CONTRACT FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS SERVICES

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 TRP Construction Group, LLC, located at 2411 Minnis Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 76117, hereinafter referred to as the "Vendor".

WHEREAS, the County received two (2) bids for pavement markings services, on or about

November 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract with both bidders to provide the pavement marking services and desires to make Vendor the primary provider for the pavement marking services; and

WHEREAS, said pavement marking services are more fully described in the County's Invitation to Bid ("ITB"), numbered NC23-058-ITB, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Vendor's Response and Price Sheet is attached hereto and

incorporated herein as Exhibit "B; and

WHEREAS, the Vendor desires to render certain services as described in Exhibits "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 NC23-058-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 Exhibit "A". 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 Dollars and 00/100 (\$300,000.00) for the goods and/or services referenced in Exhibits "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 Director of Public Works designee and at pwinvoices@nassaucountvfl.com to or 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 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 cannot be made. The County shall pay the Vendor within fortyfive (45) calendar days of receipt and acceptance of invoice by the Director of Public Works,

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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 on September 30, 2024. 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.

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-

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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 "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 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.

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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 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.

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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 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.

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, RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 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 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.

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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: Director of Public Works		
	45195 Musslewhite Road		
	Callahan, Florida 32011		
Vendor:	TRP Construction Group, LLC		
	Attn: Thomas Underwood, General Manager		
	2411 Minnis Drive		
	Fort Worth, Texas 76117		

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.

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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 the goods and/or services provided prior to the termination date.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract which shall be deemed

an original on the day and year last written below.

OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOAR COUNTY, FLORIDA

y: John F. Martin A: Chairman

Date: 2-12-24

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

Denise C. May

DENISE C. MAY

TRP CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC

Thomas Underwood

By: Thomas Underwood Its: General Manager

Date: ____

EXHIBIT "A" COUNTY'S INVITATION TO BID NC23-058-ITB



INVITATION TO BID

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Solicitation Title:	Issue Date:			
Pavement Markings	October 13, 2023			
Solicitation Number:	Project/Contract Duration:			
NC23-058-ITB	Through September 30, 2024, with option to renew for two (2) additional years			
Requesting Department:	Procurement Contact:			
Road Department	Brittany Contardi			
Contact Address:	Contact Information:			
96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2	procurement@nassaucountyfl.com			
Yulee, Florida 32097				
Pre-Bid Date/Time:	Deadline for Questions:			
N/A	October 27, 2023 @ 4:00 PM ET			
Bid Due Date and Opening Date/Time:				
November 8, 2023 @ 10:00 AM ET				
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 as 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 the Deadline 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 provide pavement markings. These services shall be performed on property owned by or under the jurisdiction of Nassau County in accordance with the solicitation specifications.

The work is to be performed by a contractor, licensed, insured, and bonded to do business in the State of Florida. Vendor shall be familiar with and shall comply with County and State Ordinances governing these services during work. Vendor shall furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to perform the work described herein in strict accordance with these specifications.

A2. Term of Contract:

The initial term of the Contract resulting from this solicitation shall terminate on September 30, 2024.

Option to Renew for two (2) additional years on a year-by-year basis:

Prior to, or upon completion, of that initial term, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for an additional two (2) year period, on a year-to-year basis. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period, and any option subsequently exercised, is subject to contract performance and an annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners.

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 shall carefully examine these solicitation forms, specifications, attached drawings (if applicable), 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 an authorized 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 he/she 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>), which is accessible via the County's website or using the following link: <u>https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/49083/bo/bo-search</u>.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that bids are received in the County's electronic 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 SUBMITTING YOUR 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 on the date and time specified on the cover page of this solicitation at the Office of the Clerk located at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center, 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida 32097. 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. Information may be released to the public once the County provides a notice of intended decision or thirty (30) days after the bid opening, whichever is earlier.

Pursuant to recent changes in Florida Statutes Chapter 286.0113 (General exemptions from public meeting 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 County provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after bid opening, whichever is earlier. Any portion of a committee meeting at which negotiation strategies are discussed is exempt.

A complete record shall be made of any portion of an exempt meeting; no portion may be held off the 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 and twenty days (120) after the Bid opening date. 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 (PlanetBids).
- **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. Only an authorized person that can legally bind the company to this engagement shall sign.
- **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</u>, <u>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 proof of registration from E-Verify along with a completed affidavit certifying their compliance with F.S. 448.095.

By submitting a Bid to this solicitation, the 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 the above subparagraphs 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, 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 ELECTRONIC BIDDING PLATFORM** (PlanetBids). 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 the Procurement department 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</u> <u>entertain any verbal 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 specify 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 (<u>PlanetBids</u>), 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 County until 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/rendered, 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. Acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after a thorough inspection indicates that the goods/services meet the 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 certain conditions 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 no way used or attempted to use his or her influence to persuade a member of the County or any of its personnel 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 no way participated in the determination of the solicitation's specifications or the determination of the responsible 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 no force 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 the public 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 the contract 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 entity for 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, sub- vendor, 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 CATEGORY TWO 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 be submitted with the Bid.
- **C11. Debarred Vendors:** 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 equal employment 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. 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.

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 qualified to perform the services outlined in the scope of work and meet all applicable code requirements.
- **D3.** Attachments/Exhibits: All attachments and exhibits are made an essential part of this solicitation.
- D4. <u>Bid Bond (If Applicable)</u>: A Bidder submitting a response that is valued at One Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$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 SHALL ALSO TO BE UPLOADED IN THE COUNTY'S ELECTRONIC BIDDING PLATFORM (PlanetBids)UPON SUBMISSION OF BID.

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

<u>Performance/Payment Bond (If Applicable)</u>: If awarded a contract for a project totaling one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) or more, the Awarded Bidder(s), within ten (10) calendar days of the 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 Awarded Bidder(s) 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 Awarded Bidder(s) until the Awarded Bidder(s) 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 shall be made to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, and meets all requirements of the bid specifications.

The County reserves the right to issue multiple awards.

- **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, best serve 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 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 from the County.
- **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.

SECTION F. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND SPECIFICATIONS

<u>SCOPE OF SERVICES AND SPECIFICATIONS</u>: Vendor shall provide all Services described in Exhibit "A" Scope of Services and Specifications.

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EXHIBIT "A" SCOPE OF SERVICES AND SPECIFICATIONS

The Vendor shall provide Pavement Markings, more specifically, including but not limited to:

- **A.** Pavement Markings shall be for various road construction, overlays, and rehabilitative projects throughout the County.
- **B.** Pavement Markings shall include coatings and traffic markings (e.g. paint striping and thermoplastic striping with reflective beads/ glass spheres) of newly constructed roads, overlaid roads, roadway improvements, roadway repairs and County complexes, refurbishment or replacement of exiting markings and striping, and placement or replacement reflective pavement markers.
- **C.** All work performed shall be in accordance with FDOT standards/specifications and County ordinances/codes.
- **D.** Vendors must demonstrate expertise in the following areas:

D1. Ensure striping/markings are installed in accordance with FDOT standards/specifications and County ordinances/codes.

D2. Timely and accurate reporting of invoicing.

- **E.** Vendors must be able to coordinate with the Road Department representative to provide striping/marking in conjunction with newly constructed or overlaid roads.
- **F.** The intent of the resulting contract is for work to be assigned on an "as needed" basis by the Road Department representative. The line items in the Price Sheet, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", are intended to set unit prices for the assigned work. No work is guaranteed as part of the resulting contract and there is no guaranteed minimum or maximum.
- **G.** Vendor must also have the ability to mobilize and begin work within fifteen (15) business days of issuance of an executed work authorization or purchase order and complete the work within a mutually agreeable number of days.
- **H.** Before the performance of work, Vendor shall provide the Road Department representative a complete description and specification of product for each order placed, to ensure products are on the approved product list.
 - H1. Vendor shall use clearly marked containers that indicate color, mass, material type, manufacturer, and batch number.
- **I.** Vendor shall warrant all materials and all workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the work completed.

J. <u>Business Hours and Holidays:</u>

- J1. These services shall be conducted during the hours of Monday through Friday between 7:30am and 4:00pm ET, unless prior arrangements are agreed upon by both parties.
- J2. These services shall follow the County's Holiday schedule. To view the County's current Holiday Schedule, including the days of observance, please visit the County's website (https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/31/For-Residents).
 - J2.1 The following is a list of holidays on which contract services will not be performed unless advanced, written approval is provided to the Vendor from the County:
 - New Year's Day
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
 - Good Friday
 - Memorial Day
 - Juneteenth
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Veteran's Day
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Friday after Thanksgiving
 - Christmas Eve
 - Christmas Day
- J3. Additionally, services will not be performed during the Fernandina Beach Shrimp Festival unless advanced, written approval is provided to the Vendor from the County. To view the Fernandina Beach Shrimp Festival current schedule, please visit the festival's website (https://www.shrimpfestival.com/).

K. <u>Debris Disposal</u>:

- K1. It is the Vendor's responsibility to remove and properly dispose of all of the debris generated by work done under this agreement shall be the sole responsibility of and at the expense of the Vendor in a manner and/or at a disposal site approved by the Road Department representative. The site must be clean upon completion.
- K2. Vendor shall not leave debris on the work site. All debris must be disposed of upon the completion of the assignment or within twenty-four (24) hours of the assignment, whichever comes first. Any remaining debris must be outside of the clear zone of any roadway by the end of the day.

- K3. Vendor shall be responsible to ensure frequent pick-up and disposal of all refuse, rubbish, scrap materials and debris that result from operations so that work site remains neat and orderly.
- K4. All debris must be disposed of upon the completion of the assignment or within twenty-four (24) hours of the assignment, whichever comes first. Any remaining debris must be outside of the clear zone of any roadway by the end of the day.
- L. <u>Pricing:</u> The pricing provided in the Price Sheet, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", shall be deemed to provide full compensation to the Vendor for labor, equipment use, travel time, and any other element of cost or price. Equipment included in this price shall include all equipment and other tools normally used during the performance of work described herein.
 - L1. Traffic control as required shall be included in the pricing provided in the Price Sheet, attached hereto as Exhibit "B".
 - L2. The County may require modifications and changes to this contract. The Vendor shall provide County with written cost proposals for such additional services on an as needed basis.
 - L3. Payment will not be authorized for work performed by the Vendor without proof of a written request by the County.
 - L4. Payment will not be authorized for work performed by the Vendor without proof of a written request by the County.
 - L5. <u>ALL OR NONE AWARD:</u> This bid requires Bidders to bid on all line items listed in Attachment A. Bidders will be deemed unresponsive if they do not bid on all line items listed in Attachment A.

M. <u>Equipment:</u>

- M1. Only equipment designed for performance of work described herein will be acceptable for work performed under this agreement. The equipment used must be in good, safe operating condition at all times. The County may inspect the equipment prior to awarding the bid, and anytime during the course of the resulting contract. All safety devices shall be properly installed and maintained at all times the equipment is in use.
- M2. Vendor shall be responsible for the security of all equipment, tools, and materials left at the work site.
- M3. Vendor shall be responsible for safe conduct and proper use of equipment during the performance for work and on the work site at all times.

M4. Vendor shall have sufficient equipment to meet the needs of the resulting contract and all applicable safety equipment including guards/shields that shall be installed, secured, and in good working order at all times.

N. <u>Traffic Control:</u>

- N1. Vendor and its subcontractors shall be responsible for safely maintaining vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic while performing work under this contract and complying with traffic safety requirements for all contract operations.
- N2. Vendor is not permitted to isolate residences or places of business.
- N3. Before the commencement of performance of work described herein, the Vendor shall notify residents of property adjoining the location of the work at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the tree maintenance operation on that street. The Vendor is responsible for posting "temporary no parking" signs at least twenty-four (24) hours before using the parking lane for performance of work described herein. Efforts shall be made by the Vendor to minimize the duration of driveway blocking and to notify the residents of this need in advance. Further, the Vendor shall provide access to each residential or commercial establishment each evening.
- N4. No County roadway will be closed at any time without written notification to the Facilities Maintenance or Road representative and approval therefrom prior to the closure and must adhere to the County's Road Closure Policy which is available on the County's website (https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/120/Construction-Forms).
- N5. Vendor shall be responsible for traffic control during operations performed by the Vendor's personnel and/or subcontractors.
- N6. Vendor shall furnish, erect, and maintain all necessary traffic control and safety devices.
- N7. Traffic control shall be in conformance with the Federal Highway Administration, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition and the Florida Department of Transportation Roadway and Traffic Design Standards, latest edition.
- N8. The foregoing requirements are to be considered as minimum and the Vendor's compliance shall in no way relieve the Vendor of final responsibility for providing adequate traffic control devices and personnel for the protection of its employees and the public throughout the work areas.
- N9. Vendor shall have at least one (1) full-time employee certified in Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), Maintenance of Traffic Work Zone Safety, Intermediate Level as a minimum.

- N10. A copy of the employee's certification of FDOT maintenance of traffic training is required to be submitted with the Vendor's proposal.
- N11. All persons flagging traffic shall have in their possession: current, valid certification of FDOT Basic Maintenance of Traffic training as a minimum requirement.
- N12. County may at any time request that the Vendor's flaggers produce proof of current, valid certification of FDOT Maintenance of Traffic training.
- N13. County reserves the right to stop the Vendor's work if flaggers are unable to produce proof of current, valid training upon request.
- N14. Vendor shall endeavor to keep the project site free of rubbish and debris and as safe a condition as possible.
- N15. All costs associated with maintenance of traffic are the responsibility of the Vendor.

O. Limitation of Operations:

- O1. No equipment shall be left on the road right-of-way overnight or the median, regardless of right-of-way or median width.
- O2. With prior written approval from the County and at the Vendor's risk, it may be possible for the Vendor to leave equipment overnight on County property other than road right-of-way or medians.
- O3. Vendor shall preserve from damaging any property associated with, or which is in the vicinity of, or is in any way affected by the work. This applies to public and private property and/or utilities.
- O4. Vendor shall immediately provide written notification to the County of damages when they occur.
- O5. Any damages occurring to such area/properties shall be immediately repaired at the expense of the Vendor to a condition equal to or better than that existing before such damage occurred.
- O6. Vendor shall not enter onto private property while conducting work for the County without the written consent of the private property owner.

P. <u>Specifications:</u>

P1. Prior to commencing work, the Vendor shall prepare a price quote, with breakdown of costs, for the Road Department representative based on the prices quoted in the Price Sheet, attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Work shall commence after the

approval of the Road Department representative and the issuance of an executed work authorization or purchase order.

- P2. Prior to commencing work, Vendor shall document all pre-existing damages in the area of work to be performed and submit documentation to the Road Department representative.
- P3. All precautions must be taken to ensure no damage to surrounding landscape, structures or amenities will occur.
- P4. Work shall be scheduled with minimal disruption to the surrounding landscape, structures or amenities, as determined by the County.
- P5. All debris removed from these processes shall be removed in accordance with the *Debris Disposal* section above or as directed by the Road Department representative.

Q. <u>County's Responsibilities:</u>

- Q1. County will provide contact person(s) name, phone number, and email address for the vendor to report all problems noted.
- Q2. County will provide the Vendor with an executed work authorization or purchase order of work requested to be performed under this agreement.
- Q3. All work shall be done subject to the supervision and direction of the Road Department representative who shall have access to all of the work.
- Q4. Road Department representative will have the authority to suspend the work either wholly, or in part, due to failure to carry out provisions of the contract; for failure to carry out orders; for such periods as he/she deems necessary due to unsuitable weather conditions; or for conditions or reasons deemed to be in the public interest.
- Q5. Road Department representative will have the authority to require the immediate removal of any person employed by the Vendor who appears to be incompetent or to act in a disorderly or improper manner.

R. <u>Vendor's Responsibilities:</u>

- R1. Vendor shall provide a trained staff of competent personnel for the performance of the services described.
- R2. Vendor shall always provide supervision of all work crews while performing work under this contract.

- R3. Vendor shall be responsible and liable for all injuries or damages to persons or property that occur as a result of their fault or negligence in connection with the work assigned. Vendor's personnel shall immediately report any such injuries, damage, abnormalities to Road Department representative as soon as possible.
- R4. Vendor is responsible for all underground utilities located before the commencement of work.
- R5. Vendor's personnel shall be readily identifiable by wearing uniforms that clearly designate their company's name. Similarly, service vehicles shall clearly designate the company's name.
- R6. Vendor shall designate a supervisor as a contact person and provide the county with this person's phone number and email address. This supervisor shall be available to tour work areas within twenty-four (24) hours of completion.
- R7. Vendor shall provide a contact phone number and email for invoicing issues. Calls shall be returned within twenty-four (24) hours, Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm ET, unless prior arrangements are agreed upon by both parties.
- R8. Vendor shall notify the appropriate Road Department representative when the work is completed enabling the County to inspect the work for acceptance within twenty-four (24) hours of completion.
- R9. Vender shall thoroughly document work assignments upon arrival and upon assignment completion through photographs. Subsequent documentation shall be provided to the Road Department representative within twenty-four (24) hours of assignment completion.
- R10. In case of an emergency which threatens injury or loss of property and/or injury to life or persons, the Vendor shall promptly take such action, without previous instructions from the Road Department representative as the situation may reasonably warrant. Vendor shall notify the Road Department representative immediately thereafter and any additional compensation claimed by the Vendor therefore, together with evidence of the expense incurred in acting in such emergency, shall be submitted to the County and the amount of compensation due, if any, shall be determined by mutual agreement.
- R11. Vendor must abide by any local, state, or federal laws and regulations.
- R12. Vendor shall obtain all necessary permits and pay any associated fees at their own expense.
- R13. Vendor shall perform services in a competent and professional manner. In addition, roadside work shall be performed according to Florida Department of

Transportation Roadway and Traffic Design Standards and may require signage and other measures to be taken to safely work alongside or in a roadway.

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EXHIBIT "B" PRICE SHEET

Vendor shall provide Pavement Markings in accordance with Exhibit A, Scope of Services at the prices below.

	PAVEMENT MARKINGS					
ltem No.	Item Description	Unit	Paint Unit Price	Thermoplastic Unit Price	Unit Price	
1	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" White	LF	\$	\$		
2	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" White	GM	\$	\$		
3	Pavement Marking, Solid, 24" White	LF	\$	\$		
4	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" Yellow	LF	\$	\$		
5	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" Yellow	GM	\$	\$		
6	Pavement Marking, Skip, 6" Yellow	GM	\$	\$		
7	Pavement Marking, Double, 6" Yellow	LF	\$	\$		
8	Pavement Marking, Double, 6" Yellow	GM	\$	\$		
9	Bike Lane Symbol	EA	\$	\$		
10	Shared Lane Markings (EA)	EA	\$	\$		
11	Arrow - BIDIRECTIONAL	EA	\$	\$		
12	Arrow - DIRECTIONAL (Left/Right)	EA	\$	\$		
13	Arrow - DIRECTIONAL (Straight)	EA	\$	\$		
	Т	OTAL	\$	\$		

	OPTIONAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS					
ltem No.	Item Description	Unit	Paint Unit Price	Thermoplastic Unit Price	Unit Price	
14	Pavement Marking, Solid, 4" White	LF	\$	\$		
15	Pavement Marking, Solid, 4" White	GM	\$	\$		
16	Pavement Marking, Skip, 6" White	LF	\$	\$		
17	Pavement Marking, Solid, 4" Yellow	LF	\$	\$		
18	Pavement Marking, Skip, 4" Yellow	LF	\$	\$		
19	Pavement Marking, Skip, 4" Yellow	GM	\$	\$		
20	Pavement Marking, Double, 4" Yellow	LF	\$	\$		
21	Pavement Marking, Skip, 6" White/Black	GM	\$	\$		
22	Message - "STOP"	EA	\$	\$		
23	Message - "R/R"	EA	\$	\$		

24	Message - "ONLY"	EA	\$ \$	
25	Message - "MERGE"	EA	\$ \$	
26	Message - "SCHOOL"	EA	\$ \$	
27	Message - "YIELD"	EA	\$ \$	
28	Message - "DO NOT BLOCK"	EA	\$ \$	
29	Complete Handicap Parking Area	EA	\$ \$	

	OPTIONAL MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS						
ltem No.	Item Description	Unit	Paint Unit Price	Thermoplastic Unit Price	Unit Price		
30	Removal of Existing Markings	SQ FT			\$		
31	RPM Bi-Directional	EA			\$		
32	RPM Mono-Directional	EA			\$		
33	Island Nose (Reflective Paint) - White	SQ FT	\$	\$			
34	Island Nose (Reflective Paint) - Yellow	SQ FT	\$	\$			
35	Reflective Pavement Marker Removal	EA			\$		

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

Company:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip code:		
Phone Number:	Email:	
Authorized Signature:	Printed Name:	
Title:	Date:	

LAHIBIT "C" INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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 (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 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 a 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 selfinsured 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.

ATTACHMENT "I" DRAFT CONTRACT

CONTRACT FOR TYPE OF SERVICES SERVICES

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 [Vendor's Name], located at [Vendor's Address], hereinafter referred to as the "Vendor".

WHEREAS, the County received bids for [Type of Services], on or about [Date of ITB]

Opening]. 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 the lowest, most responsive

and responsible bidder; and

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

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 the exhibits incorporated into and made part of this Contract:

Exhibit A COUNTY'S INVITATION TO BID NC23-0XX-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 Exhibit "A". 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.

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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 date of execution*. The term of this Contract may be extended in one (1) year increments for *an additional two (2) years* with no changes in terms or conditions, upon mutual written agreement between the Consultant 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.

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

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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 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.

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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 for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not

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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.

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 5-16-2023

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 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:

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(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.

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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: [Title of Director]
	[Department's Address Line 1]
	[Department's Address Line 2]
Vendor:	[Vendor's Name]
	Attn: [Vendor's Contact Person's Name and Title]
	[Vendor's Address Line 1]
	[Vendor's Address Line 2]

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.

<u>SECTION 35. Conflicting Terms, Representations and No Waiver of Covenants or</u> <u>Conditions.</u>

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 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.

	<mark>BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</mark> NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
	By:
	Its:
	Date:
Attest as to authenticity of the Chair's signature:	
JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk	
Approved as to form and legality by t Nassau County Attorney	he
DENISE C. MAY	
	[VENDOR'S NAME]
	By:
	Its:
	Date:

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:			

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

2.	This swor (entity	rn statement is submitting	submitted sworn	by statement),	whos	e bus	iness	address	is
					-			oyee Identific	
	Number (I Security N	FEIN) is lumber of the in	dividual sign					include the S)	ocial

- 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) ar	nd subscribed before me	e by means of	physical presence or	online
notarization, this	day of	, 20	by	
who is	personally known to	me or produce	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.	1. Company Name:Address:			
	City/State/Zip:			
	Phone: Email:			
	Website Address:			
2.	COMPANY STRUCTURE: □Sole Proprietor □Partnership □Corporation □Other			
3.	Are you registered with the FL Secretary of State to conduct business? \Box Yes \Box No			
4.	Are you properly licensed/certified by the Federal or State to perform the specified services? \Box Yes \Box No			
5.	Years in business:			
	How many employees doe (may use additional sheets if i		y:	
	on/Category (List all)	Full-time		Part-time
Mana	gement			

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:
Project Description:
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:		
Mailing Address: _		

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.

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.
- 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."

Authorized Signature

Date Signed

State of:	
County of: _	

Sworn to (or affir	med) and subscribed befo	re me by means of	physical presence or	online
notarization, this	day of	, 20	by	
	_who is personally kno	own to me or produce	ed	
as identification.				

Notary Public	
My commission expires:	

FORM E E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

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

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: _____

EXHIBIT "B" VENDOR'S RESPONSE AND PRICE SHEET



INVITATION TO BID

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Solicitation Title:	Issue Date:	
Pavement Markings	October 13, 2023	
Solicitation Number:	Project/Contract Duration:	
NC23-058-ITB	Through September 30, 2024, with option to renew	
	for two (2) additional years	
Requesting Department:	Procurement Contact:	
Road Department	Brittany Contardi	
Contact Address:	Contact Information:	
96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2	procurement@nassaucountyfl.com	
Yulee, Florida 32097		
Pre-Bid Date/Time:	Deadline for Questions:	
N/A	October 27, 2023 @ 4:00 PM ET	
Bid Due Date an	d Opening Date/Time:	
November 8, 2023 @ 10:00 AM ET		
Location of Bid Opening:		
Robert M. Foster Justice Center, 76347 Veterans V	Vay, Second Floor, Yulee, Florida 32097	

In accordance with the intent and content of this solicitation, we the undersigned do hereby offer to perform as 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:		
TRP CONSTRUCTION &	ROUP LLC	
Business Address:		
3501 SANFORD AVE	SANFORD, FL 32773	
Phone Number:	Email:	FL License Number:
(32) 332-1335	TOMUCTRPENERA, COM	
Authorized Signature:	•	Date:
Sil		11/7/23
Printed Name of Signer:		Title:
TOM UNDERWOOD		GENERAL MANAGER

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 the Deadline for Questions date and time stated above.

(THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID)

EXHIBIT "B" PRICE SHEET

Vendor shall provide Pavement Markings in accordance with Exhibit A, Scope of Services at the prices below.

PAVEMENT MARKINGS						
ltem No.	Item Description	Unit	Paint Unit Price	Thermoplastic Unit Price	Unit Price	
1	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" White	LF	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.00		
2	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" White	GM	\$ 1,100	\$ 3,950"		
3	Pavement Marking, Solid, 24" White	LF	\$ 3.50	\$ 8.75		
4	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" Yellow	LF	\$ 0.45	\$ / **		
5	Pavement Marking, Solid, 6" Yellow	GM	\$ 1,100	\$ 3,950 **		
6	Pavement Marking, Skip, 6" Yellow	GM	\$ 550	\$ 1,350		
7	Pavement Marking, Double, 6" Yellow	LF	\$ 2,50	\$ 400		
8	Pavement Marking, Double, 6" Yellow	GM	\$ 1900 **	\$ 6,60000		
9	Bike Lane Symbol	EA	\$ 155**	\$ 160"		
10	Shared Lane Markings (EA)	EA	\$ 155 **	\$ 300"		
11	Arrow - BIDIRECTIONAL	EA	\$ 95 **	\$ 115 **		
12	Arrow - DIRECTIONAL (Left/Right)	EA	\$ 9500	\$ 100"		
13	Arrow - DIRECTIONAL (Straight)	EA	\$ 9500	\$ 100**		
	-	TOTAL	\$ 5,25190	\$ 16,63975		

	OPTIONAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS					
ltem No.	Item Description	Unit	Paint Unit Price	Thermoplastic Unit Price	Unit Price	
14	Pavement Marking, Solid, 4" White	LF	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.60		
15	Pavement Marking, Solid, 4" White	GM	\$ 55000	\$ 1,800		
16	Pavement Marking, Skip, 6" White	LF	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.00		
17	Pavement Marking, Solid, 4" Yellow	LF	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.60		
18	Pavement Marking, Skip, 4" Yellow	LF	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.60		
19	Pavement Marking, Skip, 4" Yellow	GM	\$ 290 **	\$ 70000		
20	Pavement Marking, Double, 4" Yellow	LF	\$ z °	\$ z.75		
21	Pavement Marking, Skip, 6" White/Black	GM	\$ 1,15000	\$ 185000		
22	Message - "STOP"	EA	\$ 100	\$ 13500		
23	Message - "R/R"	EA	\$ 110	\$ 22500		

24	Message - "ONLY"	EA	\$ 10000	\$ 13500	
25	Message - "MERGE"	EA	\$ 10000	\$ 15000	
26	Message - "SCHOOL"	EA	\$ 10000	\$ 15000	
27	Message - "YIELD"	EA	\$ 10000	\$ 15000	
28	Message - "DO NOT BLOCK"	EA	\$ 10000	\$ 16000	
29	Complete Handicap Parking Area	EA	\$ 50000	\$ 650 00	

	OPTIONAL MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS					
ltem No.	Item Description	Unit	Paint Unit Price	Thermoplastic Unit Price	Unit Price	
30	Removal of Existing Markings	SQ FT			\$ 3.50	
31	RPM Bi-Directional	EA			\$ 6.50	
32	RPM Mono-Directional	EA			\$ 6.50	
33	Island Nose (Reflective Paint) - White	SQ FT	\$ 5.50	\$ 8.00		
34	Island Nose (Reflective Paint) - Yellow	SQ FT	\$ 5.50	\$ 8.00		
35	Reflective Pavement Marker Removal	EA	the Contractor		\$ 2.50	

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

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THE E-VERIFY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EMPLOYERS

ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and TRP Construction (Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

ARTICLE II RESPONSIBILITIES

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:

- a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
- b. Notice of Right to Work

2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.

3. The Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the employer is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.





4. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.

5. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual creates any cases.

a. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.

6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:

a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.

7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.

8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the anti-discrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.

a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly





employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.

9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.

10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

11. The Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps

(see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance

(indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status





(including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at <u>E-Verify@uscis.dhs.gov</u>. Please use "Privacy Incident – Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and other agents, upon





reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.

20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.

21. The Employer agrees that <u>E-Verify trademarks</u> and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see <u>M-795 (Web)</u>) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.

a. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.





b. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

d. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin

E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.

e. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:

- i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and

iii. The Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).

f. The Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.6 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:

- i. The Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
- iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

Note: If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with





Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Employer shall not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.

g. The Employer agrees not to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor based on this Article.

3. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA

1. SSA agrees to allow DHS to compare data provided by the Employer against SSA's database. SSA sends DHS confirmation that the data sent either matches or does not match the information in SSA's database.

2. SSA agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides through E-Verify procedures. SSA also agrees to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security numbers or responsible for evaluation of E-Verify or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

3. SSA agrees to provide case results from its database within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry. E-Verify provides the information to the Employer.

4. SSA agrees to update SSA records as necessary if the employee who contests the SSA tentative nonconfirmation visits an SSA field office and provides the required evidence. If the employee visits an SSA field office within the eight Federal Government work days from the date of referral to SSA, SSA agrees to update SSA records, if appropriate, within the eight-day period unless SSA determines that more than eight days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional instructions to the employee. If the employee does not visit SSA in the time allowed, E-Verify may provide a final nonconfirmation to the employer.

Note: If an Employer experiences technical problems, or has a policy question, the employer should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS

1. DHS agrees to provide the Employer with selected data from DHS databases to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

a. Automated verification checks on alien employees by electronic means, and





b. Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.

2. DHS agrees to assist the Employer with operational problems associated with the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.

3. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer with access to E-Verify training materials as well as an

E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.

4. DHS agrees to train Employers on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials.

5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

6. DHS agrees to issue each of the Employer's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.

7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.

8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.

9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

ARTICLEIII REFERRALOFINDIVIDUALSTOSSAAND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case.





The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.

4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.

4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the





employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.

5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.

6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:

- a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
- b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).

7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.

8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROVISIONS

A. NO SERVICE FEES

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

ARTICLEV MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

A. MODIFICATION

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.

2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.





B. TERMINATION

1. The Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.

2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.

3. An Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Federal contractor must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.

4. The Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

ARTICLE VI PARTIES

A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.

B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.

C. The Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.

D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.





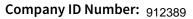
E. The Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively. The Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Employer, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the Employer.

To be accepted as an E-Verify participant, you should only sign the Employer's Section of the signature page. If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.







Approved by:

Employer TRP Construction Group	
Name (Please Type or Print) David W Rabon	Title
Signature	Date
Electronically Signed	09/25/2015
Department of Homeland Security – Verificat	ion Division
Name (Please Type or Print) USCIS Verification Division	Title
Signature	Date
Electronically Signed	09/25/2015





Information	Information Required for the E-Verify Program				
Information relating to your Compar	ny:				
Company Name	TRP Construction Group				
Company Facility Address	2411 Minnis Dr Haltom City, TX 76117				
Company Alternate Address					
County or Parish	TARRANT				
Employer Identification Number	273376792				
North American Industry Classification Systems Code	237				
Parent Company					
Number of Employees	100 to 499				
Number of Sites Verified for	7 site(s)				





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

FL	2
GA	1
NC	1
ТХ	3





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

Name	Ruelas L Jacob
Phone Number	8179294822
Fax	
Email	iacobr@trpconstructiongroup.com





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

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FORM A ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgment is hereby made of r period.	eceipt of addenda issued during the solicitation
Addendum #	through #
Signature of Person Completing:	Date:
	11/7/2023
Printed Name:	Title:
TOM UNDERWOOD	LENERAL MANAGER

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 NC23-058-ITB PAVEMENT MARKINAS
- 2. This sworn statement is submitted by TRP CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC submitting sworn statement), address is (entity whose business 3501 SANFORD AVE SANFORD, FL 32773 and its Federal Employee Identification __. (If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Number (FEIN) is 27-3376792 Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: .)
- 3. My name is <u>Tem UNPER WOOD</u> (please print name of individual signing), and my relationship to the entity named above is <u>GENERAL MANAGER</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,

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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

State of: <u>FIORIDA</u> County of: <u>SemiNOLE</u>

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as identification.

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My commission expires:



PATRICIA P. STEWARD Notary Public State of Florida Comm# HH351489 Expires 1/19/2027

FORM C BIDDER QUESTIONNAIRE

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

1.	Company Name: <u>TRP</u> Address: <u>3501 54N</u>	-ONSTRUCTION GROUP, LL	6			
	City/State/Zip: <u>SANFORD, FL 32773</u> Phone: Email: <u>(321) 332-1335</u> TOMUETRPINFRA, COM					
	Website Address: TRP.INFRASTRUTURE. Com					
2.	COMPANY STRUCTURE: □Sole Proprietor □Part		r			
3.	Are you registered with the	FL Secretary of State to conduct b	ousiness? ■Yes □No			
4.	Are you properly licensed/certified by the Federal or State to perform the specified services? ■Yes □No					
5.	Name of sub-vendors you Has your company: Failed Been involved in bankrupto Pending judgment claims of PERSONNEL How many employees doe	is name: of work: ontract: year: year: ually self-performed: may use: to complete or defaulted on a contri cy or reorganization:Yes or suits against firm:Yes s your company employ:	ract: □Yes ⊠No ¶No No			
	(may use additional sheets if	needed).				
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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: ST Johas Lounty
Address: 2750 INDUSTRY CENTER RD, ST AUGUSTENE FL 32084
Contract Person: Tommy Mash BURN
Phone: Email: (904) 204-0184 TMASH BURN @SJCFL.US
Project Description: PAVEMENT MARKEN 65 - PAENT, THERMO, RPM
Contract \$ Amount: \$ 1,000,000
Date Completed: 2022 - CURRENT

Reference #2:

Company/Agency Name: 57 Lucz County
Address: 3158 WILL FEE RD, FORT PJERLE 34982
Contract Person: BAETEAN JohANNSEN, PMP
Phone: Email: (772) 462-6408 JOHANNSENRC STLUCTE CO. ORG
Project Description: PAVEMENT MARKENDS - PAINT. THERMO, RAM
Contract \$ Amount: \$ 750,000
Date Completed: 2019 - CURRENT

Reference #3:

Company/Agency Name: FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Address: 1769 E MOODY BLUD, BLUC #5, BUNNELL, FL 32110
Contract Person: ELTZADETH YATES
Phone: Email: (3%) 313-4137
Project Description: PAVEMENT MARKINGS - 74CNT, THERMO, RPM
Contract \$ Amount: 4200,000
Date Completed: 2025

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: TRP CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC. Attn: Tom UNPERWOOD Mailing Address: 3501 SANFORD AVE, SANFORD, FL 32773

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): Tom UNDERWOOD

Title: GENERAL MANAGER

Email Address:	TOMUC TRP INFRA. COM	_
Phone Number:	(321) 332-1335	_

FORM D DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087, hereby certify that TRP CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC (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 1/7/2023 Date Signed

State of: FIC County of: Semir

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notarization, this _	7th	_day of _	November	, 20 <u>_2</u> by	Tom Under	rwood
	who is	person	ally known to me or	produced		

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Notary Public My commission expires: _____



as identification.

PATRICIA P. STEWARD Notary Public State of Florida Comm# HH351489 Expires 1/19/2027 óπ⊧ÇAñ©

FORM E E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

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

Project Name: PAVEMENT MARKINGS Bid No./Contract No.: NC 23-058-5TB

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>TRP Construction Group, LLC</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>TRP Construction Group, un</u> (Contractor Company Name) proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

Print Name: Tom Underwood Date: 11/7/2023

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

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or Donline notarization, this <u>11.7-2023</u> (Date) by <u>Torn Underwood</u> (Name of Officer or Agent, Title of Officer or Agent) of <u>Trep (construction Group LLC</u>) (Name of Contractor Company Acknowledging), a <u>(State or Place of Incorporation)</u> Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. He/She is prefersonally known to me or Dhas produced <u>state of Construction</u> as identification.

Patricia P. Steward Notary Public

Patricia P. Steward Printed Name

My Commission Expires:



PATRICIA P. STEWARD Notary Public State of Florida Comm# HH351489 Expires 1/19/2027