overall Herbicide and Grass Planting within Orange Creek Restoration Area
- Figure 3- Detail Map of Herbicide and Grass Planting within Orange Creek Restoration Area
- Figure 4- Herbicide application tracking sheet

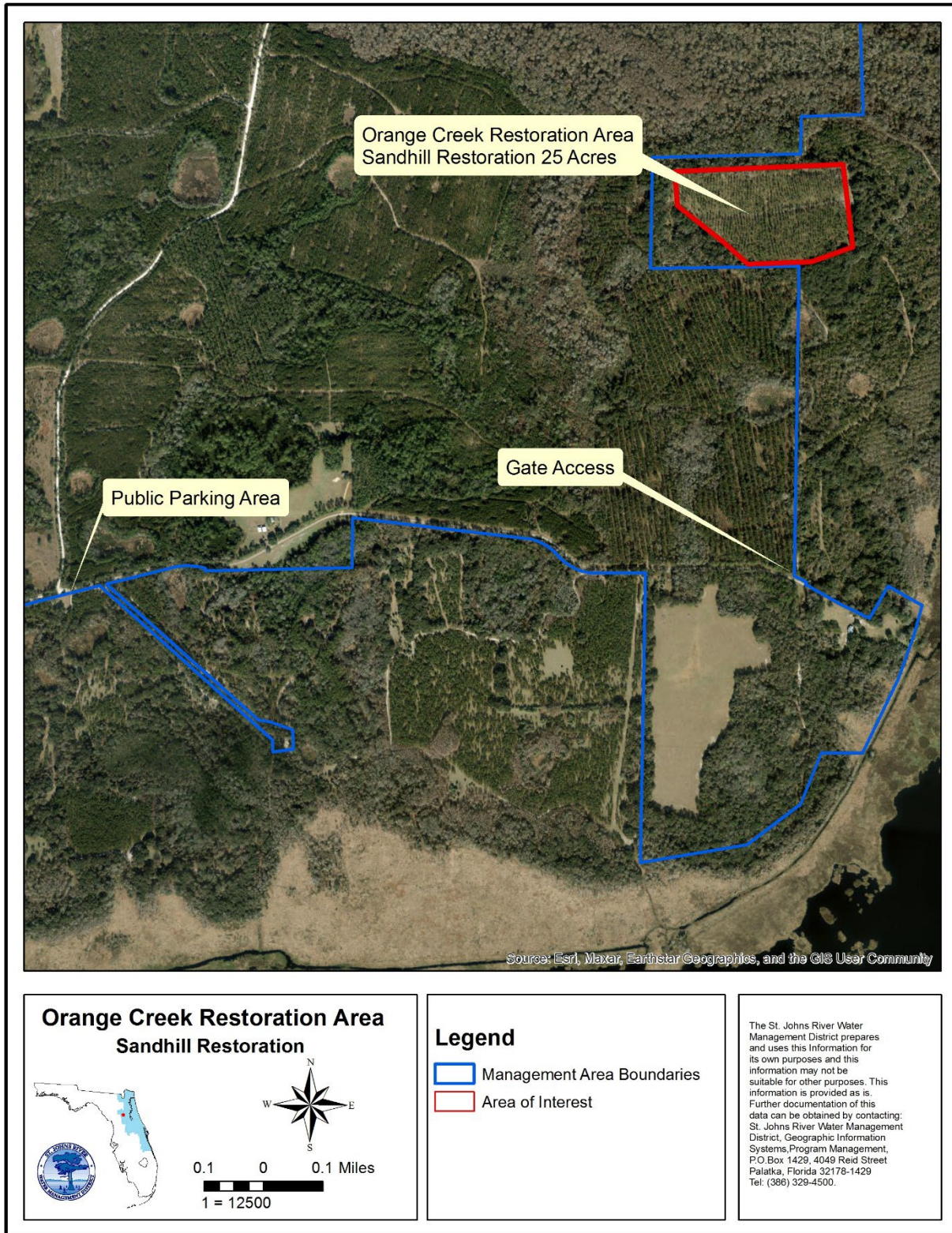
Figure 1. General location of SJ29 Orange Creek Mitigation Area



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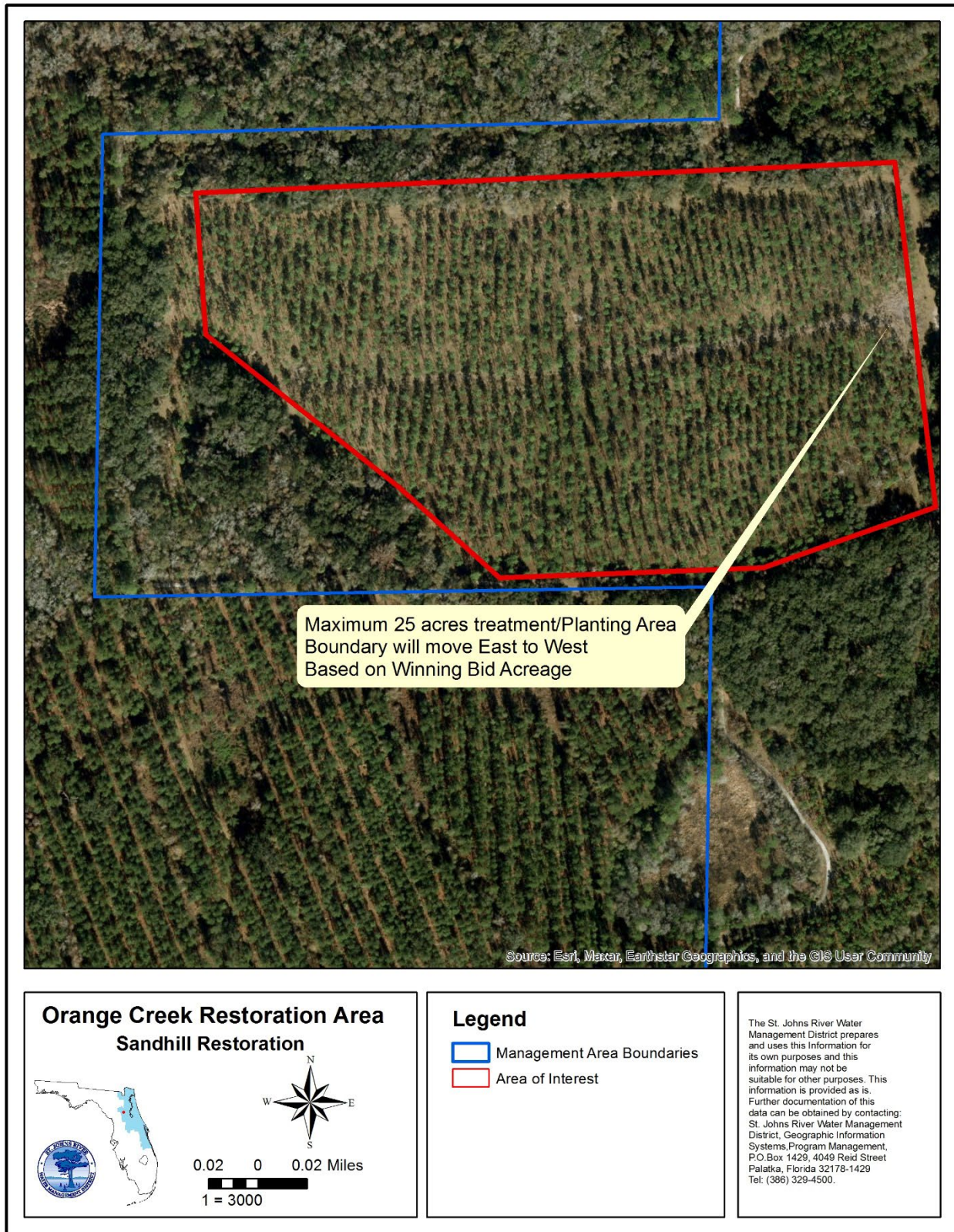
**Figure 2. Overall Herbicide and Grass Planting within Orange Creek Restoration Area**



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**Figure 3. Detail Map of Herbicide and Grass Planting within Orange Creek Restoration Area**



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**Figure 4. Herbicide Application Tracking Sheet**

	Terrestrial Plant Control Report of Operations							
PROPERTY NAME:						WO #:		
CONTRACTOR:						CONTRACT #:		
VEGETATION:						DATE:		
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TOTAL HRS	RATE	\$ TOTAL
CREW:								\$
								\$
TIME:								\$
								\$
HERBICIDE/ADJUVANT	GALLONS/POUNDS USED					TOTAL		
ACRES CONTROLLED:								
HERBICIDE DILUENTS & CONCENTRATION (RATE PER ACRE)								
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
DAILY ACTIVITIES/WINDSPEED:								
COMMENTS, EXPLANATIONS, ETC.:						SUMMARY OF COSTS		
						CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:	\$	
HERBICIDE AMOUNTS RETURNED (GALLONS/POUNDS):								
SUBMITTED:			APPROVED:			GRAND TOTAL: \$		



## ATTACHMENT B — 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 20 10 04 13, 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 (Endorsement CG 24 04 05 09, or equivalent) 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. Contractor is solely responsible for compliance with any Federal workers' compensation laws such as Jones Act and USL&H Act, including any benefits available to any workers performing work on this project.
- (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 a(n) project 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 the Contractor. Extensions shall be added or exclusions deleted to provide the necessary coverage.
- (c) **Automobile Liability.** Minimum limits of \$100,000/\$300,000/\$100,000.
- (d) **Pollution/Environmental Impairment Liability Coverage**
  - (i) Contractor is responsible to provide this coverage through its automobile liability, general liability or a separate policy if it transports or stores fuel on a vehicle, trailer or piece of equipment.
  - (ii) Contractor is responsible to provide this coverage through its general liability or a separate policy if it has a fuel storage tank stationed on the worksite.
- (e) **Policy Limits.** Not less than \$1,000,000 per claim, personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage and remediation costs.

ATTACHMENT C — DISTRICT’S SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS (sample)

DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS #

DATE:

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: Sandy Smith, Project Manager

CONTRACT NUMBER: 40226

CONTRACT TITLE: Orange Creek SJ29- Pine Plantation to Upland Sandhill Groundcover Restoration And Habitat Enhancement

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:
3. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Sandy Smith, District Project Manager

Acknowledged: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breanna Pierce, District Procurement Specialist

c: Contract file  
Financial Services