# CS-23-111

Contract No.: CM3586

# CONTRACT FOR THE CATALOG DISCOUNT PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS EQUIPMENT

THIS CONTRACT is entered into by and between the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY, LLC located at 408 Bif Court, Orlando, Florida, 32809, hereinafter referred to as the "Vendor".

WHEREAS, the County received bids for the CATALOG DISCOUNT PURCHASE OF

FIRE APPARATUS EQUIPMENT, on or about August 3, 2023 and said services are more fully

described in the County's Invitation to Bid ("ITB"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as

Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Vendor was a responsive and responsible

bidder; and

WHEREAS, all terms and conditions of the County's ITB, numbered NC23-037R-ITB,

and the Vendor's response are incorporated herein and made a part of this Contract by this reference; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Vendor's Response and Price Sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Vendor desires to render certain services as described in Exhibit "A" and

"B", and has the qualifications, experience, staff and resources to perform those services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions herein set forth, the County and the Vendor agree as follows:

# SECTION 1. Recitals.

1.1 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein, in their entirety, by this reference.

# SECTION 2. Contract Exhibits.

2.1 The Exhibits listed below are incorporated into and made part of this Contract:

# Exhibit A COUNTY'S INVITATION TO BID NC23-037R-ITB, ("ITB"), AS MODIFIED BY ADDENDA; AND

#### **Exhibit B** VENDOR'S RESPONSE AND PRICE SHEET

#### SECTION 3. Description of Goods and/or Services to be Provided.

**3.1** The Vendor shall provide the goods and/or services further described in the *County's ITB*, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibits "A" and "B". This Contract standing alone does not authorize the performance of any work or require the County to place any orders for work. The Vendor shall commence the work in accordance with the issuance of a written *Notice to Proceed* for goods and/or services issued by the County. The Vendor shall provide the goods and/or services as contained in the *County's ITB* in a timely and professional manner in accordance with specifications referenced herein.

#### SECTION 4. Payment and Invoicing.

4.1 The County shall pay the Vendor in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) for the goods and/or services referenced in Exhibit(s) "A" and "B". No payment shall be made for goods and/or services without a proper County work authorization or purchase order. The Vendor shall submit a copy of all invoices to the *Fire Chief* or designee and to <u>invoices@nassaucountyfl.com</u> for payment. The invoice submitted shall include the contract number referenced and shall be in sufficient detail as to item, quantity and price in order for the County to verify compliance with the awarded bid specifications and conditions of this Contract. Payment shall not be made until goods and/or services have been received, inspected and accepted by the County in the quantity and/or quality ordered. Payment in advance of receipt of goods and/or services by the County <u>cannot</u> be made. The County shall

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pay the Vendor within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt and acceptance of invoice by the Fire Chief, pursuant to and in accordance with the promulgations set forth by the State of Florida's Prompt Payment Act found at Section 218.70, Florida Statutes. The Vendor shall honor all purchase orders or work authorizations issued prior to the expiration of the term of this Contract.

#### SECTION 5. Acceptance of Goods and/or Services.

5.1 Receipt of goods and/or services shall <u>not</u> constitute acceptance by the County. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after a thorough inspection by the County indicates that the goods and/or services meet bid specifications and conditions. Should the quantity and/or quality differ in any respect from specifications, payment shall be withheld by the County until such time as the Vendor takes necessary corrective action. If the proposed corrective action is not acceptable to the County, the County Manager's Office may authorize the refusal of final acceptance of the quantity and/or quality received. Should a representative of the County agree to accept the goods and/or services on condition that the Vendor shall correct their performance within a stipulated time period, then payment shall be withheld until said corrections are made.

#### SECTION 6. Term of Contract and Option to Extend or Renew.

6.1 The term of this Contract shall begin upon the date of execution by both parties to this Contract and shall terminate three (3) years from the date of execution. The term of this Contract may be extended in one (1) year increments, for up to two (2) additional years, with no changes in terms or conditions, upon mutual written agreement between the Vendor and the County. The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute any Contract renewal, amendment and/or modification upon approval by the County Attorney's Office. Any extension or amendment to this Contract shall be subject to availability of funds of the County as set forth in Section 8 hereinbelow.

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6.2 In the event that the Contract is continued beyond the term provided above by mutual consent of the parties and not reduced to writing, this Contract shall be carried out on a month-to-month basis and shall not constitute an implied renewal of the Contract. Said month-to-month extension shall be upon the same terms of the Contract and at the compensation and payment provided herein.

# **SECTION 7. Firm Prices.**

7.1 Prices for goods and/or services covered in the specifications of this Contract shall remain firm for the period of this Contract pursuant to pricing as reflected in Exhibit "B"; net delivered to the ordering agency, **F.O.B. DESTINATION**. No additional fees or charges shall be accepted or paid for by the County.

#### **SECTION 8. Funding.**

8.1 The County's performance and obligation under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners for subsequent fiscal years and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

#### SECTION 9. Expenses.

9.1 The Vendor shall be responsible for all expenses incurred while providing goods and/or services under this Contract including, but not limited to, license fees, memberships and dues; automobile and other travel expenses; meals and entertainment; insurance premiums; and all salary, expenses and other compensation paid to the Vendor's agents, if any, hired by the Vendor to complete the work under this Contract.

# SECTION 10. Taxes, Liens, Licenses and Permits.

10.1 The Vendor recognizes that the County, by virtue of its sovereignty, is not required to pay any taxes on the goods and/or services provided under the terms of this Contract. As such, the Vendor shall refrain from including taxes in any billing. The Vendor is placed on notice that this

exemption generally does not apply to nongovernmental entities, contractors, or subcontractors. Any questions regarding this tax exemption shall be addressed to the County Manager.

**10.2** The Vendor shall secure and maintain all licenses and permits required to provide goods and/or services under this Contract and to pay any and all applicable sales or use tax, or any other tax or assessment which shall be imposed or assessed by any and all governmental authorities, required under this Contract, and to meet all federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, policies and rules.

10.3 The Vendor acknowledges that property being improved that is titled to the County, shall not be subject to a lien of any kind for any reason. The Vendor shall include notice of such exemptions in any subcontracts and purchase orders issued under this Contract.

# SECTION 11. Governing Law, Venue and Compliance with Laws.

11.1 This Contract shall be deemed to have been executed and entered into within the State of Florida and any dispute arising hereunder, shall be governed, interpreted and construed according to the laws of the State of Florida, the Ordinances of Nassau County, and any applicable federal statutes, rules and regulations. Any and all litigation arising under this Contract shall be brought in Nassau County, Florida, and any trial shall be non-jury. Any mediation, pursuant to litigation, shall occur in Nassau County, Florida.

11.2 The Vendor shall comply with applicable regulatory requirements including federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, codes, orders, criteria and standards.

#### SECTION 12. Change Orders.

12. 1 The County reserves the right to order, in writing, changes in the work within the scope of the Contract, such as change in quantity or delivery schedule. The Vendor has the right to request an equitable price adjustment in cases where changes to the Contract under the authority of this clause result in increased costs to the Vendor.

#### SECTION 13. Modifications.

13. 1 The terms of this Contract may be modified only upon the written and mutual consent of both parties, and approval by appropriate legal authority in the County.

#### SECTION 14. Assignment and Subcontracting.

14.1 The Vendor shall not assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the County.

14.2 In order to assign this Contract, or to subcontract any of the work requirements to be performed, the Vendor shall ensure and provide assurances to the County, that any subcontractor selected for work under this Contract has the necessary qualifications and abilities to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Vendor shall provide the County with the names of any subcontractor considered for work under this Contract; the County reserves the right to reject any subcontractor whose qualifications or performance, in the County's judgement, are insufficient. The Vendor shall be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred as a result thereof. Any subcontract arrangements shall be evidenced by a written document available to the County upon request. The Vendor further agrees that the County shall not be liable to any subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract. The Vendor, at its expense, shall defend the County against such claims.

14.3 The Vendor shall make payments to any of its subcontractors within seven (7) working days after receipt of full or partial payments from the County in accordance with Section 287.0585, Florida Statutes, unless otherwise stated in the contracts between the Vendor and subcontractors. The Vendor's failure to pay its subcontractor(s) within seven (7) working days shall result in a penalty charged against the Vendor and paid to the subcontractors in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.50%) of the amount due per day from the expiration of the period allowed herein

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for payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to the actual payments owed and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the outstanding balance due.

#### SECTION 15. Severability.

15.1 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Contract is, for any reason, held invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

# SECTION 16. Termination for Default.

16.1 If the Vendor fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, and if such default remains uncured for a period of more than fifteen (15) days after notice thereof was given in writing by the County to the Vendor, then the County may, without prejudice to any right or remedy the County may have, terminate this Contract.

16.2 Upon termination of this Contract, the Vendor shall immediately (1) stop work on the date specified; (2) terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work; (3) transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the County; (4) render to the County all property belonging to the County, including but not limited to, equipment, books, and records.

#### SECTION 17. Termination for Convenience.

17.1 The County reserves the right to terminate this Contract in whole or part by giving the Vendor written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of written notice of termination from the County, the Vendor shall only provide those goods and/or services specifically approved or directed by the County. All other rights and duties of the parties under the Contract shall continue during such notice period, and the County shall continue to be responsible to the Vendor for the payment of any obligations to the extent such responsibility

has not been excused by breach or default of the Vendor. The Vendor shall promptly contact the County to make arrangements to render to the County all property belonging to the County, including but not limited to, equipment, books, and records.

#### SECTION 18. Force Majeure.

18.1 Neither party of this Contract shall be liable to the other for any cost or damages if the failure to perform the Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the parties. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of nature, fires, quarantine restrictions, strikes and freight embargoes. In all cases, the failure to perform shall be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the party.

18.2 In the event of delay from the foregoing causes, the party shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate any and all resulting delay or disruption in the party's performance obligation under this Contract. If the delay is excusable under this section, the delay shall not result in any additional charge or cost under the Contract to either party. In the case of any delay that the Vendor believes is excusable under this section, the Vendor shall notify the County in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either: (1) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that created or will create the delay first arose, if the Vendor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (2) within five (5) calendar days after the date the Vendor first had reason to believe that a delay could result, if the delay is not reasonably foreseeable. THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE VENDOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY. Providing notice in strict accordance with this section is a condition precedent to such remedy. The County, in its sole discretion, shall determine if the delay is excusable under this section and shall notify the Vendor of its decision in writing. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the County. The Vendor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the County

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for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this section, after the causes have ceased to exist, the Vendor shall perform at no increased cost, unless the County determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the County, in which case, the County may do any or all of the following: (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Vendor, provided that the Vendor grants preferential treatment to the County with respect to goods and/or services subjected to allocation; (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Vendor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the goods and/or services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity; or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

#### SECTION 19. Access and Audits of Records.

19.1 The Vendor shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in providing the goods and/or services for at least three (3) years after completion of work contemplated under this Contract. The County and the County Clerk of Court shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours upon five (5) days' written notice to the Vendor.

#### SECTION 20. Public Emergencies.

**20.1** The Vendor agrees that before, during, and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, tornado, flood, or other acts of nature that the County shall require a "First Priority" for goods and/or services. The County expects to pay a fair and reasonable price for all goods and/or services rendered or contracted in the event of a disaster, emergency, hurricane, tornado or other acts of nature.

# SECTION 21. Probationary Period.

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21.1 The first ninety (90) days of this Contract are to be considered a "probationary period." Notwithstanding Sections 16 and 17 hereinabove, during the probationary period, the County may terminate this Contract based upon the performance of the Vendor and a new award be granted without another formal bid.

#### SECTION 22. Independent Vendor Status.

22.1 The Vendor shall provide the goods and/or services under this Contract as an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted or construed to constitute the Vendor or any of its agents or employees to be an agent, employee or representative of the County.

22.2 The Vendor and the County agree that during the term of this Contract: (a) the Vendor has the right to provide goods and/or services for others; ((b) the Vendor has the right to provide the goods and/or services required by this Contract; and (c) the Vendor has the right to hire assistants as subcontractors, or to use employees to provide the goods and/or services required by this Contract pursuant to Section 14 hereinabove.

#### SECTION 23. Indemnification.

23.1 The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its agents and employees from all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, arising out of or associated with or caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Vendor or any persons employed or utilized by the Vendor, in the performance of this Contract. The Vendor shall, at its own expense, defend any and all such actions, suits, or proceedings which may be brought against the County in connection with the Vendor's performance under this Contract.

# SECTION 24. Insurance.

24.1 The Vendor shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of this Contract, without cost or expense to the County, such commercial (occurrence form) or comprehensive general liability, workers compensation, professional liability, and other insurance policies as detailed in Exhibit "A". The policy limits required are to be considered minimum amounts.

24.2 The Vendor shall provide to the County a Certificate of Insurance for all policies of insurance and renewals thereof in a form acceptable to the County. Said certificates shall provide that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is an additional insured, and that the County shall be notified in writing of any reduction, cancellation or substantial change of policy or policies at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of said action with the exception of ten (10) days for non-payment. All insurance policies shall be issued by responsible companies who are acceptable to the County and licensed and authorized under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### SECTION 25. Dispute Resolution Process.

25.1 In the event of a dispute regarding the interpretation of the terms of this Contract, the County, in its sole discretion, may elect to use the dispute resolution process as set forth in this section.

**25.2** In the event the County elects to use the dispute resolution process under this section, the County shall send a written communication to the Vendor pursuant to Section 32 hereinbelow. The written notification shall set forth the County's interpretation of the terms of this Contract.

**25.3** The County shall then set a date and time for the parties to meet with the County Manager or designee. This meeting shall be set no more than twenty (20) days from the date that the written communication was sent to the Vendor. The Vendor may submit a written response to the County's written communication no less than five (5) days prior to the meeting with the County Manager or designee.

25.4 If no satisfactory resolution as to the interpretation of the Contract terms is reached at the meeting with the County Manager or designee, then the parties may elect to submit the dispute to mediation in accordance with mediation rules as established by the Florida Supreme Court. Mediators shall be chosen by the County and the cost of mediation shall be borne by the Vendor. The Vendor shall not stop work during the pendency of the dispute resolution or mediation process as set forth in this section.

#### SECTION 26. E-Verify.

26.1 The Vendor shall comply with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system ("E-Verify") to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by the Vendor during the term of this Contract to work in Florida. Additionally, if the Vendor uses subcontractors to perform any portion of the work (under this Contract), the Vendor shall include a requirement in the subcontractor's contract that the subcontractor use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by subcontractor to perform any such portion of the work. Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: <u>www.uscis.gov/e-verify</u>.

26.2 The Vendor shall maintain records of its participation and compliance with the provisions of the E-Verify program, including participation by its subcontractors as provided above, and to make such records available to the County or other authorized entity consistent with the terms of the Vendor's enrollment in the program. This includes maintaining a copy of proof of the Vendor's and subcontractors' enrollment in the E-Verify program. If the Vendor enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor shall provide the Vendor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Vendor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Contract.

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26.3 Compliance with the terms of the E-Verify program provision is made an express condition of this Contract and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the Contract. If the County terminates the Contract pursuant to Section 448.095(2)(c), Florida Statutes, the Vendor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which the contract was terminated and the Vendor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of this Contract.

#### SECTION 27. Public Records.

27.1 The County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6090, <u>RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM</u>, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 6, YULEE, FLORIDA 32097. Under this Contract, to the extent that the Vendor is providing the goods and/or services to the County, and pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the Vendor shall:

a. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to provide goods and/or services.

b. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public Page 13 of 20 Revised 7-5-2023 á.

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records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Vendor does not transfer the records to the County.

d. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Vendor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Contract, the Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically shall be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

27.2 A request to inspect or copy public records relating to the County's contract for goods and/or services shall be made directly to the County. If the County does not possess the requested records, the County shall immediately notify the Vendor of the request, and the Vendor shall provide the records to the public agency or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.

**27.3** If the Vendor does not comply with the County's request for records, the County shall enforce the Contract provisions in accordance with the Contract.

27.4 If the Vendor fails to provide the public records to the County within a reasonable time, the Vendor may be subject to penalties under Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

27.5 If a civil action is filed against the Vendor to compel production of public records relating to the Contract, the Court shall assess and award against the Vendor the reasonable costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney fees if:

(a) The Court determines that the Vendor unlawfully refused to comply with the public records request within a reasonable time; and

(b) At least eight (8) business days before filing the action, the plaintiff provided written notice of the public records request, including a statement that the Vendor has not complied with the request, to the County and to the Vendor.

**27.6** A notice complies with Section 27.5 (b) hereinabove, if it is sent to the County's custodian of public records and to the Vendor at the Vendor's address listed on its Contract with the County or to the Vendor's registered agent. Such notices shall be sent pursuant to Section 32 hereinbelow.

27.7 If the Vendor complies with a public records request within eight (8) business days after the notice is sent, the Vendor is not liable for the reasonable costs of enforcement.

**27.8** In reference to any public records requested under this Contract, the Vendor shall identify and mark specifically any information which the Vendor considers confidential and/or proprietary, inclusive of trade secrets as defined in Section **812.081**, Florida Statutes, and which the Vendor believes to be exempt from disclosure, citing specifically the applicable exempting law and including a brief written explanation as to why the cited Statute is applicable to the information claimed as confidential and/or proprietary information. All materials shall be segregated and clearly identified as "EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

27.9 In conjunction with the confidential and/or proprietary information designation, the Vendor acknowledges and agrees that after notice from County, the Vendor shall respond to a notice from the County immediately, but no later than 10 calendar days from the date of notification or the Vendor shall be deemed to have waived and consented to the release of the confidential and/or proprietary designated materials.

**27.10** The Vendor further agrees that by designation of the confidential/proprietary material, the Vendor shall defend the County (and its employees, agents and elected and appointed officials) against all claims and actions (whether or not a lawsuit is commenced) related to the Vendor's designation of the material as exempt from public disclosure and to hold harmless the County (and its employees, agents and elected and appointed officials) from any award to a plaintiff for damages, costs and attorneys' fees, incurred by the County by reason of any claim or action related to the Vendor's designation of material as exempt from public disclosure.

# SECTION 28. Disclosure of Litigation, Investigations, Arbitration or Administrative Decisions.

**28.1** During the term of this Contract, or any extension thereto, the Vendor shall have the continued duty to disclose to the County Attorney, in writing, upon occurrence, all civil or criminal litigation, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceeding involving the Vendor. If the existence of the proceeding causes the County concerns that the Vendor's ability or willingness to perform this contract is jeopardized, the Vendor may be required to provide the County with reasonable written assurance to demonstrate the Vendor can perform the terms and conditions of the Contract.

#### SECTION 29. Public Entity Crimes.

**29.1** In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, the Vendor certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the date of this Contract.

#### SECTION 30. Anti-Discrimination.

**30.1** The Vendor agrees that it will not discriminate in employment, employee development, or employee advancement because of religious or political opinions or affiliations,

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race, color, national origin, sex, age, physical handicap, or other factors, except where such factor is a bonified occupational qualification or is required by State and/or Federal Law.

# SECTION 31. Advertising.

**31.1** The Vendor shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning this Contract without prior written approval from the County, including but not limited to, mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the County as a reference, or otherwise linking the Vendor's name and either description of this Contract or the name of the County in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party this Contract, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representative.

#### SECTION 32. Notices.

**32.1** All notices, demands, requests for approvals or other communications given by the parties to another in connection with this Contract shall be in writing, and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or overnight delivery service (such as federal express), or courier service or by hand delivery to the office of each party indicated below:

County: Nassau County Attn: Fire Chief Brady Rigdon 96160 Nassau Place Yulee, Florida 32097

Vendor: Municipal Equipment Company, LLC Attn: Mathew Fenneman

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408 Bif Court,

Orlando, FL 32809

# SECTION 33. Attorney's Fees.

**33.1** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 27 hereinabove, in the event of any legal action to enforce the terms of this Contract each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

# **SECTION 34. Authority to Bind.**

**34.1** The Vendor represents and warrants that the Vendor's undersigned representative if executing this Contract on behalf of a partnership, corporation or agency has the authority to bind the Company to the terms of this Contract.

# SECTION 35. Conflicting Terms, Representations and No Waiver of Covenants or Conditions.

**35.1** In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Contract and the terms of any attachments, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.

**35.2** All representations, indemnifications, warranties and guaranties made by the Vendor in this Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in this Contract, shall survive final payment and termination or completion of this Contract.

**35.3** The failure of either party to insist on strict performance of any covenant or condition herein, or to exercise any option herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver of such covenant, condition, or option in any other instance.

**35.4** The Vendor warrants that all goods and/or services provided by the Vendor under this Contract shall be merchantable. All goods provided shall be of good quality within the description given by the County, shall be fit for their ordinary purpose, shall be adequately contained and packaged with the description given by the County, shall conform to the agreed upon

specifications, and shall conform to the affirmations of facts made by the Vendor or on the container or label.

#### SECTION 36. Construction of Contract.

**36.1** The parties hereby acknowledge that they have fully reviewed this Contract and any attachments and have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel of their choice, and that this Contract shall not be construed against any party as if they were the drafter of this Contract.

#### SECTION 37. Headings.

**37.1** The section headings and captions of this Contract are for convenience and reference of the parties and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this Contract or any part thereof.

#### SECTION 38. Entire Agreement and Execution.

**38.1** This Contract, together with any attachments, constitutes the entire Contract between the County and the Vendor and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings.

**38.2** This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts; each executed counterpart hereof shall be deemed an original; and all such counterparts, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

#### SECTION 39. Change of Laws.

**39.1** If there is a change in any state or federal law, regulation or rule or interpretation thereof, which affects this Contract or the activities of either party under this Contract, and either party reasonably believes in good faith that the change will have a substantial adverse effect on that party's rights or obligations under this Contract, then that party may, upon written notice, require the other party to enter into good faith negotiations to renegotiate the terms of this Contract. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement concerning the modification of this Contract within fifteen (15) days after the date of the notice seeking renegotiation, then either party may terminate

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this Contract by written notice to the other party. In such event, Vendor shall be paid its compensation for the goods and/or services provided prior to the termination date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract which shall be deemed an original on the day and year last written below.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

By John F. Martin U

Date: January 17-2024

Attest as to authenticity of the Chair's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form and legality by the Nassau County Attorney

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# MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY, LLC,

By: Mathew Fenneman

Its: President

12/13/2023 Date:

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EXHIBIT "A"



# **INVITATION TO BID**

# NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Solicitation Title:	Issue Date: July 19, 2023		
Purchase of Fire Apparatus Equipment			
Solicitation Number: NC23-037R-ITB	Project/Contract Duration: Three (3) Years form Contract Execution		
Requesting Department: Nassau County Fire Rescue	Procurement Contact: Thomas O'Brien, Procurement Specialist tobrien@nassaucountyfl.com		
Contact Address:	Contact Information:		
96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2 Yulee, Florida 32097	procurement@nassaucountyfl.com		
Bid Due Date and Opening Date/Time: August 3, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST			
Pre-Bid Date/Time:	Deadline for Questions:		
N/A	July 24, 2023 @ 4:00 PM EST		
Location of Bid Opening: Robert M. Foster Justice Center, 76347 Veterans Way, Second Floor, Yulee, Florida 32097			

In accordance with the intent and content of this solicitation, we the undersigned do hereby offer to perform s stipulated in this Bid. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiting of bid security, removal from the County's vendor list, or other remedies available to the County under the laws of the State of Florida.

Legal Name of Respondent	:		
Business Address:			
Phone Number:	Email:	FL License Number:	
Authorized Signature:		Date:	
Printed Name of Signer:		Title:	

# **General Instructions/Declarations**

- 1. Bid results will be available pursuant to Florida Statute 119.071(b).
- 2. Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished by the County within this solicitation, unless otherwise specified below.
- 3. This page must be completed and returned as the top sheet of any Bid submitted.
- 4. It is the intent and purpose of Nassau County that this solicitation promotes competitive bidding. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to advise the Procurement Department via the County's electronic bidding platform if, in the Bidder's opinion, any language, requirements, etc. inadvertently restricts or limits competition. Such notification must be submitted via the County's electronic bidding platform and must be received by the Procurement Department no later than theDeadline for Questions date and time stated above.

# (THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID)

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# SECTION A. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A1. Summary:

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to supply Fire Apparatus Equipment on an as needed, when needed basis.

# A2. Term of Contract:

The Term of the resulting contract is to be for an initial period of three (3) years from the date of execution by both the County and the successful Vendor.

# Option to Renew for Two (2) Additional One-Year Periods

Prior to, or upon completion, of that initial term, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for two additional one-year periods. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period, and any option subsequently exercised, is subject to annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners and vendor's performance.

For any adjustment to commence on the first day of any exercised option period, the vendor's request for adjustment should be submitted ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration of the then current contract term. The vendors(s) adjustment request should not be in excess of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. County Average for All Items 1982-84=100, which is issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If no adjustment request is received from the vendor(s), the County will assume that the vendor(s) has agreed that the optional term may be exercised without pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received after the commencement of a new option period may not be considered.

The County reserves the right to apply any reduction in pricing for the additional term(s) based on the downward movement of the applicable index.

# SECTION B. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- **B1.** Bidders are expected to carefully examine these solicitation forms, specifications, attached drawings (if any), and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk. Bidders, without exception, will be solely responsible for all aspects of the terms, conditions, and special provisions of this solicitation.
- **B2.** All bids must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.
- **B3.** The term "County" means the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and its authorized designees, agents, and employees.
- **B4.** Each Bidder shall furnish the information required on the Bid Price Sheet and each accompanying sheet thereof, if applicable, on which she/he makes an entry. Offers submitted on any other format may be disqualified.
- **B5.** All bids must be submitted electronically via the County's electronic bidding platform (<u>PlanetBids</u>), accessible via the County's website.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that bids are received in the County'selectronic bidding platform before the Bid due date and time. The platform will not allow Bids after the cut-off time EVEN IF YOU ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SUBMITTINGYOUR BID WHEN THE CUT-OFF TIME ARRIVES. Please plan your submittal timing accordingly. No mailed, facsimile, or emailed Bids will be considered.

- **B6.** Bids will be opened at the Office of the Clerk on the date and time specified on the cover page of this solicitation at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida. The public is invited to attend.
- **B7.** The County reserves the right to request any additional information needed for clarification from any Bidder for evaluation purposes.
- **B8.** Pursuant to recent changes in Florida Statutes Chapter 119.071 (General Exemptions from inspection or copying of public records) the bid opening process is temporarily exempt from Public Records requirements, except bids received pursuant to a competitive solicitation for construction or repairs on a public building or public work. Informationmay be released to the public once the Board provides a notice of intended decision or 30 days after the bid opening, whichever is earlier.

Pursuant to recent changes in Florida Statutes Chapter 286.0113 (General exemptions from publicmeeting requirements) any portion of a meeting in which negotiations with a vendor is conducted as part of the "competitive negotiation" process at which a vendor makes an oral presentation or answers questions as part of the "competitive solicitation" process are exempt from public meeting requirements until the Board provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after bid opening, whichever is earlier. Any portion of a committee meeting at which negotiationstrategies are discussed is exempt.

A complete record shall be made of any portion of an exempt meeting; no portion may be held offthe record. The recording of and any records presented at the exempt meeting are exempt from FS119.071 until such time as the board provides notice of an intended decision or 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies.

Please refer to Florida Statutes 119.071, 255.0518 and 286.0113 for further details.

**B9.** Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the Bid opening date. If award is not made within one hundred twenty (120) days; the response shall remain firm until either the County awards the Contract or receives from the Bidder written notice that the response is withdrawn. Any response that expresses a shorter duration may, in the County's sole discretion, be accepted or rejected.

Bids may be withdrawn or modified at any time before the Bid due date during which the Bidder may withdraw their Bid or make any needed modification(s) and resubmit without prejudice by utilizing the modification/withdrawal feature within the County's electronic bidding platform.

- **B10.** Please check your pricing before submitting your Bid, as no changes in pricing will be allowed after the Bid opening. In cases of the extended price irregularities, unit pricing will prevail. Please note that the County reserves the right to clarify and correct blatant unit price or extended price and/or calculation errors.
- **B11.** Be sure to sign your Bid. Failure to include proper signatures on the required documents may result in a disqualification of that Bid. Signature should by an authorized person that can legally bind the company to this engagement.
- **B12.** Bidders are advised that the County will not accept limitations on liability from any vendor. The successful Bidder(s) will be fully liable for all damages and events caused by them, without any limitations, and they shall waive any rights of subrogation as a part of any contract resulting from this solicitation and associated submittal. The County will pursue liable Bidders to the extent allowed by law for damages caused by them during the performance of a contract with

the County. Any Bid received that limits liability will be considered unresponsive and will not be accepted by the County.

- **B13.** Bidder shall include in their Bid package a copy of their <u>current, valid</u> insurance coverage certification that meets or exceeds the requirements of included with this solicitation.
- **B14. Participation in E-Verify Required by Law:** Pursuant to Florida Statute 448.095, all vendors doing business with Nassau County are required to register with, and participate in, the federal government's E-Verify program (www.e-verify.gov). Bidders will be required to provide proofof registration from E-Verify along with a completed affidavit certifying their compliance with F.S. 448.095. By submitting a Bid to this solicitation, Bidder acknowledges and agrees that:
  - (a) If the County has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated §448.09(1), Florida Statutes, the contract shall be terminated,
  - (b) If the County has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated §448.095(2), but the Prime Contractor otherwise complied with §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, shall promptly notify the Prime Contractor and order the Prime Contractor to immediately terminate their contract with the subcontractor,
  - (c) A contract terminated under subparagraph a) or b) is not a breach of contract and may notbe considered as such,
  - (d) Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination, and
  - (e) If a contract is terminated for a violation of F.S. 448 by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.
- B15. Bidders are required to refrain from contacting any County Departments, Divisions, or external agents or consultants about this solicitation during the solicitation process. ANY QUESTIONS FROM VENDORS MUST BE RECEIVED VIA THE COUNTY'S VENDOR PORTAL. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification of your bid and egregious and/or repeated violations may result in debarment from future solicitations, contracts, or other business with the County.

Questions received will be formatted by Procurement and issued to all interested parties in the form of an addendum. Oral questions and/or answers are <u>not</u> authorized outside of a Pre-Bid Conference setting (if applicable), and <u>the County will not entertain any verbal</u> <u>communications regarding this or any other solicitation</u>. All questions regarding this solicitation must be received by the date and time specified on the first page of this solicitation. Questions received after this date will not be reviewed.

Inquiries or requests for clarification must provide the questions along with the relevant Section(s), Subsection(s), Paragraph(s), and page number(s) of the competitive solicitation being questioned by the Bidder.

The County will consider the Bidder's lack of inquiries or requests for clarification prior to the Deadline for Questions to constitute the Bidder's acceptance of all of the terms, conditions, and requirements as stated in this solicitation and any addenda or amendments thereto.

**B16.** It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to visit the County's electronic bidding platform – prior to submitting a bid – to ascertain if any addenda have been issued and to review those

addenda, if applicable. Bidders must complete and return the enclosed Addenda Acknowledgement Form with their bid. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the bid.

# SECTION C. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **C1. Terms & Conditions**: Bidder proposes and agrees, if their bid is accepted, to enter into a contract with the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, to perform and furnish all goods and services specified in the contract documents, consistent with this solicitation, for the agreed-upon price, within the agreed timeframe indicated in this solicitation, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the contract. The successful Bidder(s) shall execute and return to the County, within ten (10) days after receipt, all contractual documents, performance, and payment bonds (if applicable), insurance certificates, E-Verify documentation, and any other documents required by this solicitation. No Contract shall be considered binding upon the Countyuntil it has been properly executed by all parties.
- C2. Receiving/Payment/Invoicing: The County shall pay all vendors within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of an invoice, in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Florida Statute 218.70). Payment shall not be made until goods/services have been received, inspected, and accepted by the County as to the quality and quantity ordered and received. Payment will be accomplished by submission of an invoice, with the contract number referenced thereon, emailed to the County Department receiving the goods or services from the Vendor. Payment in advance of receipt of goods/services by the County will not be made.

Invoice submitted shall be in sufficient detail as to item, service, quantity, and price in order for the County to verify compliance with the contract.

- **C3.** Acceptance of Goods/Services: Receipt of goods/services shall <u>not</u> constitute acceptance. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after a thorough inspection indicates that the goods/services meet solicitation and contract specifications and conditions. Should the goods/services differ in any respect from specifications, payment will be withheld until such time as the supplier takes all necessary corrective action(s).
- **C4. Taxes:** Nassau County is tax exempt. As such, the County will not pay any Federal Excise or State of Florida Sales and Use Taxes. Vendors shall not include taxes in any Bid, invoice, or statement.
- **C5.** Independent Pricing: By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that in connection with this solicitation:
  - (a) The prices in the bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, collusion, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition, and
  - (b) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to influence any other person or firm to submit or not submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.
- C6. Conflict of Interest Business Association: All Bidders must disclose with their offer the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an officer or employee of the County or related to an officer or employee of the County. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any Nassau County officer or employee who has, either directly or indirectly, any interest of the Bidder's firm or any of its branches, affiliates, or subsidiaries. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, failure to disclose will result in disqualification of the bid and/or cancellation of

work without the County being in breach of contract. The County will seek damages for recoupment of losses for having to re-solicit or re-assign and further reserves the right to debar and any vendor who fails to disclose.

C7. Conflict of Interest – Advisory Boards: Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, prohibit an advisory board member of the County from holding any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity doing business with the County. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes, provides that an advisory board member will not be in violation of the prohibition if certainconditions are met, including the filing of a disclosure form with the County, which is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid. A copy of the filed disclosure form shall be included as part of the Bidder's response.

The advisory board member is required to, prior to or at the time of the submissions of the bid, file a statement with the County, disclosing their interest and the nature of the intended business.

The advisory board member, or his or her spouse, child, or other relative, is required to have in noway used or attempted to use his or her influence to persuade a member of the County or any of itspersonnel to enter into such a contract other than by the mere submission of the bid.

The advisory board member, or his or her spouse, child, or other relative, is required to have in noway participated in the determination of the solicitation's specifications or the determination of theresponsible and responsive Bidder.

- **C8.** Additional Terms and Conditions: No additional terms and conditions included with the bid shall be evaluated or considered. Any such additional terms and conditions shall have noforce and effect and are inapplicable to this solicitation and the bid submitted. If submitted either purposely through intent or design, or inadvertently appearing separately in transmitting letters, specifications, literature, price lists, or warranties, it is understood and agreed that the general and special conditions in this solicitation and contract documents are the only conditions applicable to this solicitation and the Bidder's authorized signature affixed to the response attests to this.
- **C9. Public Records Requirement:** The County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6010, RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 1, YULEE, FLORIDA 32097. To the extent that the selected vendor(s) provide(s)goods and/or services to the County, and pursuant to Florida Statute 119.0701, the Vendor(s) shall:
  - (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service,
  - (b) Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency 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 this chapter or as otherwise provided by law,
  - (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the vendor does not transfer the records to the public agency, and

- (d) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the vendor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from thepublic agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency. If a vendor does not comply with a public records request, the County shall enforce thecontract provisions in accordance with the contract.
- **C10. Public Entity Crimes:** A person or affiliate who has been placed on the Convicted Vendor List following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entityfor the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a vendor, supplier, subvendor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statute 287.017 for CATEGORYTWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. The enclosed sworn statement for Public Entity Crimes under Florida Statute 287.133(3)(a) must besubmitted with the Bid.
- **C11. Debarred Vendors:** By submitting this bid, the Bidder certifies, to the best of its knowledge or belief, that the Bidder and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; or have not within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them in connection with a public contract or subcontract; or are not criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of offenses; or has not within a three year period preceding this offer had a contract terminated for default by any Federal agency. (Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.209-5)

The County reserves the right to withhold award, rescind an award, or forego award to any Bidder who is found to have been debarred from doing business with the State of Florida or any other public entity. It shall be County's sole determination as to the desirability of contracting with a Bidder who has been barred from doing business with a public entity.

**C12.** Equal Opportunity: The County recognizes fair and open competition as a basic tenet of public procurement and encourages participation by veteran-, minority-, and woman-owned businesses. Such businesses are to be afforded a full opportunity to participate in any procurement by the County and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender, disability, political affiliation, or national origin.

The County is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. The County is committed to equalemployment opportunities and expects firms that do business with the County to do the same.

- **C13.** Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political, or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting: Vendor is hereby notified that pursuant to Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the County may not request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor and may not give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.
- C14. Draft Contract: The contract that the County intends to use for award is attached as Attachment

"I". The awarded Vendor will be required to enter into an agreement which will include the requirements of this ITB as well as the terms and conditions of the draft contract, Attachment "I". The County reserves the right to reject any bid(s) containing exceptions or modifications to the standard terms and conditions. The County may revise the stated standard terms and conditions prior to execution.

- **C15. Failure To Execute Agreement:** Failure of the successful Bidder to accept the Agreement as specified will be cause for cancellation of the award. In the event that the award is canceled, the award may then be made to the second lowest responsive and responsible Bidder, and such Bidder shall fulfill every stipulation embraced herein as if he were the original party to whom the award was made; or the County may reject all bids.
- **C16. Default By Awarded Vendor** In the event of default by the Awarded Vendor, the County reserves the right to award to the next lowest Bidder. In the event of this occurrence, the next lowest Bidder, if it wishes the award, shall be required to provide the bid items at the prices as contained on its bid price sheet for this ITB.
- **C17. Other Government Agencies**: The submission of this Bid in response to the Invitation to Bid constitutes an agreement, at the option of the awarded Contractor, for the same prices, terms and conditions, to other governmental and quasi-governmental agencies, political subdivisions, counties and cities. Each political entity will be responsible for execution of its own contract with the awarded vendor.

SECTION D. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- **D1. Minimum Standard:** Specifications listed herein describe the expected minimum standard. These specifications are intended to be descriptive in nature and are not intended to eliminate, discourage, impede, or otherwise prevent any vendor from submitting a bid.
- **D2. Experience of Bidder:** Bidder must be a provider currently doing business with the general public, servicing a minimum of three (3) commercial or public entity accounts equal in size and scope to this solicitation, and be properly licensed to do business in the State of Florida for no less than three (3) years.
- D3. Attachments/Exhibits: All attachments and exhibits are made an essential part of this solicitation. If you choose not to respond to this solicitation, please complete and return the enclosed Statement of "No-Bid" prior to the bid opening.
- D4. Bid Bond (If Applicable): A Responder submitting a response that is valued at one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more <u>must</u> submit a Bid Bond payable to the County for five percent (5.0%) of the total amount of the response in order for their submittal to be considered responsive. The original Bid Bond must be mailed to the Office of Ex-Officio Clerk, 76347 Veterans Way Suite 456, Yulee, Florida 32097, with attention to the bid number of this solicitation. A copy of the Bid Bond is also to be uploaded in the County's vendor portal upon submission of bid.

The Bid Bonds of the unsuccessful responders shall be returned by the County, and the Bid Bond of the successful responder will be retained until Performance and Payment Bonds have each been executed and approved, after which time the successful Responder's Bid Bond will be returned. A certified check may be used in lieu of a Bid Bond and shall be payable to the County. Responders who fail or refuse to provide a required Bid Bond will be disqualified from further consideration.

**D5. Performance/Payment Bond (If Applicable):** If awarded a Contract for a project totaling one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more, the successful bidder, within ten (10) calendar days of contract execution, must provide an acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100.0%) of the Contract, and issued by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of Florida and Nassau County, for the faithful performance of the work outlined in the enclosed Technical Specifications/Scope of Work.

Pursuant to F.S. 255.05(1)(b), contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2012 require that "before commencing the work or before recommencing the work after a default or abandonment, the Contractor shall provide to the public entity a certified copy of the recorded bond[s]. Notwithstanding the terms of the Contract or any other law governing prompt payment for construction services, the public entity may not make a payment to the Contractor until the Contractor has complied with this [requirement]." Certified Copy of Recorded Performance and Payment Bonds are to be sent to the following address: Office of Ex-Officio Clerk, 76347 Veterans Way Suite 456, Yulee, Florida 32097, with attention to the bid number of this solicitation.

#### SECTION E. AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS

# E1. <u>METHOD OF AWARD:</u>

Award will be made to the most responsive/responsible vendor to the solicitation that meets or exceeds the specifications. Please note that the County reserves the right to contract with multiple vendors.

- E2. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, with or without cause, without recourse, or to waive technicalities or to accept bids which, in its sole judgment, bestserve the interests of the County. Response to this solicitation is considered an operational cost of the Bidder and shall not be passed on to or borne by the County. The County also reserves the right to reject the response of a Bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, completely, on-time and/or on-cost, contracts of a similar nature, or that are not, in the County's sole discretion, in a position to perform the contract.
- **E3.** Any cause including, but not limited to, the following may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a Bidder and the rejection of its submittal:
  - (a) Submission of more than one bid for the same work by an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation under the same or different names,
  - (b) Evidence of collusion among Bidders, or previous participation in collusive bidding or proposing on work for the County,
  - (c) Any material misrepresentation,
  - (d) Uncompleted work for which the Bidder is committed by contract which, in the judgment of the County, might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of the work underthis contract if awarded to Bidder,
  - (e) Violations of the Cone of Silence as provided for herein,
  - (f) Actual or potential conflict of interest as provided for in Section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, or
  - (g) Conviction for a public entity crime as provided for in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes.

- **E4.** The County will provide a contract for the successful Bidder's execution.
- **E5.** The award of a contract does not constitute an order nor a Notice to Proceed. Before any services can be performed, the successful Bidder must receive written authorization for the County by purchase orders or work authorizations.
- **E6.** Award will be made without further negotiation based upon competitive bids; therefore only "best and final pricing" should be submitted in response to this solicitation.

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# EXHIBIT "B" SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. It is expected that Bidders have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations.
- 2. All equipment, products, and supplies offered must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
- 3. All equipment, products, and supplies offered must be for new, current model/current production and shall conform in design, strength, quality of material and workmanship to current industry standards.
- 4. All equipment, products, and supplies must be delivered as operational.
- 5. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.
- 6. All prices quoted shall be based on delivery F.O.B. Destination prepaid and allowed (unless otherwise stated in special instructions) with all charges prepaid to the actual point of delivery and inside delivery.
- 7. Purchase Order(s) shall be issued by the County to the awarded Vendor when product is needed.
- 8. Products supplied under any resulting contract shall be subject to the County's approval. Items found defective or not meeting Specifications shall be picked up and replaced by the Vendor at no expense to the County.

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# EXHIBIT "A" PRICE SHEET

Item No.	Manufacturer	Percent Discount Offered	Source of Discount
1.	All-American Hose	%	
2.	Akron Brass	%	
3.	S&H Fire Products	%	
4.	Ziamatic	%	
5.	Grainger	%	
6.	The Fire Store	%	[
7.	Fol-Da-Tank	%	
8.	Streamlight	%	
9.	CMC	%	
10.	SUPERVAC	%	
11.	Red Head Brass	%	
12.	Kochek	%	
13.	Harrington	%	
14.	Fire Hooks Unlimited	%	
15.	Fire Quip	%	
16.	Darley	%	
17.	ELKHART	%	
18.	Barska	%	
19.	Klein Tools	%	
20.	Performance Advantage Company	%	
21.	Firecom	%	
22.	Walmart	%	
23.	AMA	%	
24.	HDI	%	
25.	Lenox	%	
26.	R&B FAB	%	
27.	Pelican	%	
28.	Yardstop	%	
29.	Euramco	%	
30.	Coastal	%	
31.	Genesis	%	
32.	Motorola	%	
33.	MS Distribution	%	
34.	Johnny Ray	%	
35.	Team	%	
36.	Sensible	%	
37.	Rothco	%	
38.	Uline	%	
39.	Quad Medical	%	
40.	AGRICULTURE SOL	%	
41.	FOX	%	
42.	SMARTDOC	%	
43.	LEATHERHEAD	%	
44.	LITTLE GIANT	%	
45.	HEBERT	%	
46.	NUPLA	%	
40.	NUTLA	70	

47.	Alco-lite	%	
48.	Key Hose	%	
49.	TFT	%	
50.	Scotty	%	
51.	Insight	%	
52.	Stihl	%	
53.	Law and Order	%	
54.	Stryker	%	
55.	Drager	%	
56.	Laerdal	%	

# PRICE SHEET

Balance of Line:	Percentage Discount	Source of Discount
Percentage discount offered on all non-listed brands (catalog, MSRP, list price, etc.) Please specify source.	%	

The undersigned declares that they have examined the Notice to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, and Specifications and is informed fully with regard to all terms and conditions pertaining thereto and agrees under these specifications at the prices set forth above.

Ву: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

(Above name printed or typed)

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail:

# EXHIBIT "C" INSURANCE

# GENERAL INFORMATION AND MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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	<b>COMMERCIAL GENER</b>	AL LIABILITY I	NSURANCE	

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor's expense Commercial General Liability insurance coverage (ISO or comparable Occurrence Form) for the life of this Contract. Modified Occurrence or Claims Made forms are not acceptable.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits:	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
General Aggregate Limit (other than Products &	
Completed Operations) Applies Per Project	\$2,000,000

General liability coverage shall continue to apply to "bodily injury" and to "property damage" occurring after all work on the Site of the covered operations to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insureds has been completed and shall continue after that portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use.

# WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor's expense Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits: <u>Part One</u> – Workers' Compensation Insurance – Unlimited

Statutory Benefits as provided in the Florida Statutes and <u>Part Two</u> – Employer's Liability Insurance Bodily Injury By Accident Bodily Injury By Disease Bodily Injury By Disease

\$500,000 Each Accident \$500,000 Policy Limit \$500,000 Each Employee

\*If leased employees are used, policy must include an Alternate Employer's Endorsement

# AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor's expense Automobile Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits: Combined Single Limit – Each Accident

\$1,000,000

Covered Automobiles shall include any auto owned or operated by the insured Vendor/Contractor, including autos which are leased, hired, rented or borrowed, including autos owned by their employees which are used in connection with the business of the respective Vendor/Contractor.

Vendor/Contractor shall require each of his Sub-Vendor/Contractors to likewise purchase and maintain at their expense Commercial General Liability insurance, Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability coverage and Automobile Liability insurance coverage meeting the same limit and requirements as the Vendor/Contractors insurance.

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain -

- Endorsement that coverage afforded under the policies will not be cancelled or allowed to expire until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.
  - Nassau County Board of County Commissioners must be named as an Additional Insured and endorsed onto the Commercial General Liability (CGL), Auto Liability policy (ies).
  - > CGL policy for construction related contracts -
    - Additional Insured Endorsement must include Ongoing and Completed
    - CGL policy shall not be endorsed with Contractual Liability Limitation Endorsement or Amendment of Insured Contract Definition
    - CGL policy shall include broad form contractual liability coverage for the Contractors covenants to and indemnification of the Authority under this Contract
- Provision under General Liability, Auto Liability and Workers' Compensation to include a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.
- Provision that policies, except Workers' Compensation, are primary and noncontributory.

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain a provision under General Liability, Auto Liability, Environmental Liability and Workers' Compensation to include a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.

All Insurers must be authorized to transact insurance business in the State of Florida as provided by Florida Statute 624.09(1) and the most recent Rating Classification/Financial Category of the insurer as published in the latest edition of "Best's Key Rating Guide' (Property-Casualty) must be at least A- or above.

All of the above referenced Insurance coverage is required to remain in force for the duration of this Agreement and for the duration of the warranty period. Accordingly, at the time of submission of final application for payment, Vendor/Contractor shall submit an additional Certificate of Insurance evidencing continuation of such coverage.

If the Vendor/Contractor fails to procure, maintain or pay for the required insurance, Nassau County Board of County Commissioners shall have the right (but not the obligation) to secure same in the name of and for the account of Vendor/Contractor, in which event, Vendor/Contractor shall pay the cost thereof and shall furnish upon demand, all information that may be required to procure such insurance. Nassau County Board of County Commissioners shall have the right to back-charge Vendor/Contractor for the cost of procuring such insurance. The failure of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners to demand certificates of insurance and endorsements evidencing the required insurance or to identify any deficiency in Vendor/Contractors coverage based on the evidence of insurance provided by the Vendor/Contractor shall not be construed as a waiver by Nassau County Board of County Commissioners of Vendor/Contractor's obligation to procure, maintain and pay for required insurance.

The insurance requirements set forth herein shall in no way limit Vendor/Contractors liability arising out of the work performed under the Agreement or related activities. The inclusions, coverage and limits set forth herein are minimum inclusion, coverage and limits. The required minimum policy limits set forth shall not be construed as a limitation of Vendor/Contractor's right under any policy with higher limits, and no policy maintained by the Vendor/Contractor shall be construed as limiting the type, quality or quantity of insurance coverage that Vendor/Contractor should maintain. Vendor/Contractor shall be responsible for determining appropriate inclusions, coverage and limits, which may be in excess of the minimum requirements set forth herein.

If the insurance of any Vendor/Contractor or any Sub-Vendor/Contractor contains deductible(s), penalty(ies) or self-insured retention(s), the Vendor/Contractor or Sub-Vendor/Contractor whose insurance contains such provision(s) shall be solely responsible for payment of such deductible(s), penalty(ies) or self-insured retention(s).

The failure of Vendor/Contractor to fully and strictly comply at all times with the insurance requirements set forth herein shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement.

## FORM A ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgment is hereby made of receipt of addenda issued during the solicitation period.		
Addendum # through #		
Signature of Person Completing:	Date:	
Printed Name: Title:		

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## FORM B SWORN STATEMENT UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 287.133(3)(a) ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

#### TO BE RETURNED WITH BID

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

- 1. This sworn statement is submitted with Bid, Proposal or Contract for
- My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_ (please print name of individual signing), and my relationship to the entity named above is \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services, any leases for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
- 5. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction or a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 6. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
  - a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
  - b. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not to fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding thirty-six (36) months shall be considered an affiliate.
- 7. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees,

members, and agents who are active in management of an entity. 8. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (*Please indicate which statement applies.*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one of more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989, and (Please indicate which additional statement applies.)

There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the Hearing Officer did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

\_\_\_\_\_ The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer determined that it was in the public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list. (Please describe any action taken by or pending with the Department of General Services.)

		Signature		
		Date		
State of:				
County of:				
Sworn to (or affirmed)	and subscribed before	me by means of	physical presence or	online
notarization, this	day of	, 20	by	
who	is personally known	n to me or produc	;ed	
as identification.				

Notary Public	
My commission expires:	

## FORM C BIDDER QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire shall be answered by the Bidder for use in the evaluation process.

1.	Company Name:		
	Address:		
	Phone: Email:		
	Website Address:		
2.	COMPANY STRUCTURE	-	
	□Sole Proprietor □Part	nership □Corporation □Othe	۲ <u></u>
3.	Are you registered with the	FL Secretary of State to conduct b	ousiness? □Yes □No
4.	Are you properly licensed/o □Yes □No	certified by the Federal or State to p	perform the specified services?
5.	EXPERIENCE:		
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	Years in business under th	is name:	
	Years performing this type	of work:	
	Value of work now under c	contract:	//
	Value of work in place last	year:	
	Name of sub-vendors you		
	Has your company: Failed	to complete or defaulted on a conti	act: □Yes □No
	Pending judgment claims of		No
	r chang judgment olumo e		
6.	PERSONNEL		
	How many employees doe	s your company employ:	
	(may use additional sheets if	needed).	
Desiti		To all Aires -	Part-time
Positio	on/Category (List all) gement	Full-time	Part-ume
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#### 7. REFERENCES:

List at least three references for which you have provided these services (similar scope/size) in the past five years - preferably government agencies.

Reference #1:
Company/Agency Name:
Address:
Contract Person:
Phone: Email:
Project Description:
Contract \$ Amount:
Date Completed:
Reference #2:
Company/Agency Name:
Address:
Contract Person:
Phone: Email:
Contract \$ Amount:
Date Completed:
Reference #3:
Company/Agency Name:
Address:
Contract Person:
Phone: Email:
Project Description:
Contract \$ Amount:
Date Completed:

#### 8. NOTICE OF PARTIES AND BINDING AUTHORITY

The following information is required if Respondent is selected for award of a contract with the County.

#### Notice to Parties

All notices, demands, requests for approvals or other communications shall be in writing, and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or overnight delivery service (such as federal express), or courier service or by hand delivery to:

Contractor Name:			
Attn:	·		
Mailing Address:			
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#### **Binding Authority**

The person to execute the contract must be an officer of the company. If not an officer of the company, Respondent must provide proof of signing authority. Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of person who will execute the contract, if awarded.

Name of Person to execute contract (if awarded): \_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address:

Phone Number:

## FORM D DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087, hereby certify that (print or type name of firm):

- 1. Publishes a written statement notifying that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in the workplace named above and specifying actions that will be taken against violations of such prohibition.
- Informs employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the firm's policy of maintaining a drug free working environment, and available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug use violations.
- 3. Gives each employee engaged in providing commodities or contractual services that are under bid or proposal, a copy of the statement specified above.
- 4. Notifies the employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid or proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893, or any controlled substance law of the State of Florida or the United States, for a violation occurring in the work place, no later than five (5) days after such conviction, and requires employees to sign copies of such written statement to acknowledge their receipt.
- Imposes a sanction on, or requires the satisfactory participation in, a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
- 6. Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through the implementation of a drug free workplace program.

"As a person authorized to sign a statement, I certify that the above-named business, firm, or corporation complies fully with the requirements set forth herein."

Authorized Signature

Date Signed

State of: \_\_\_\_\_\_ County of: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and	subscribed befo	re me by mean	s of	_ physical presence	e or online
notarization, this	_day of		_, 20	_by	
who is	personally kno	wn to me or	produced	dt	

as identification.

Notary Public	
My commission expires:	

## FORM E E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

## NASSAU COUNTY E-VERIFY FORM UNDER SECTION 448.095, FLORIDA STATUTES

Project Name:	
Bid No./Contract No.:	

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

"Contractor" means a person or entity that has entered or is attempting to enter into a contract with a public employer to provide labor, supplies, or services to such employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration. "Contractor" includes, but is not limited to, a vendor or consultant.

"Subcontractor" means a person or entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor or another subcontractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.

"E-Verify System" means an internet-based system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

Effective January 1, 2021, Contractors, shall register with and use the E-Verify System in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall register for and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:

- a. All persons employed by a Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and
- b. All persons (including subvendors/subconsultants/subcontractors) assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with Nassau County. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that registration and use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System during the term of the contract is a condition of the contract with Nassau County; and
- c. Should vendor become the successful Contractor awarded for the above-named project, by entering into the contract, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, "Employment Eligibility", as amended from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to, registration and utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Contractor shall also execute the attached affidavit (Attachment "A") attesting that the Contractor does not employ, contract with, or such affidavit for the duration of the contract; and
- d. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to execute the attached affidavit (Attachment "B") attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract.

#### CONTRACT TERMINATION:

- a. If Nassau County has a good faith belief that a Contractor has knowingly violated §448.09(1) or §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, the contract shall be terminated.
- b. If Nassau County has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated §448.09(1) or §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, but the Contractor otherwise complied with Chapter 448, Florida Statutes, Nassau County shall promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
- c. A contract terminated under subparagraph a) or b) is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such.
- d. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination.
- e. If the contract is terminated for a violation of the Statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.

## FORM E - 1 CONTRACTOR E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor Company Name) does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, and is otherwise in full compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

All employees hired on or after January 1, 2021 have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system.

A true and correct copy of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Contractor Company Name) proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date:\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of □physical presence or □online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) by \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Officer or Agent, Title of Officer or Agent) of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Contractor Company Acknowledging), a \_\_\_\_\_\_ (State or Place of Incorporation) Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. He/She is □personally known to me or □has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Notary Public

Printed Name

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## FORM E - 2 SUBCONTRACTOR E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Subcontractor Company Name) does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, and is otherwise in full compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

All employees hired on or after January 1, 2021 have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system.

A true and correct copy of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Subcontractor Company Name) proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of □physical presence or □online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Date) by \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Officer or Agent, Title of Officer or Agent) of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Contractor Company Acknowledging), a \_\_\_\_\_\_(State or Place of Incorporation) Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. He/She is □personally known to me or □has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Notary Public

Printed Name

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

### **ATTACHMENT "I"**

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THIS CONTRACT is entered into by and between the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the "Vendor".

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Vendor was the lowest, most responsive and responsible

bidder; and

WHEREAS, all terms and conditions of the County's request for quote/bid/proposal and the Vendor's

response are incorporated herein and made a part of this Contract by this reference; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Vendor's Response Price Sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a

part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions herein set forth, the County and the

Vendor agree as follows:

### SECTION 1. Recitals.

1.1 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein, in their entirety, by this reference.

## **SECTION 2. Contract Exhibits.**

2.1 The Exhibits listed below are the exhibits incorporated into and made part of this Contract:

Exhibit A VENDOR'S RESPONSE PRICE SHEET

Exhibit B VENDOR'S TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF WORK

**Exhibit C** INSURANCE DOCUMENTS

## SECTION 3. Description of Services and/or Materials to be Provided.

**3.1** The Vendor shall provide the services and/or materials further described in the Vendor's *Technical Specifications/Scope of Work*, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B". This Contract standing alone does not authorize the performance of any work or require the County to place any orders

for work. The Vendor shall commence the work in accordance with the issuance of a written Notice to Proceed for services and/or materials issued by the County. The Vendor shall provide the services and materials as contained in the Technical Specifications/Scope of Work in a timely and professional manner in accordance with specifications referenced herein.

#### **SECTION 4.** Payment and Invoicing.

4.1 County shall pay Vendor in an amount not to exceed XXXX for the services referenced in Exhibit(s) A and B. No payment shall be made for services and/or materials without a proper County work authorization or purchase order. The Vendor shall submit a copy of all invoices to both the Public Works Director or designee and to invoices@nassaucountyfl.com for payment. The invoice submitted shall include the contract number referenced and shall be in sufficient detail as to item, quantity and price in order for the County to verify compliance with the awarded bid specifications and conditions of this Contract. Payment shall not be made until services and/or materials have been received, inspected and accepted by the County in the quantity and/or quality ordered. Payment in advance of receipt of services and/or materials by the County cannot be made. The County shall pay the Vendor within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt and acceptance of invoice by the Director of Public Works, pursuant to and in accordance with the promulgations set forth by the State of Florida's Prompt Payment Act found at Section 218.70, Florida Statutes. Vendor shall honor all purchase orders or work authorizations issued prior to the expiration of the term of this Contract.

#### SECTION 5. Acceptance of Services and/or Materials.

5.1 Receipt of services and/or materials shall not constitute acceptance by the County. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after a thorough inspection by the County indicates that the services and/or materials meet bid specifications and conditions. Should the quantity and/or quality differ in any respect from specifications, payment shall be withheld by the County until such time as the Vendor takes necessary corrective action. If the proposed corrective action is not acceptable to the County, the County Manager's Office may authorize the refusal of final acceptance of the quantity and/or quality received. Should a representative of the County agree to accept the services and/or materials on condition that the Vendor shall correct their performance within a stipulated time period, then payment shall be withheld until said corrections are made.

#### **SECTION 6. Firm Prices.**

6.1 Prices for services and/or materials covered in the specifications of this Contract shall remain firm for the period of this Contract pursuant to pricing as reflected in Exhibit "A"; net delivered to the ordering agency, F.O.B. DESTINATION. No additional fees or charges shall be accepted or paid for by the County.

#### **SECTION 7. Funding.**

7.1 The County's performance and obligation under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners for subsequent fiscal years and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

#### **SECTION 8.** Expenses.

8.1 The Vendor shall be responsible for all expenses incurred while performing the services under this Contract including, but not limited to, license fees, memberships and dues; automobile and other travel expenses; meals and entertainment; insurance premiums; and all salary, expenses and other compensation paid to the Vendor's agents, if any, hired by the Vendor to complete the work under this Contract.

### SECTION 9. Taxes, Liens, Licenses and Permits.

9.1 The Vendor recognizes that the County, by virtue of its sovereignty, is not required to pay any taxes on the services or goods purchased under the terms of this Contract. As such, the Vendor shall refrain from including taxes in any billing. The Vendor is placed on notice that this exemption generally does not apply to nongovernmental entities, contractors, or subcontractors. Any questions regarding this tax exemption shall be addressed to the County Manager.

9.2 The Vendor shall secure and maintain all licenses and permits required to perform the services under this Contract and to pay any and all applicable sales or use tax, or any other tax or assessment which shall be imposed or assessed by any and all governmental authorities, required under this Contract, and to meet all federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, policies and rules.

9.3 The Vendor acknowledges that property being improved that is titled to the County, shall not be subject to a lien of any kind for any reason. The Vendor shall include notice of such exemptions in any subcontracts and purchase orders issued under this Contract.

### SECTION 10. Governing Law, Venue and Compliance with Laws.

10.1 This Contract shall be deemed to have been executed and entered into within the State of Florida and any dispute arising hereunder, shall be governed, interpreted and construed according to the laws of the State of Florida, the Ordinances of Nassau County, and any applicable federal statutes, rules and regulations. Any and all litigation arising under this Contract shall be brought in Nassau County, Florida, and any trial shall be non-jury. Any mediation, pursuant to litigation, shall occur in Nassau County, Florida.

**10.2** The Vendor shall comply with applicable regulatory requirements including federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, codes, orders, criteria and standards.

#### SECTION 11. Change Orders.

11. 1 The County reserves the right to order, in writing, changes in the work within the scope of the Contract, such as change in quantity or delivery schedule. The Vendor has the right to request an equitable price adjustment in cases where changes to the Contract under the authority of this clause result in increased costs to the Vendor.

#### SECTION 12. Modifications.

12. 1 The terms of this Contract may be modified only upon the written and mutual consent of both parties, and approval by appropriate legal authority in the County.

#### SECTION 13. Assignment and Subcontracting.

13.1 The Vendor shall not assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the County.

13.2 In order to assign this Contract, or to subcontract any of the work requirements to be performed, the Vendor shall ensure and provide assurances to the County, that any subcontractor selected for work under this Contract has the necessary qualifications and abilities to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Vendor shall provide the County with the names of any subcontractor considered for work under this Contract; the County reserves the right to reject any subcontractor whose qualifications or performance, in the County's judgement, are insufficient. The Vendor shall be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred with the project. Any subcontract arrangements shall be evidenced by a written document available to the County upon request. The Vendor further agrees that the County shall not be liable to any subcontractor for any

expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract. The Vendor, at its expense, shall defend the County against such claims.

**13.3** The Vendor shall make payments to any of its subcontractors within seven (7) working days after receipt of full or partial payments from the County in accordance with Section 287.0585, Florida Statutes, unless otherwise stated in the contracts between the Vendor and subcontractors. The Vendor's failure to pay its subcontractor(s) within seven (7) working days shall result in a penalty charged against the Vendor and paid to the subcontractors in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.50%) of the amount due per day from the expiration of the period allowed herein for payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to the actual payments owed and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the outstanding balance due.

#### SECTION 14. Severability.

14.1 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Contract is, for any reason, held invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

#### SECTION 15. Termination for Default.

15.1 If the Vendor fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, and if such default remains uncured for a period of more than fifteen (15) days after notice thereof was given in writing by the County to the Vendor, then the County may, without prejudice to any right or remedy the County may have, terminate this Contract.

**15.2** Upon termination of this Contract, the Vendor shall immediately (1) stop work on the date specified; (2) terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work; (3) transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the County; (4) render to the County all property belonging to the County, including but not limited to, equipment, books, and records.

#### SECTION 16. Termination for Convenience.

16.1 The County reserves the right to terminate this Contract in whole or part by giving the Vendor written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of written<sub>34</sub>notice of

termination from the County, the Vendor shall only provide those services and/or materials specifically approved or directed by the County. All other rights and duties of the parties under the Contract shall continue during such notice period, and the County shall continue to be responsible to the Vendor for the payment of any obligations to the extent such responsibility has not been excused by breach or default of the Vendor. The Vendor shall promptly contact the County to make arrangements to render to the County all property belonging to the County, including but not limited to, equipment, books, and records.

### SECTION 17. Force Majeure.

17.1 Neither party of this Contract shall be liable to the other for any cost or damages if the failure to perform the Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the parties. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of nature, fires, quarantine restrictions, strikes and freight embargoes. In all cases, the failure to perform shall be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the party.

17.2 In the event of delay from the foregoing causes, the party shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate any and all resulting delay or disruption in the party's performance obligation under this Contract. If the delay is excusable under this section, the delay shall not result in any additional charge or cost under the Contract to either party. In the case of any delay that the Vendor believes is excusable under this section, the Vendor shall notify the County in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either: (1) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that created or will create the delay first arose, if the Vendor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (2) within five (5) calendar days after the date the Vendor first had reason to believe that a delay could result, if the delay is not reasonably foreseeable. THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE VENDOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY. Providing notice in strict accordance with this section is a condition precedent to such remedy. The County, in its sole discretion, shall determine if the delay is excusable under this section and shall notify the Vendor of its decision in writing. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the County. The Vendor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the County for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If

performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this section, after the causes have ceased to exist, the Vendor shall perform at no increased cost, unless the County determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the County, in which case, the County may do any or all of the following: (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Vendor, provided that the Vendor grants preferential treatment to the County with respect to products or services subjected to allocation; (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Vendor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products or services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity; or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

#### SECTION 18. Access and Audits of Records.

18.1 The Vendor shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in providing the services and materials for at least three (3) years after completion of work contemplated under this Contract. The County and the County Clerk of Court shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours upon five (5) days' written notice to the Vendor.

#### SECTION 19. Public Emergencies.

**19.1** The Vendor agrees that before, during, and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, tornado, flood, or other acts of nature that the County shall require a "First Priority" for services and materials. The County expects to pay a fair and reasonable price for all services and materials rendered or contracted in the event of a disaster, emergency, hurricane, tornado or other acts of nature.

### SECTION 20. Term of Contract and Option to Extend or Renew.

**20.1** The term of this Contract shall begin upon the date of execution by both parties to this Contract and shall terminate on \_\_\_\_\_\_. The term of this Contract may be extended in one (1) year increments, for up to two (2) additional years, with no changes in terms or conditions, upon mutual written agreement between the Vendor and the County. Any extension or amendment to this Contract shall be subject to availability of funds of the County as set forth in Section 7 hereinabove.

**20.2** In the event that the Contract is continued beyond the term provided above by mutual consent of the parties and not reduced to writing, this Contract shall be carried out on a month-to-month basis and shall not constitute an implied renewal of the Contract. Said month-to-month extension shall be upon the same terms of the Contract and at the compensation and payment provided herein.

#### SECTION 21. Probationary Period.

**21.1** The first ninety (90) days of this Contract are to be considered a "probationary period." Notwithstanding Sections 15 and 16 hereinabove, during the probationary period, the County may terminate this Contract based upon the performance of the Vendor and a new award be granted without another formal bid.

#### SECTION 22. Independent Vendor Status.

22.1 The Vendor shall perform the services under this Contract as an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted or construed to constitute the Vendor or any of its agents or employees to be an agent, employee or representative of the County.

**22.2** The Vendor and the County agree that during the term of this Contract: (a) the Vendor has the right to perform services for others; ((b) the Vendor has the right to perform the services required by this Contract; and (c) the Vendor has the right to hire assistants as subcontractors, or to use employees to provide the services required by this Contract.

#### SECTION 23. Indemnification.

**23.1** The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its agents and employees from all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, arising out of or associated with or caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Vendor or any persons employed or utilized by the Vendor, in the performance of this Contract. The Vendor shall, at its own expense, defend any and all such actions, suits, or proceedings which may be brought against the County in connection with the Vendor's performance under this Contract.

### SECTION 24. Insurance.

24.1 The Vendor shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of this Contract, without cost or expense to the County, such commercial (occurrence form) or comprehensive general liability, workers compensation, professional liability, and other insurance policies as detailed in Exhibit "C". The policy limits required are to be considered minimum amounts.

23.2 The Vendor shall provide to the County a Certificate of Insurance for all policies of insurance and renewals thereof in a form acceptable to the County. Said certificates shall provide that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is an additional insured, and that the County shall be notified in writing of any reduction, cancellation or substantial change of policy or policies at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of said action with the exception of ten (10) days for non-payment. All insurance policies shall be issued by responsible companies who are acceptable to the County and licensed and authorized under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### SECTION 25. Dispute Resolution Process.

**25.1** In the event of a dispute regarding the interpretation of the terms of this Contract, the County, in its sole discretion, may elect to use the dispute resolution process as set forth in this section.

**25.2** In the event the County elects to use the dispute resolution process under this section, the County shall send a written communication to the Vendor pursuant to Section 32 hereinbelow. The written notification shall set forth the County's interpretation of the terms of this Contract.

**25.3** The County shall then set a date and time for the parties to meet with the County Manager or designee. This meeting shall be set no more than twenty (20) days from the date that the written communication was sent to the Vendor. The Vendor may submit a written response to the County's written communication no less than five (5) days prior to the meeting with the County Manager or designee.

25.4 If no satisfactory resolution as to the interpretation of the Contract terms reached at the meeting with the County Manager or designee, then the parties may elect to submit the dispute to mediation in accordance with mediation rules as established by the Florida Supreme Court. Mediators shall be chosen by the County and the cost of mediation shall be borne by the Vendor. The Vendor shall not stop work during the pendency of the dispute resolution or mediation process as set forth in this section.

#### SECTION 26. E-Verify.

26.1 The Vendor shall comply with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system ("E-Verify") to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by the Vendor during the term of this Contract to work in Florida. Additionally, if the Vendor uses subcontractors to perform any portion of the work (under this Contract), the Vendor shall include a requirement in the subcontractor's contract that the subcontractor use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by subcontractor to perform any such portion of the work. Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: <u>www.uscis.gov/e-verify</u>.

26.2 The Vendor shall maintain records of its participation and compliance with the provisions of the E-Verify program, including participation by its subcontractors as provided above, and to make such records available to the County or other authorized entity consistent with the terms of the Vendor's enrollment in the program. This includes maintaining a copy of proof of the Vendor's and subcontractors' enrollment in the E-Verify program. If the Vendor enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor shall provide the Vendor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Vendor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Contract.

26.3 Compliance with the terms of the E-Verify program provision is made an express condition of this Contract and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the Contract. If the County terminates the Contract pursuant to Section 448.095(2)(c), Florida Statutes, the Vendor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which the contract was terminated and the Vendor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of this Contract.

### SECTION 27. Public Records.

27.1 The County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6090, <u>RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM</u>, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 6, YULEE, 36

**FLORIDA 32097**. Under this Contract, to the extent that the Vendor is providing services to the County, and pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the Vendor shall:

a. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.

b. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Vendor does not transfer the records to the County.

d. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Vendor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Contract, the Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically shall be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

27.2 A request to inspect or copy public records relating to the County's contract for materials shall be made directly to the County. If the County does not possess the requested records, the County shall immediately notify the Vendor of the request, and the Vendor shall provide the records to the public agency or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.

27.3 If the Vendor does not comply with the County's request for records, the County shall enforce the Contract provisions in accordance with the Contract.

27.4 If the Vendor fails to provide the public records to the County within a reasonable time, the Vendor may be subject to penalties under Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

27.5 If a civil action is filed against the Vendor to compel production of public records relating to the Contract, the Court shall assess and award against the Vendor the reasonable costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney fees if:

(a) The Court determines that the Vendor unlawfully refused to comply with the public records request within a reasonable time; and

(b) At least eight (8) business days before filing the action, the plaintiff provided written notice of the public records request, including a statement that the Vendor has not complied with the request, to the County and to the Vendor.

27.6 A notice complies with Section 27.5 (b) hereinabove, if it is sent to the County's custodian of public records and to the Vendor at the Vendor's address listed on its Contract with the County or to the Vendor's registered agent. Such notices shall be sent pursuant to Section 32 hereinbelow.

27.7 If the Vendor complies with a public records request within eight (8) business days after the notice is sent, the Vendor is not liable for the reasonable costs of enforcement.

#### SECTION 28. Disclosure of Litigation, Investigations, Arbitration or Administrative Decisions.

**28.1** During the term of this Contract, or any extension thereto, the Vendor shall have the continued duty to disclose to the County Attorney, in writing, upon occurrence, all civil or criminal litigation, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceeding involving the Vendor. If the existence of the proceeding causes the County concerns that the Vendor's ability or willingness to perform this contract is jeopardized, the Vendor may be required to provide the County with reasonable written assurance to demonstrate the Vendor can perform the terms and conditions of the Contract.

#### SECTION 29. Public Entity Crimes.

**29.1** In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, the Vendor certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the date of this Contract.

#### SECTION 30. Anti-Discrimination.

**30.1** The Vendor agrees that it will not discriminate in employment, employee development, or employee advancement because of religious or political opinions or affiliations, race, color, national origin, sex, age, physical handicap, or other factors, except where such factor is a bonified occupational qualification or is required by State and/or Federal Law.

#### SECTION 31. Advertising.

**31.1** The Vendor shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning this Contract without prior written approval from the County, including but not limited to, mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the County as a reference, or otherwise linking the Vendor's name and either description of this Contract or the name of the County in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party this Contract, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representative.

#### SECTION 32. Notices.

**32.1** All notices, demands, requests for approvals or other communications given by the parties to another in connection with this Contract shall be in writing, and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or overnight delivery service (such as federal express), or courier service or by hand delivery to the office of each party indicated below:

County:	Nassau County
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Attn:

96135 Nassau Place

Yulee, Florida 32097

Vendor:

[Vendor Address]

Attn: [Vendor Contact Person]

[Vendor Address]

### SECTION 33. Attorney's Fees.

**33.1** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 27 hereinabove, in the event of any legal action to enforce the terms of this Contract each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

#### **SECTION 34. Authority to Bind.**

**34.1** The Vendor represents and warrants that the Vendor's undersigned representative if executing this Contract of behalf of a partnership, corporation or agency has the authority to bind the Company to the terms of this Contract.

#### SECTION 35. Conflicting Terms, Representations and No Waiver of Covenants or Conditions.

**35.1** In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Contract and the terms of any attachments, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.

**35.2** All representations, indemnifications, warranties and guaranties made by the Vendor in this Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in this Contract, shall survive final payment and termination or completion of this Contract.

**35.3** The failure of either party to insist on strict performance of any covenant or condition herein, or to exercise any option herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver of such covenant, condition, or option in any other instance.

**35.4** The Vendor warrants that all goods provided by the Vendor under this Contract shall be merchantable. All goods provided shall be of good quality within the description given by the County, shall be fit for their ordinary purpose, shall be adequately contained and packaged with the description given by the County, shall conform to the agreed upon specifications, and shall conform to the affirmations of facts made by the Vendor or on the container or label.

### **SECTION 36. Construction of Contract.**

**36.1** The parties hereby acknowledge that they have fully reviewed this Contract and any attachments and have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel of their choice, and that this Contract shall not be construed against any party as if they were the drafter of this Contract.

#### SECTION 37. Headings.

**37.1** The section headings and captions of this Contract are for convenience and reference of the parties and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this Contract or any part thereof.

#### SECTION 38. Entire Agreement and Execution.

**38.1** This Contract, together with any attachments, constitutes the entire Contract between the County and the Vendor and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings.

**38.2** This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts; each executed counterpart hereof shall be deemed an original; and all such counterparts, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

### SECTION 39. Change of Laws.

**39.1** If there is a change in any state or federal law, regulation or rule or interpretation thereof, which affects this Contract or the activities of either party under this Contract, and either party reasonably believes in good faith that the change will have a substantial adverse effect on that party's rights or obligations under this Contract, then that party may, upon written notice, require the other party to enter into good faith negotiations to renegotiate the terms of this Contract. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement concerning the modification of this Contract within fifteen (15) days after the date of the notice seeking renegotiation, then either party may terminate this Contract by written notice to the other party. In such event, Vendor shall be paid its compensation for services performed prior to the termination date

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract which shall be deemed an original on the day and year last written below.

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:	
Its:	
Date:	

Attest as to authenticity of the Chair's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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IN A. CRAWFORD	A
Ex-Officio Clerk	
proved as to form and legality by the sau County Attorney	
NISE C. MAY	
	AWARDED VENDOR
	By:

EXHIBIT "B"



# INVITATION TO BID

## NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Solicitation Title:	Issue Date: July 19, 2023
Purchase of Fire Apparatus Equipment	
Solicitation Number:	Project/Contract Duration:
NC23-037R-ITB	Three (3) Years form Contract Execution
Requesting Department:	Procurement Contact:
Nassau County Fire Rescue	Thomas O'Brien, Procurement Specialist
-	tobrien@nassaucountyfl.com
Contact Address:	Contact Information:
96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2	procurement@nassaucountyfl.com
Yulee, Florida 32097	
Bid Due D	ate and Opening Date/Time:
	3, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST
Pre-Bid Date/Time:	Deadline for Questions:
N/A	July 24, 2023 @ 4:00 PM EST
Location of Bid Opening:	
	Veterans Way, Second Floor, Yulee, Florida 32097

In accordance with the intent and content of this solicitation, we the undersigned do hereby offer to perform s stipulated in this Bid. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiting of bid security, removal from the County's vendor list, or other remedies available to the County under the laws of the State of Florida.

Legal Name of Respondent: MUNI	CIPAL EQUIP	MENT COMPANY
Business Address: 408 BIF	COURT, ORL	ANDO FL 37 809
Phone Number: Email:	KINS@MELOFIRE.C	El Liconso Number
Authorized Signature		Date: 7/31/23
Printed Name of Signer MATHEW FENNEMAN		Title: OWNER

#### General Instructions/Declarations

- 1. Bid results will be available pursuant to Florida Statute 119.071(b).
- 2. Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished by the County within this solicitation, unless otherwise specified below.
- 3. This page must be completed and returned as the top sheet of any Bid submitted.
- 4. It is the intent and purpose of Nassau County that this solicitation promotes competitive bidding. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to advise the Procurement Department via the County's electronic bidding platform if, in the Bidder's opinion, any language, requirements, etc. inadvertently restricts or limits competition. Such notification must be submitted via the County's electronic bidding platform and must be received by the Procurement Department no later than theDeadline for Questions date and time stated above.

### (THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID)

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#### SECTION A. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A1. Summary:

The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to supply Fire Apparatus Equipment on an as needed, when needed basis.

#### A2. Term of Contract:

The Term of the resulting contract is to be for an initial period of three (3) years from the date of execution by both the County and the successful Vendor.

#### Option to Renew for Two (2) Additional One-Year Periods

Prior to, or upon completion, of that initial term, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for two additional one-year periods. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period, and any option subsequently exercised, is subject to annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners and vendor's performance.

For any adjustment to commence on the first day of any exercised option period, the vendor's request for adjustment should be submitted ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration of the then current contract term. The vendors(s) adjustment request should not be in excess of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. County Average for All Items 1982-84=100, which is issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If no adjustment request is received from the vendor(s), the County will assume that the vendor(s) has agreed that the optional term may be exercised without pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received after the commencement of a new option period may not be considered.

The County reserves the right to apply any reduction in pricing for the additional term(s) based on the downward movement of the applicable index.

#### SECTION B. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- **B1.** Bidders are expected to carefully examine these solicitation forms, specifications, attached drawings (if any), and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk. Bidders, without exception, will be solely responsible for all aspects of the terms, conditions, and special provisions of this solicitation.
- **B2.** All bids must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.
- **B3.** The term "County" means the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and its authorized designees, agents, and employees.
- **B4.** Each Bidder shall furnish the information required on the Bid Price Sheet and each accompanying sheet thereof, if applicable, on which she/he makes an entry. Offers submitted on any other format may be disqualified.
- **B5.** All bids must be submitted electronically via the County's electronic bidding platform (<u>PlanetBids</u>), accessible via the County's website.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that bids are received in the County'selectronic bidding platform before the Bid due date and time. The platform will not allow Bids after the cut-off time EVEN IF YOU ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SUBMITTINGYOUR BID WHEN THE CUT-OFF TIME ARRIVES. Please plan your submittal timing accordingly. <u>No mailed, facsimile, or emailed Bids will be considered</u>.

- **B6.** Bids will be opened at the Office of the Clerk on the date and time specified on the cover page of this solicitation at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida. The public is invited to attend.
- **B7.** The County reserves the right to request any additional information needed for clarification from any Bidder for evaluation purposes.
- B8. Pursuant to recent changes in Florida Statutes Chapter 119.071 (General Exemptions from inspection or copying of public records) the bid opening process is temporarily exempt from Public Records requirements, except bids received pursuant to a competitive solicitation for construction or repairs on a public building or public work. Informationmay be released to the public once the Board provides a notice of intended decision or 30 days after the bid opening, whichever is earlier.

Pursuant to recent changes in Florida Statutes Chapter 286.0113 (General exemptions from publicmeeting requirements) any portion of a meeting in which negotiations with a vendor is conducted as part of the "competitive negotiation" process at which a vendor makes an oral presentation or answers questions as part of the "competitive solicitation" process are exempt from public meeting requirements until the Board provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after bid opening, whichever is earlier. Any portion of a committee meeting at which negotiationstrategies are discussed is exempt.

A complete record shall be made of any portion of an exempt meeting; no portion may be held offthe record. The recording of and any records presented at the exempt meeting are exempt from FS119.071 until such time as the board provides notice of an intended decision or 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies.

Please refer to Florida Statutes 119.071, 255,0518 and 286.0113 for further details.

**B9.** Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the Bid opening date. If award is not made within one hundred twenty (120) days; the response shall remain firm until either the County awards the Contract or receives from the Bidder written notice that the response is withdrawn. Any response that expresses a shorter duration may, in the County's sole discretion, be accepted or rejected.

Bids may be withdrawn or modified at any time before the Bid due date during which the Bidder may withdraw their Bid or make any needed modification(s) and resubmit without prejudice by utilizing the modification/withdrawal feature within the County's electronic bidding platform.

- **B10.** Please check your pricing before submitting your Bid, as no changes in pricing will be allowed after the Bid opening. In cases of the extended price irregularities, unit pricing will prevail. Please note that the County reserves the right to clarify and correct blatant unit price or extended price and/or calculation errors.
- **B11.** Be sure to sign your Bid. Failure to include proper signatures on the required documents may result in a disqualification of that Bid. Signature should by an authorized person that can legally bind the company to this engagement.
- **B12.** Bidders are advised that the County will not accept limitations on liability from any vendor. The successful Bidder(s) will be fully liable for all damages and events caused by them, without any limitations, and they shall waive any rights of subrogation as a part of any contract resulting from this solicitation and associated submittal. The County will pursue liable Bidders to the extent allowed by law for damages caused by them during the performance of a contract with

the County. Any Bid received that limits liability will be considered unresponsive and will not be accepted by the County.

- **B13.** Bidder shall include in their Bid package a copy of their <u>current, valid</u> insurance coverage certification that meets or exceeds the requirements of included with this solicitation.
- **B14.** Participation in E-Verify Required by Law: Pursuant to Florida Statute 448.095, all vendors doing business with Nassau County are required to register with, and participate in, the federal government's E-Verify program (www.e-verify.gov). Bidders will be required to provide proofof registration from E-Verify along with a completed affidavit certifying their compliance with F.S. 448.095. By submitting a Bid to this solicitation, Bidder acknowledges and agrees that:
  - (a) If the County has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated §448.09(1), Florida Statutes, the contract shall be terminated,
  - (b) If the County has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated §448.095(2), but the Prime Contractor otherwise complied with §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, shall promptly notify the Prime Contractor and order the Prime Contractor to immediately terminate their contract with the subcontractor,
  - (c) A contract terminated under subparagraph a) or b) is not a breach of contract and may notbe considered as such,
  - (d) Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination, and
  - (e) If a contract is terminated for a violation of F.S. 448 by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.
- B15. Bidders are required to refrain from contacting any County Departments, Divisions, or external agents or consultants about this solicitation during the solicitation process. ANY QUESTIONS FROM VENDORS MUST BE RECEIVED VIA THE COUNTY'S VENDOR PORTAL. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification of your bid and egregious and/or repeated violations may result in debarment from future solicitations, contracts, or other business with the County.

Questions received will be formatted by Procurement and issued to all interested parties in the form of an addendum. Oral questions and/or answers are <u>not</u> authorized outside of a Pre-Bid Conference setting (if applicable), and <u>the County will not entertain any verbal</u> <u>communications regarding this or any other solicitation</u>. All questions regarding this solicitation must be received by the date and time specified on the first page of this solicitation. Questions received after this date will not be reviewed.

Inquiries or requests for clarification must provide the questions along with the relevant Section(s), Subsection(s), Paragraph(s), and page number(s) of the competitive solicitation being questioned by the Bidder.

The County will consider the Bidder's lack of inquiries or requests for clarification prior to the Deadline for Questions to constitute the Bidder's acceptance of all of the terms, conditions, and requirements as stated in this solicitation and any addenda or amendments thereto.

**B16.** It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to visit the County's electronic bidding platform – prior to submitting a bid – to ascertain if any addenda have been issued and to review those

addenda, if applicable. Bidders must complete and return the enclosed Addenda Acknowledgement Form with their bid. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the bid.

#### SECTION C. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **C1. Terms & Conditions:** Bidder proposes and agrees, if their bid is accepted, to enter into a contract with the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, to perform and furnish all goods and services specified in the contract documents, consistent with this solicitation, for the agreed-upon price, within the agreed timeframe indicated in this solicitation, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the contract. The successful Bidder(s) shall execute and return to the County, within ten (10) days after receipt, all contractual documents, performance, and payment bonds (if applicable), insurance certificates, E-Verify documentation, and any other documents required by this solicitation. No Contract shall be considered binding upon the Countyuntil it has been properly executed by all parties.
- C2. Receiving/Payment/Invoicing: The County shall pay all vendors within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of an invoice, in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Florida Statute 218.70). Payment shall not be made until goods/services have been received, inspected, and accepted by the County as to the quality and quantity ordered and received. Payment will be accomplished by submission of an invoice, with the contract number referenced thereon, emailed to the County Department receiving the goods or services from the Vendor. Payment in advance of receipt of goods/services by the County will not be made.

Invoice submitted shall be in sufficient detail as to item, service, quantity, and price in order for the County to verify compliance with the contract.

- **C3.** Acceptance of Goods/Services: Receipt of goods/services shall <u>not</u> constitute acceptance. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after a thorough inspection indicates that the goods/services meet solicitation and contract specifications and conditions. Should the goods/services differ in any respect from specifications, payment will be withheld until such time as the supplier takes all necessary corrective action(s).
- C4. Taxes: Nassau County is tax exempt. As such, the County will not pay any Federal Excise or State of Florida Sales and Use Taxes. Vendors shall not include taxes in any Bid, invoice, or statement.
- C5. Independent Pricing: By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that in connection with this solicitation:
  - (a) The prices in the bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, collusion, or agreement with any other offeror or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition, and
  - (b) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to influence any other person or firm to submit or not submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.
- C6. Conflict of Interest Business Association: All Bidders must disclose with their offer the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an officer or employee of the County or related to an officer or employee of the County. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any Nassau County officer or employee who has, either directly or indirectly, any interest of the Bidder's firm or any of its branches, affiliates, or subsidiaries. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, failure to disclose will result in disqualification of the bid and/or cancellation of

work without the County being in breach of contract. The County will seek damages for recoupment of losses for having to re-solicit or re-assign and further reserves the right to debar and any vendor who fails to disclose.

C7. Conflict of Interest – Advisory Boards: Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, prohibit an advisory board member of the County from holding any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity doing business with the County. Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes, provides that an advisory board member will not be in violation of the prohibition if certainconditions are met, including the filing of a disclosure form with the County, which is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid. A copy of the filed disclosure form shall be included as part of the Bidder's response.

The advisory board member is required to, prior to or at the time of the submissions of the bid, file a statement with the County, disclosing their interest and the nature of the intended business.

The advisory board member, or his or her spouse, child, or other relative, is required to have in noway used or attempted to use his or her influence to persuade a member of the County or any of itspersonnel to enter into such a contract other than by the mere submission of the bid.

The advisory board member, or his or her spouse, child, or other relative, is required to have in noway participated in the determination of the solicitation's specifications or the determination of theresponsible and responsive Bidder.

- **C8.** Additional Terms and Conditions: No additional terms and conditions included with the bid shall be evaluated or considered. Any such additional terms and conditions shall have noforce and effect and are inapplicable to this solicitation and the bid submitted. If submitted either purposely through intent or design, or inadvertently appearing separately in transmitting letters, specifications, literature, price lists, or warranties, it is understood and agreed that the general and special conditions in this solicitation and contract documents are the only conditions applicable to this solicitation and the Bidder's authorized signature affixed to the response attests to this.
- **C9. Public Records Requirement:** The County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6010, RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 1, YULEE, FLORIDA 32097. To the extent that the selected vendor(s) provide(s)goods and/or services to the County, and pursuant to Florida Statute 119.0701, the Vendor(s) shall:
  - (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service,
  - (b) Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency 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 this chapter or as otherwise provided by law,
  - (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the vendor does not transfer the records to the public agency, and

- (d) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the vendor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from thepublic agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency. If a vendor does not comply with a public records request, the County shall enforce thecontract provisions in accordance with the contract.
- **C10. Public Entity Crimes:** A person or affiliate who has been placed on the Convicted Vendor List following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entityfor the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a vendor, supplier, subvendor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statute 287.017 for CATEGORYTWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. The enclosed sworn statement for Public Entity Crimes under Florida Statute 287.133(3)(a) must besubmitted with the Bid.
- **C11. Debarred Vendors:** By submitting this bid, the Bidder certifies, to the best of its knowledge or belief, that the Bidder and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; or have not within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them in connection with a public contract or subcontract; or are not criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of offenses; or has not within a three year period preceding this offer had a contract terminated for default by any Federal agency. (Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.209-5)

The County reserves the right to withhold award, rescind an award, or forego award to any Bidder who is found to have been debarred from doing business with the State of Florida or any other public entity. It shall be County's sole determination as to the desirability of contracting with a Bidder who has been barred from doing business with a public entity.

**C12.** Equal Opportunity: The County recognizes fair and open competition as a basic tenet of public procurement and encourages participation by veteran-, minority-, and woman-owned businesses. Such businesses are to be afforded a full opportunity to participate in any procurement by the County andwill not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender, disability, political affiliation, or national origin.

The County is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. The County is committed to equalemployment opportunities and expects firms that do business with the County to do the same.

- C13. Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political, or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting: Vendor is hereby notified that pursuant to Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the County may not request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor and may not give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.
- C14. Draft Contract: The contract that the County intends to use for award is attached as Attachment

"I". The awarded Vendor will be required to enter into an agreement which will include the requirements of this ITB as well as the terms and conditions of the draft contract, Attachment "I". The County reserves the right to reject any bid(s) containing exceptions or modifications to the standard terms and conditions. The County may revise the stated standard terms and conditions prior to execution.

- **C15.** Failure To Execute Agreement: Failure of the successful Bidder to accept the Agreement as specified will be cause for cancellation of the award. In the event that the award is canceled, the award may then be made to the second lowest responsive and responsible Bidder, and such Bidder shall fulfill every stipulation embraced herein as if he were the original party to whom the award was made; or the County may reject all bids.
- **C16. Default By Awarded Vendor** In the event of default by the Awarded Vendor, the County reserves the right to award to the next lowest Bidder. In the event of this occurrence, the next lowest Bidder, if it wishes the award, shall be required to provide the bid items at the prices as contained on its bid price sheet for this ITB.
- **C17. Other Government Agencies**: The submission of this Bid in response to the Invitation to Bid constitutes an agreement, at the option of the awarded Contractor, for the same prices, terms and conditions, to other governmental and quasi-governmental agencies, political subdivisions, counties and cities. Each political entity will be responsible for execution of its own contract with the awarded vendor.

#### SECTION D. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- **D1. Minimum Standard:** Specifications listed herein describe the expected minimum standard. These specifications are intended to be descriptive in nature and are not intended to eliminate, discourage, impede, or otherwise prevent any vendor from submitting a bid.
- D2. Experience of Bidder: Bidder must be a provider currently doing business with the general public, servicing a minimum of three (3) commercial or public entity accounts equal in size and scope to this solicitation, and be properly licensed to do business in the State of Florida for no less than three (3) years.
- D3. Attachments/Exhibits: All attachments and exhibits are made an essential part of this solicitation. If you choose not to respond to this solicitation, please complete and return the enclosed Statementof "No-Bid" prior to the bid opening.
- D4. Bid Bond (If Applicable): A Responder submitting a response that is valued at one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more <u>must</u> submit a Bid Bond payable to the County for five percent (5.0%) of the total amount of the response in order for their submittal to be considered responsive. The original Bid Bond must be mailed to the Office of Ex-Officio Clerk, 76347 Veterans Way Suite 456, Yulee, Florida 32097, with attention to the bid number of this solicitation. A copy of the Bid Bond is also to be uploaded in the County's vendor portal upon submission of bid.

The Bid Bonds of the unsuccessful responders shall be returned by the County, and the Bid Bond of the successful responder will be retained until Performance and Payment Bonds have each been executed and approved, after which time the successful Responder's Bid Bond will be returned. A certified check may be used in lieu of a Bid Bond and shall be payable to the County. Responders who fail or refuse to provide a required Bid Bond will be disqualified from further consideration.

**D5. Performance/Payment Bond (If Applicable):** If awarded a Contract for a project totaling one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more, the successful bidder, within ten (10) calendar days of contract execution, must provide an acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100.0%) of the Contract, and issued by a corporate surety licensed to do business in the State of Florida and Nassau County, for the faithful performance of the work outlined in the enclosed Technical Specifications/Scope of Work.

Pursuant to F.S. 255.05(1)(b), contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2012 require that "before commencing the work or before recommencing the work after a default or abandonment, the Contractor shall provide to the public entity a certified copy of the recorded bond[s]. Notwithstanding the terms of the Contract or any other law governing prompt payment for construction services, the public entity may not make a payment to the Contractor until the Contractor has complied with this [requirement]." Certified Copy of Recorded Performance and Payment Bonds are to be sent to the following address: Office of Ex-Officio Clerk, 76347 Veterans Way Suite 456, Yulee, Florida 32097, with attention to the bid number of this solicitation.

#### SECTION E. AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS

#### E1. METHOD OF AWARD:

Award will be made to the most responsive/responsible vendor to the solicitation that meets or exceeds the specifications. Please note that the County reserves the right to contract with multiple vendors.

- E2. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, with or without cause, without recourse, or to waive technicalities or to accept bids which, in its sole judgment, bestserve the interests of the County. Response to this solicitation is considered an operational cost of the Bidder and shall not be passed on to or borne by the County. The County also reserves the right to reject the response of a Bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, completely, on-time and/or on-cost, contracts of a similar nature, or that are not, in the County's sole discretion, in a position to perform the contract.
- E3. Any cause including, but not limited to, the following may be considered as sufficient for the disgualification of a Bidder and the rejection of its submittal:
  - (a) Submission of more than one bid for the same work by an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation under the same or different names,
  - (b) Evidence of collusion among Bidders, or previous participation in collusive bidding or proposing on work for the County,
  - (c) Any material misrepresentation,
  - (d) Uncompleted work for which the Bidder is committed by contract which, in the judgment of the County, might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of the work under this contract if awarded to Bidder,
  - (e) Violations of the Cone of Silence as provided for herein,
  - (f) Actual or potential conflict of interest as provided for in Section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, or
  - (g) Conviction for a public entity crime as provided for in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes.

- E4. The County will provide a contract for the successful Bidder's execution.
- **E5.** The award of a contract does not constitute an order nor a Notice to Proceed. Before any services can be performed, the successful Bidder must receive written authorization for the County by purchase orders or work authorizations.
- **E6.** Award will be made without further negotiation based upon competitive bids; therefore only "best and final pricing" should be submitted in response to this solicitation.

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### EXHIBIT "B" SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. It is expected that Bidders have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations.
- 2. All equipment, products, and supplies offered must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
- 3. All equipment, products, and supplies offered must be for new, current model/current production and shall conform in design, strength, quality of material and workmanship to current industry standards.
- 4. All equipment, products, and supplies must be delivered as operational.
- 5. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.
- All prices quoted shall be based on delivery F.O.B. Destination prepaid and allowed (unless otherwise stated in special instructions) with all charges prepaid to the actual point of delivery and inside delivery.
- 7. Purchase Order(s) shall be issued by the County to the awarded Vendor when product is needed.
- 8. Products supplied under any resulting contract shall be subject to the County's approval. Items found defective or not meeting Specifications shall be picked up and replaced by the Vendor at no expense to the County.

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item No.	Manufacturer	Percent Discount Offered	Source of Discount
1.	All-American Hose	35 %	List Price
2.	Akron Brass	35 % 40 %	List Price
3.	S&H Fire Products	NO BID %	
4.	Ziamatic	NO BID %	
5.	Grainger	NO BID %	
6.	The Fire Store	NO BID %	
7.	Fol-Da-Tank	10 %	List Price
8.	Streamlight	40 %	List Price
9.	CMC	8 %	List Price
10.	SUPERVAC	25 %	List Price
11.	Red Head Brass	10 %	List Price
12.	Kochek	15 %	List Price
13.	Harrington	20 %	List Price
14.	Fire Hooks Unlimited	20	List Price
15.	Fire Quip	<b>2</b> % <b>35</b> %	List Price
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17.	ELKHART	NOBID %	List Price
18.	Barska	NO BID %	EN TREE
19.	Klein Tools	NO BID %	
20.	Performance Advantage Company	5 %	List Price
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25.	Lenox	5 %	List Price
26.	R&B FAB	10 %	List Price
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EXHIBIT "A" PRICE SHEET

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48.	Key Hose		NO BED %		
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The undersigned declares that they have examined the Notice to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, and Specifications and is informed fully with regard to all terms and conditions pertaining thereto and agrees under these specifications at the prices set forth above.

By:

(Signature) MATHEW FENNEMAN (Above name printed or typed) COMPANY: MUNICTPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY Address: 408 BIF COURT City, State, Zip: ORLANDO, FL, 32809 Phone #: <u>400 228 8448</u>

E-mail: JELKINS @ MEDOFIRE, COM

### EXHIBIT "C" INSURANCE

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

## COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor's expense Commercial General Liability insurance coverage (ISO or comparable Occurrence Form) for the life of this Contract. Modified Occurrence or Claims Made forms are not acceptable.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits:	
Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000.000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
General Aggregate Limit (other than Products &	
Completed Operations) Applies Per Project	\$2,000,000

General liability coverage shall continue to apply to "bodily injury" and to "property damage" occurring after all work on the Site of the covered operations to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insureds has been completed and shall continue after that portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use.

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor's expense Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits: <u>Part One</u> – Workers' Compensation Insurance – Unlimited

Statutory Benefits as provided in the Florida Statutes and <u>Part Two</u> – Employer's Liability Insurance Bodily Injury By Accident Bodily Injury By Disease Bodily Injury By Disease

\$500,000 Each Accident \$500,000 Policy Limit \$500,000 Each Employee

\*If leased employees are used, policy must include an Alternate Employer's Endorsement

## AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor's expense Automobile Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits: Combined Single Limit -- Each Accident \$1,000,000

Covered Automobiles shall include any auto owned or operated by the insured Vendor/Contractor, including autos which are leased, hired, rented or borrowed, including autos owned by their employees which are used in connection with the business of the respective

Vendor/Contractor.

Vendor/Contractor shall require each of his Sub-Vendor/Contractors to likewise purchase and maintain at their expense Commercial General Liability insurance, Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability coverage and Automobile Liability insurance coverage meeting the same limit and requirements as the Vendor/Contractors insurance.

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain -

- Endorsement that coverage afforded under the policies will not be cancelled or allowed to expire until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.
  - Nassau County Board of County Commissioners must be named as an Additional Insured and endorsed onto the Commercial General Liability (CGL), Auto Liability policy (ics).
  - > CGL policy for construction related contracts -
    - Additional Insured Endorsement must include Ongoing and Completed
    - CGL policy shall not be endorsed with Contractual Liability Limitation Endorsement or Amendment of Insured Contract Definition
    - CGL policy shall include broad form contractual liability coverage for the Contractors covenants to and indemnification of the Authority under this Contract
- Provision under General Liability, Auto Liability and Workers' Compensation to include a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.
- · Provision that policies, except Workers' Compensation, are primary and noncontributory.

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain a provision under General Liability, Auto Liability, Environmental Liability and Workers' Compensation to include a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.

All Insurers must be authorized to transact insurance business in the State of Florida as provided by Florida Statute 624.09(1) and the most recent Rating Classification/Financial Category of the insurer as published in the latest edition of "Best's Key Rating Guide" (Property-Casualty) must be at least A- or above.

All of the above referenced Insurance coverage is required to remain in force for the duration of this Agreement and for the duration of the warranty period. Accordingly, at the time of submission of final application for payment, Vendor/Contractor shall submit an additional Certificate of Insurance evidencing continuation of such coverage.

If the Vendor/Contractor fails to procure, maintain or pay for the required insurance, Nassau County Board of County Commissioners shall have the right (but not the obligation) to secure same in the name of and for the account of Vendor/Contractor, in which event, Vendor/Contractor shall pay the cost thereof and shall furnish upon demand, all information that may be required to procure such insurance. Nassau County Board of County Commissioners shall have the right to back-charge Vendor/Contractor for the cost of procuring such insurance. The failure of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners to demand certificates of insurance and endorsements evidencing the required insurance or to identify any deficiency in Vendor/Contractors coverage based on the evidence of insurance provided by the Vendor/Contractor shall not be construed as a waiver by Nassau County Board of County Commissioners of Vendor/Contractor's obligation to procure, maintain and pay for required insurance.

The insurance requirements set forth herein shall in no way limit Vendor/Contractors liability arising out of the work performed under the Agreement or related activities. The inclusions, coverage and limits set forth herein are minimum inclusion, coverage and limits. The required minimum policy limits set forth shall not be construed as a limitation of Vendor/Contractor's right under any policy with higher limits, and no policy maintained by the Vendor/Contractor shall be construed as limiting the type, quality or quantity of insurance coverage that Vendor/Contractor should maintain. Vendor/Contractor shall be responsible for determining appropriate inclusions, coverage and limits, which may be in excess of the minimum requirements set forth herein.

If the insurance of any Vendor/Contractor or any Sub-Vendor/Contractor contains deductible(s), penalty(ies) or self-insured retention(s), the Vendor/Contractor or Sub-Vendor/Contractor whose insurance contains such provision(s) shall be solely responsible for payment of such deductible(s), penalty(ies) or self-insured retention(s).

The failure of Vendor/Contractor to fully and strictly comply at all times with the insurance requirements set forth herein shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement.

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# FORM A ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgment is hereby made of receipt of addenda issued during the solicitation period.

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Signature of Person Completing:	Date:
WATER CLATH	7/31/23
Printed Name	Title:
Justin Elkins	Customer Service

## FORM B SWORN STATEMENT UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 287.133(3)(a) ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

#### TO BE RETURNED WITH BID

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted with Bid, Proposal or Contract for MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY

2.	This sworn statement is submitted by MUNI	CIPAL	EQUIPME	ENT COMPAN	17
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- 3. My name is <u>MAT FENNEMAN</u> (please print name of individual signing), and my relationship to the entity named above is <u>DWNER</u>.
- 4. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services, any leases for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
- 5. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction or a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 6. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
  - a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
  - b. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not to fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding thirty-six (36) months shall be considered an affiliate.
- 7. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees,

members, and agents who are active in management of an entity. 8. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (*Please indicate which statement applies.*)

**V** Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one of more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989, and (Please indicate which additional statement applies.)

There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the Hearing Officer did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer determined that it was in the public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list. (Please describe any action taken by or pending with the Department of General Services.)

Signature 2023 Date

State of: County of:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of \_\_\_\_\_ physical presence or \_\_\_\_\_ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ AUGUST\_\_\_\_\_, 20 23 by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MATHEW FENNEMAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_ personally known to me or \_\_\_ produced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# FORM C BIDDER QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire shall be answered by the Bidder for use in the evaluation process.

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1.	Company Name: MUN	ICIPAL EQUIPMENT	COMPANY				
	Address: 106 BIF C	OURT					
	City/State/Zip: <b>ORLANT</b> Phone: Email: <b>800</b> 22						
	Website Address: WWW	. MELOFIRE. COM					
2.	COMPANY STRUCTURE		r				
3.	Are you registered with the	e FL Secretary of State to conduct b	ousiness? ∎Yes □No				
4.	Are you properly licensed/ øYes □No	certified by the Federal or State to p	perform the specified services?				
5.	5. EXPERIENCE:       Years in business:       40 Years         Years in business under this name:       40 Years         Years performing this type of work:       40 Years         Years performing this type of work:       40 Years         Value of work now under contract:       N/A         Value of work in place last year:       N/A         Percentage (%) of work usually self-performed:       N/A         Name of sub-vendors you may use:       N/A         Has your company:       Failed to complete or defaulted on a contract:       Yes         Been involved in bankruptcy or reorganization:       Yes       Mo         Pending judgment claims or suits against firm:       Yes       Mo						
6.	PERSONNEL How many employees doe (may use additional sheets if	es your company employ: <u>15</u> needed).					
Positic	on/Category (List all)	Full-time	Part-time				
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#### 7. REFERENCES:

List at least three references for which you have provided these services (similar scope/size) in the past five years - preferably government agencies.

Reference #1: Company/Agency Name: SEMINOLE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE
Address: 301 N Park Ave, Sanford FL 32771
Contract Person: Jason Prather
Phone: Email: 407 665 5188 JPRATHER @ SEMINOLECOUNTYFL, GOV
Project Description: Rescue 3 Emergency Equipment
Contract \$ Amount: N/A
Date Completed: N/A
Reference #2:
Company/Agency Name: ORANGE COUNTY FIRE RESCUE
Address: PO 5879, Winter Park, FL 32792
Contract Person: Flector Acevedo
Phone: Email: 407 636 8238 Hector, Alevedo @ OCFL, Net
Project Description: Rescue Equipment
Contract \$ Amount: N/A
Date Completed: N/A
Reference #3:
Company/Agency Name: Tampi Fire Dept
Address: 306 E Jackson 51, Tanpa, FL 33602
Phone: Email: 813 242 5336 MEKE, LACCIATORE & TAMPAGOV, NET
Project Description: <u>RESCUE EQUEPMENT</u>
Contract \$ Amount: MA
Date Completed:A

#### 8. NOTICE OF PARTIES AND BINDING AUTHORITY

The following information is required if Respondent is selected for award of a contract with the County.

#### Notice to Parties

All notices, demands, requests for approvals or other communications shall be in writing, and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or overnight delivery service (such as federal express), or courier service or by hand delivery to:

Contractor Name:	MUNIC	EPAL	EQUEPMENT COURT , OF	COMPANY		
Attn: _///STIN	ELKI	NS			224.20	
Mailing Address: _	408	BIF	COURT, OF	RLANDO, FL,	32809	

#### **Binding Authority**

The person to execute the contract must be an officer of the company. If not an officer of the company, Respondent must provide proof of signing authority. Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of person who will execute the contract, if awarded.

Name of Person to execute contract (if awarded): JUSTEN ELKENS	
Name of Person to execute contract (if awarded): <u>JUSTIN ELKENS</u> Title: <u>(USTOMER_SERVICE_MANAGER</u>	
Email Address: 1640115 (1) ME(0 FIRE, COM	_
Phone Number: 600 228 6948	_

## FORM D DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

in\_accordance with Florida Statute 287.087, hereby certify that the undersigned, EQUEPMENT COMPANY MUNICIPAL (print or type name of firm):

- 1. Publishes a written statement notifying that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in the workplace named above and specifying actions that will be taken against violations of such prohibition.
- 2. Informs employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the firm's policy of maintaining a drug free working environment, and available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug use violations.
- 3. Gives each employee engaged in providing commodities or contractual services that are under bid or proposal, a copy of the statement specified above.
- 4. Notifies the employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid or proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893, or any controlled substance law of the State of Florida or the United States, for a violation occurring in the work place, no later than five (5) days after such conviction, and requires employees to sign copies of such written statement to acknowledge their receipt.
- 5. Imposes a sanction on, or requires the satisfactory participation in, a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
- 6. Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through the implementation of a drug free workplace program.

"As a person authorized to sign a statement, I certify that the above-named business, firm, or corporation complies fully with the requirements set forth herein."

uthorized Signature

State of: FLORIDA County of: ORANGE

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of \_\_\_\_\_ physical presence or \_\_\_\_\_ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 23\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_ MARTHEW FERNEMAN\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_ personally known to me or \_\_\_\_\_ produced \_\_\_\_\_\_

as identification.



## FORM E E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

# NASSAU COUNTY E-VERIFY FORM UNDER SECTION 448.095, FLORIDA STATUTES

Project Name: <u>MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY</u> Bid No./Contract No.: NC 23 - 037R - ITB

#### DEFINITIONS:

"Contractor" means a person or entity that has entered or is attempting to enter into a contract with a public employer to provide labor, supplies, or services to such employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration. "Contractor" includes, but is not limited to, a vendor or consultant.

"Subcontractor" means a person or entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor or another subcontractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.

"E-Verify System" means an internet-based system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

Effective January 1, 2021, Contractors, shall register with and use the E-Verify System in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall register for and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:

- a. All persons employed by a Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and
- b. All persons (including subvendors/subconsultants/subcontractors) assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with Nassau County. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that registration and use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System during the term of the contract is a condition of the contract with Nassau County; and
- c. Should vendor become the successful Contractor awarded for the above-named project, by entering into the contract, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, "Employment Eligibility", as amended from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to, registration and utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Contractor shall also execute the attached affidavit (Attachment "A") attesting that the Contractor does not employ, contract with, or such affidavit for the duration of the contract; and
- d. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to execute the attached affidavit (Attachment "B") attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract.

### CONTRACT TERMINATION:

- a. If Nassau County has a good faith belief that a Contractor has knowingly violated §448.09(1) or §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, the contract shall be terminated.
- b. If Nassau County has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated §448.09(1) or §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, but the Contractor otherwise complied with Chapter 448, Florida Statutes, Nassau County shall promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
- c. A contract terminated under subparagraph a) or b) is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such.
- d. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination.
- e. If the contract is terminated for a violation of the Statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.

## FORM E - 1 CONTRACTOR E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that <u>MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT CO</u> (Contractor Company Name) does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, and is otherwise in full compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

All employees hired on or after January 1, 2021 have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system.

A true and correct copy of <u>MUNICIPAL EQUIMENT (O</u>(Contractor Company Name) proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

Mathew Fenneman Print Name: Date: 8/1/2023

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>DRANGE</u>

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of affihysical presenceor  $\Box$ online notarization, this <u>8/1/23</u> (Date) by <u>MATHEW FENNEMAN</u> (Name of Officer or Agent, Title of Officer or Agent) of <u>MUNICIPAL FRUIPMENT</u> Co. (Name of Contractor Company Acknowledging), a <u>STATE</u> (State or Place of Incorporation) Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. (He)She is pre-sonally known to me or  $\Box$ has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

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,	DALE W. WEST	
Printed Name	Notary Public State of Florida Commission # HH 179778 My Comm. Expires Oct 24, 2025	
My Commission Ex	Sonded through National Notary Area	

## FORM E - 2 SUBCONTRACTOR E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

hereby certify that <u>MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT CO</u> (Subcontractor Company Name) does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, and is otherwise in full compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

All employees hired on or after January 1, 2021 have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system.

A true and correct copy of <u>MUNICIPAL EQUIMENT (0</u> (Subcontractor Company Name) proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

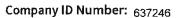
Print Name: Mather Ferneman Date: 8/1/2027

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>0R4w6E</u>

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  $\Box$  hysical presence or  $\Box$  online notarization, this <u>S/1/23</u> (Date) by <u>MARTHEW FUNEMAN</u> (Name of Officer or Agent, Title of Officer or Agent) of <u>MUNICIPAL EDVIPMENT Co</u>. (Name of Contractor Company Acknowledging), a <u><u>STATE</u> (State or Place of Incorporation) Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation He/She is  $\Box$  personally known to me or  $\Box$  has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.</u>

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	DALE W. WEST	
Printed Name	Notary Public - State of Florida Commission # HH 179778 My Comm. Expired 2012 2012	
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# Approved by:

<b>Employer</b> Municipal Equipment Company		
<b>Name (</b> Please Type or Print) Joseph Borsi	Title	
Signature	Date	
Electronically Signed	01/29/2013	
Department of Homeland Security – Verifica	tion Division	
Name (Please Type or Print) USCIS Verification Division	Title	
	Title	

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Company ID Number: 637246

Information Required for the E-Verify Program		
Information relating to your Company:		
Company Name	Municipal Equipment Company	
Company Facility Address	408 Bif CT Orlando, FL 32809	
Company Alternate Address		
County or Parish	ORANGE	
Employer Identification Number	593624496	
North American Industry Classification Systems Code	454	
Parent Company		
Number of Employees	10 to 19	
Number of Sites Verified for	1 site(s)	

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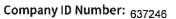


Are you verifying for more than 1 site? If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:

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Information relating to the Program Administrator(s) for your Company on policy questions or operational problems:

Name	Mathew Fenneman
Phone Number	8002288448
Fax	4076484142
Email	Matt@mecofire.com
Name	Joseph Borsi

Phone Number4078433071Fax4076484142Emailioe@mecofire.com





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This list represents the first 20 Program Administrators listed for this company.

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