


SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA		INVITATION FOR BID	
SUBMIT BID TO: <i>See Bid mailing instructions on page 2</i>		Bidder Acknowledgement and Acceptance Form	
BID TITLE: TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, AND STUMP GRINDING SERVICES (DISTRICT-WIDE)		BID NO. 24-10	
DELIVERY F.O.B. DESTINATION: All designated Schools, Centers, and Support Sites		ISSUE DATE: September 11, 2023 PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PHONE/FAX # (352) 955-7582 / (844) 269-9018	
BID DUE DATE AND TIME: <u>September 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.</u> 		BID OPENING: Purchasing Department	
A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for n/a .			

The undersigned ("Bidder") hereby submits the following offer and attests that it understands, agrees to, and will abide by all terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions contained in the Invitation For Bid ("IFB"), inclusive of the contents of any Addenda hereto. Bidder agrees to be bound by a contract, the form of which will be provided by the School Board of Alachua County, to provide the materials and/or services described in this IFB. Further, Bidder attests that it has not divulged, discussed, or compared this offer with any other Bidder and has not colluded with any other Bidder in the preparation of this offer in order to gain an unfair advantage in the award of the pending contract. Finally, Bidder acknowledges that all information contained herein is subject to the Public Records Act, Chapter 119, F.S.

BIDDER NAME:

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR
AUTHORIZED OFFICER/AGENT:

TYPED TITLE:

BIDDER MAILING ADDRESS:

AREA CODE/PHONE #:

FAX #:

BIDDER EMAIL ADDRESS:

BIDDER WEB ADDRESS:

DATE:

EIN/FEDERAL TAX ID#:

PURCHASING CARDS:

SBAC personnel may choose to use a Visa™ purchasing card in place of a purchase order to make purchases under this IFB. Bidder, by submitting a Bid, agrees to accept the purchasing card as an acceptable form of payment and may not add additional service fees or handling charges to purchases made under this IFB using the purchasing card.

NO BID THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER HEREBY SUBMITS A "NO BID" FOR THE REASON(S) NOTED BELOW:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Insufficient time to respond to the IFB | <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Our production/service schedule will not permit a response |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Could not meet the specifications | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Remove our name from this bid list only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Does not offer the product or service specified | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Other _____ |

FAX THIS "NO BID" FORM TO (844) 269-9018. INCLUDE THE COMPANY INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN BIDDER'S REMOVAL FROM SBAC'S ACTIVE BIDDERS LIST.

SERVICES: If the services described in this IFB are customarily provided by SBAC or which SBAC is in the business of performing, and, instead, Bidder will provide these services, then the paragraph listed below (ref. Attachment A, General Conditions, Instructions to Bidders) will be checked.

☒ Paragraph 64

USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS: If SBAC intends to utilize Federal funds to make purchases using the contract formed as a result of this IFB, then one or more of the paragraphs listed below (ref. Attachment A, General Conditions, Instructions to Bidders) will be checked. Paragraphs not checked below do not apply to this IFB.

- ☐ Paragraph 66 ☐ Paragraph 67 ☒ Paragraph 68 ☒ Paragraph 69 ☒ Paragraph 70 ☐ Paragraph 71 ☐ Paragraph 72 ☐ Paragraph 73
- ☒ Paragraph 74

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALACHUA COUNTY, INCLUDING SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT ADDRESSES AND THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR, IS LOCATED AT WWW.SBAC.EDU. THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT'S HOME PAGE IS ALSO LOCATED ON THIS WEB SITE AND INCLUDES ALL CURRENT BID OPPORTUNITES AND INFORMATION ON AWARDED CONTRACTS.

Bidder's sealed Bid must be received in the Purchasing Department on or before the date and time specified above. If sent via US Mail or express delivery carrier (UPS, FedEx, DHL, etc.), address Bid to:

School Board of Alachua County District Office Attn: Purchasing Department 620 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601
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If delivered by hand, deliver Bid to the Purchasing Department located on second floor (Room 02-212) of District Office at above address. Upon arrival at facility, sufficient time should be allowed to check-in at reception desk and arrive at Purchasing Department. Bids received by telephone, telegraph or facsimile transmission will be considered non-responsive.

Bids received after the specified date and time are late and will not be considered for award. Late Bids will be returned unopened to the Bidder. The responsibility for delivering Bids to the School Board of Alachua County Purchasing Department on or before the specified time and date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the Bidder. Bids delivered to any other School Board Department, School, or other administrative site will not be accepted. The official Purchasing Department time/date stamp clock will be used to determine on what date and at what time a Bid is received.

At this time a public opening of Bids received will be held. At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, the Bids as so opened, tabulated and evaluated as prescribed, and with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools of this county regarding them, shall be presented to the Board for its consideration. Any Bid accepted or contract awarded shall be to the low responsive and responsible Bidder meeting the requirements of law, State Board of Education rules, School Board policies, and the requirements set forth in this IFB.

Bid Package: Mark in lower left-hand corner of the envelope containing your Bid, **"IFB #24-10, TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, AND STUMP GRINDING SERVICES (DISTRICT-WIDE)", TO BE OPENED AT 3:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.** Mark your company name and address on upper left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids will not be considered unless prepared in ink or typewritten and signed in ink. Sales tax is only applied to materials purchased directly by a prospective Bidder. In all other respects, the School Board of Alachua County is tax exempt.

This IFB, including the General Conditions, Instructions to Bidders–Supplies/Services, any Addenda issued hereto, and the following documents form a part of each Bidder's offer and by reference are made a part thereof:

- ☒ BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE FORM
- ☒ SUBMITTALS CHECKLIST FORM
- ☒ CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS
- ☒ JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT – BIDDER AFFIRMATION FORM
- ☒ SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE FORM
- ☒ INSURANCE CERTIFICATION FORM
- ☒ ATTACHMENT A - GENERAL CONDITIONS, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS – SUPPLIES/SERVICES
- ☒ ATTACHMENT B - GENERAL/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
- ☒ ATTACHMENT C - FORM OF PROPOSAL AND BIDDER QUESTIONNAIRE
- ☒ APPENDIX A – WORK PROPOSAL FORM
- ☒ APPENDIX B – WORK TIME SHEET

SUBMITTALS CHECKLIST

This checklist serves to provide the Bidder with a tool to ensure that its Bid contains all required submittals. Bidder shall ☒ each box in the “Verified” column to indicate that the item is included in its Bid. Bidder shall then include the completed checklist in its Bid.

Bidder shall submit one (1) original copy of Bid response only in the following order as indicated below. It is not necessary to return a copy of issued Bid in its entirety.

Verified	Submittal Description	Page Reference
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bidder Acknowledgement and Acceptance Form	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debarment Form	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Lunsford Act Form	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small/Minority Business Enterprise Form	7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance Certification Form	9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment C – Form of Proposal	31
<input type="checkbox"/>	Questionnaire	32-33
<input type="checkbox"/>	References	34-35

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE PURCHASING WEBSITE FOR ANY ADDENDA THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED (www.sbac.edu)

FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION AS REQUESTED WITH BID RESPONSE MAY CAUSE BID TO BE DECLARED NON-RESPONSIVE.

This form is ☐ applicable to this IFB and **shall** be included in Bidder's Bid (Please reference Attachment A, Item 63 below).

This form is ☒ not applicable to this IFB and **shall not** be included in Bidder's Bid.

BIDDER'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS FORM

(To be completed by each Bidder or Bid will be deemed Non-Responsive)

Name of Bidder: _____

Identify the state in which the Bidder has its principal place of business: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: IF your principal place of business above is located within the State of Florida, provide the information as indicated above and return this form with your Bid. No further action is required.

IF your principal place of business is outside of the State of Florida, the following must be completed by an attorney and returned with your Bid.

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

LEGAL OPINION ABOUT STATE BIDDING PREFERENCES

(To be completed by the Attorney of the Out of State Vendor, Please Select One)

☐ The Bidder's principal place of business is in the State of _____, and it is my legal opinion that the laws of this state **do not grant a preference** in the letting of any or all public contracts to business entities whose principal places of business are in this state.

☐ The Bidder's principal place of business is in the State of _____, and it is my legal opinion that the laws of this state **grant the following preference(s)** in the letting of any or all public contracts to business entities whose principal places of business are in this state: **[Attach a document describing the applicable preference(s) and identifying the applicable state law(s)].**

LEGAL OPINION ABOUT POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BIDDING PREFERENCES

(To be completed by the Attorney of the Out of State Vendor, Please Select One)

☐ The Bidder's principal place of business is in the political subdivision of _____, and it is my legal opinion that the laws of this political subdivision **do not grant a preference** in the letting of any or all public contracts to business entities whose principal place of business are in this political subdivision.

☐ The bidder's principal place of business is in the political subdivision of _____, and it is my legal opinion that the laws of this political subdivision **grant the following preference(s)** in the letting of any or all public contracts to business entities whose principal places of business are in this political subdivision: **[Attach a document describing the applicable preference(s) and identifying the applicable authority granting the preference(s)].**

Signature of out-of-state bidder's attorney: _____

Printed name of out-of-state bidder's attorney: _____

Address of out-of-state bidder's attorney: _____

Telephone Number of out-of-state bidder's attorney: (____) ____ - _____

Email address of out-of-state bidder's attorney: _____

Attorney's state of bar admission and bar/license #: _____

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 84.110.

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting the proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participants shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
IFB 24-10, Tree Trimming, Removal & Stump Grinding Services (District-wide)	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT – BIDDER AFFIRMATION FORM

The School Board is required to conduct background screening of Bidders (including its employees, agents, and sub-contractors) that are contracted with the School Board (go to www.sbac.edu for finger printing and Level 2 screening procedures). Background screening includes submission of Bidder's fingerprints to the FDLE and FBI. The standards for screening depend on the nature of the work to be performed by Bidder.

- A. If Bidder's performance either **is** anticipated to result in direct contact with students, or will give Bidder access to or control of school funds, then the screening standard is that Bidder may not have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. The School Board has defined "crimes involving moral turpitude" to include, but not be limited to the following: felony sexual-related crimes, felony child abuse crimes, murder, lewd and lascivious crimes, indecent exposure (if sexual in nature), and felony distribution or sale of controlled substances.
- B. If Bidder's performance **is not** anticipated to result in direct contact with students, then the screening standard is that Bidder may not have been convicted of any of the following offenses: Any offense listed in s. [943.0435](#)(1)(a)1., relating to the registration of an individual as a sexual offender; Section [393.135](#), relating to sexual misconduct with certain developmentally disabled clients and the reporting of such sexual misconduct; Section [394.4593](#), relating to sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and the reporting of such sexual misconduct; Section [775.30](#), relating to terrorism; Section [782.04](#), relating to murder; Section [787.01](#), relating to kidnapping; Any offense under chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure; Section [826.04](#), relating to incest; Section [827.03](#), relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.

"Convicted" means that there has been a determination of guilt as a result of a trial or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld. Conviction of a similar offense includes, but is not limited to, a conviction by a federal or military tribunal, including courts-martial conducted by the Armed Forces of the United States, and includes a conviction or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere resulting in a sanction in any state of the United States or other jurisdiction. A sanction includes, but is not limited to, a fine, probation, community control, parole, conditional release, control release, or incarceration in a state prison, federal prison, private correctional facility, or local detention facility.

Exemptions from fingerprint based background screening: If Bidder's work is non-instructional in nature, then Bidder may be exempt from the background screening requirements above if Bidder meets one of the following criteria: **1)** Bidder is under the direct supervision of a School Board employee or contractor or one or more Bidder employees who have had a criminal history check and meet the screening requirements under s. 1012.32, s. 1012.465, s. 1012.467, or s. 1012.56. "Direct supervision" means that a School Board employee or contractor or one or more Bidder employees is physically present with Bidder when Bidder has access to a student and the access remains in the School Board employee's or the contractor's or one or more Bidder employees' line of sight; **2)** Bidder is required by law to undergo a level 2 background screening pursuant to s. 435.04 for licensure, certification, employment, or other purposes and Bidder submits evidence of meeting the following criteria: a) Bidder meets the screening standards in s. 435.04, b) Bidder's license or certificate is active and in good standing, if Bidder is a licensee or certificate-holder, c) Bidder has completed the criminal history check within 5 years prior to seeking access to school grounds when students are present; **3)** Bidder is a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10, who is assigned or dispatched to school grounds by Bidder's employer; **4)** Bidder is an employee or medical director of an ambulance provider, licensed pursuant to chapter 401, who is providing medical transportation services; **5)** Bidder remains at a site where students are not permitted and the site is separated from the remainder of the school grounds by a single chain-link fence of 6 feet in height; **6)** Bidder provides pick-up or delivery services and those services involve brief visits on school grounds when students are present.

However, even if Bidder is an exempt as defined above, Bidder will be subject to a search of Bidder's name against the registration information regarding sexual predators and sexual offenders maintained by the FDLE under s. 943.043 and the national sex offender public registry maintained by the U.S. Department of Justice. There is no charge for this search.

Certification

By submitting a Bid in response to this IFB, Bidder swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that all of its employees, agents, and sub-contractors will comply with this form, the requirements of the Jessica Lunsford Act, SBAC's fingerprinting procedures, and the laws of the State of Florida. Failure to comply with this form, the Jessica Lunsford Act, SBAC's fingerprinting procedures, and the laws of the State of Florida shall constitute a material breach of the contract, and SBAC may avail itself of all remedies pursuant to law. Bidder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the School Board, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims or causes of action, including without limitation those for personal injury, death, property damages, and attorney fees, arising out of or relating to Bidder's failure to comply with this form, the Jessica Lunsford Act, SBAC's fingerprinting procedures, and the laws of the State of Florida.

NAME OF BIDDER	BID # AND TITLE
IFB 24-10, Tree Trimming, Removal & Stump Grinding Services (District-wide)	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION FORM

If applicable¹, Bidder represents that it is either a

☐ Small Business Enterprise, as defined in FS 288.703(6),

or a

☐ Minority Business Enterprise,

Please circle one or more as applicable

African-American

Hispanic American

Asian American

Native American

American Women

as defined in FS 288.703 (1) and (3), and that it has been certified by one of the following agencies as an MBE:

☐ State of Florida, Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity

☐ City of Gainesville Florida Small Business Procurement Program

☐ Alachua County Florida Equal Opportunity Division

What is the expiration date on your MBE certificate: _____

If you are not a small or minority business enterprise, but intend to subcontract a portion of the services or work described in this IFB to a small or minority business enterprise, please provide the following information:

	<u>Subcontractor Name</u>	<u>Small/MBE Designation (see above)</u>	<u>Estimated Dollar Value of Services</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

NAME OF BIDDER	BID # AND TITLE
IFB 24-10, Tree Trimming, Removal & Stump Grinding Services (District-wide)	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

¹ If Bidder is not a small or minority business enterprise and does not intend to subcontract a portion of the services or work described in this IFB to a S/MBE, then Bidder shall not execute this form.

COMMON CARRIER INSURANCE WAIVER REQUEST FORM

This waiver is ☐ applicable to the IFB. This waiver is ☒ not applicable to the IFB.

Bidder certifies that it will provide the commodities or products described herein in accordance with Attachment A, Item 53, and requests a waiver of the insurance requirements contained in the Insurance Certification Form.

If, at any time during the term of the contract and any renewal period, the conditions under which the waiver was granted change, Bidder shall immediately notify SBAC and submit proof of insurance in accordance with the Insurance Certification Form. Failure to provide timely notice or insurance as required herein shall constitute a breach of contract.

If Bidder requests a waiver from the insurance requirements stated herein, then the Insurance Certification Form shall not be included in Bidder's Bid.

NAME OF BIDDER	BID # AND TITLE
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

INSURANCE CERTIFICATION FORM

This form ☒ is applicable ☐ is not applicable to the IFB.

Bidder shall, at Bidder's sole expense, procure and maintain during the term of the Contract, at least the following minimum insurance coverage, which shall not limit the liability of the Bidder:

Applicable ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Workers Compensation – Coverage A

- **Statutory**
- **An exemption certificate from the State will be required if Bidder claims exemption from Workers Compensation Insurance**

Comprehensive General Liability

- **\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence**
- **\$1,000,000 Per Project Aggregate**
- **\$1,000,000 Products and Completed Operations Aggregate**
- **Premises Operations**
- **Blanket Contractual Liability**
- **Personal Injury Liability**
- **Expanded Definition of Property Damage**

Comprehensive Automobile Liability (Combined Single Limit)

- **\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence**

Applicable ☐ Not Applicable ☒ **Professional Liability Insurance - \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence**

Applicable ☐ Not Applicable ☒ **Pollution Liability Insurance - \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence**

Applicable ☐ Not Applicable ☒ **Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence**

All policies of insurance shall be rated "A" or better by the most recently published A.M. Best Rating Guide and shall be subject to SBAC approval as to form and issuing company. SBAC shall be named as an *additional insured* in the comprehensive general (including property damage) liability policy within five (5) calendar days prior to Board action on the recommended contract award. Bidder shall furnish SBAC copies of insurance certificates evidencing that it maintains at least the insurance coverage required hereunder, and which contain the following or equivalent clause: *"Before any reduction, cancellation, modification or expiration of the insurance policy, thirty (30) days prior written notice thereof shall be given to SBAC."* **Bidder is NOT authorized to proceed with the services until all the insurance certificates have been received and accepted.** Receipt of certificates or other documentation of insurance or policies or copies of policies by SBAC, or by any of its representatives, which indicate less coverage than required does not constitute a waiver of the Bidder's obligation to fulfill the insurance requirements herein.

By signing this form, Bidder warrants and represents that it will provide the insurance coverage described above and acknowledges that SBAC is relying on the warranties and representations made by Bidder. If selected for contract award, Bidder shall submit the Certificate of Insurance prescribed above on Accord form 25 no later than five (5) calendar days prior to Board action on the recommended award. The Certificate of Insurance shall be sent to the Purchasing Department (By mail or express delivery to: 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville Florida, 32601; by hand to: Purchasing Department located on second floor (Room 02-212) of District Administration Building at above address; by facsimile transmission to: 844.269.9018).

Company Name: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Inquiries regarding Bidder's insurance coverage and certificates should be addressed to:

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Email: _____

ATTACHMENT A

GENERAL CONDITIONS, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS – SUPPLIES/SERVICES

1. DEFINITIONS:

Invitation for Bids (IFB)-a formal request to prospective vendors soliciting bids, which contains the specifications or scope of services and all contractual terms and conditions.

Bid-an offer submitted by a prospective vendor in response to an invitation for bid (IFB).

Offer-a response to an IFB that, if accepted, would bind the vendor making the offer to perform the resulting Contract.

Bidder- an individual, firm, association, joint venture, partnership, syndicate, corporation, or group that submits a Bid in response to an IFB.

Responsive Bidder-a vendor who has submitted a Bid that conforms in all material respects to the requirements stated in the IFB.

Responsible Bidder-a Bidder who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the Contract requirements, and the experience, integrity, reliability, capacity, facilities, equipment, and credit that will assure good faith performance.

Lowest Responsible Bidder-the Bidder that submitted a responsive Bid at the lowest price of all the responsive Bids submitted, and whose past performance and financial capability is deemed acceptable.

Alternate Bid-a sealed Bid that intentionally deviates from the IFB specifications and is submitted by a Bidder for consideration by SBAC (see below).

Contract-The submission of a Bid constitutes an offer by the Bidder. Upon acceptance by School Board of Alachua County ("SBAC"), the Purchasing Department will issue a purchase order(s) for supplies, equipment, and/or services pursuant to the IFB. The Bidder's offer, the IFB document, and the corresponding purchase order(s) constitute the complete agreement between the successful Bidder and SBAC. Unless otherwise stipulated in the IFB documents, no other contract documents shall be issued or accepted.

2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: In the event of any inconsistency between Attachment A and the other documents that together comprise this IFB, such inconsistency will be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: (a) specifications or scope of services; (b) drawings; (c) special conditions; (d) Attachment A; (e) other documents, exhibits, and attachments; (f) the Purchase Order(s).

3. GENERAL BIDDERS INFORMATION: Interested Bidders are advised that SBAC will not, unless specified elsewhere in the IFB document, consider Bids that contain an escalation clause, nor may a successful Bidder seek an increase in price of the items awarded to them under this Bid.

It is understood that normal Bid processing time will be 30 - 60 days after the Bid opening date and that Bid prices will be firm through Bid processing time and delivery of items awarded via Purchase Order.

SBAC reserves the right in its sole discretion to waive any irregularities or minor technicalities in Bids received, reject any or all Bids, accept any part thereof, award to other than the low Bidder, award in the best interest of the SBAC, or cancel the IFB at its discretion.

A signed Bid shall be considered an Offer on the part of the Bidder, which Offer shall be deemed accepted upon approval by SBAC. In the event of a default by the Bidder after such acceptance, SBAC may take such action as it deems appropriate including legal action for damages or specific performance.

The successful Bidder shall give first priority to SBAC in the event of a hurricane, flood, or other natural disaster, or any event identified as an emergency by SBAC.

4. **BID OPENING:** Shall be public at the time and date specified elsewhere in this IFB. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that the Bid is delivered at the proper time and place. Bids received after the date and time specified in the IFB will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Bids received by telephone, telegraph or facsimile transmission will be considered non-responsive.

5. **AWARD:** SBAC will award a Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

SBAC reserves the right to make award(s) on an individual, multiple, lump sum or low total basis. See also Item 62 below.

6. **WORK CONDITIONS/IFB EXAMINATION:** Bidders shall become familiar with any work conditions that may, in any manner, affect the work to be performed under the Contract and shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with the IFB requirements. The failure or omission of any Bidder to become familiar with local work conditions or to examine the IFB shall in no way relieve it of its obligations with respect to the IFB or the subsequent Contract.

7. **SILENCE OF THE SPECIFICATIONS:** The apparent silence of the IFB specifications as to any detail, or the omission from the specifications of a detailed description, concerning any point shall be construed as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials of the highest quality and correct type, size, and design are to be used. All interpretations of the specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.

8. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** No additional terms and conditions included with any Bid shall be evaluated or considered and any and all such additional terms and conditions shall have no force and effect and are inapplicable to this IFB, whether submitted purposefully through intent or design or inadvertently appearing separately in transmittal letters, specifications, literature, price lists, warranties, or shipping documents. It is understood and agreed that only the terms, conditions, and specifications appearing in this IFB are applicable and in full force and effect. The Bidder's authorized signature appearing elsewhere in the IFB attests to this.

9. **MANUFACTURER'S NAME AND "OR EQUAL" PRODUCTS:** Unless expressly stated otherwise in the IFB, manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, and catalog numbers listed in the specifications are for the purpose of establishing minimum acceptable levels of quality required by SBAC, and are not intended to limit competition. Unless expressly stated otherwise in the IFB, Bidders may offer any "or equal" product that meets or exceeds the specifications for any items contained herein. For "or equal" Bids, Bidders shall indicate on the Form of Proposal the manufacturer's name and product number proposed. Bidders shall submit with their Bids detailed information (cut sheets, product literature, diagrams, drawings, specifications, etc.) sufficient to allow SBAC to determine whether in fact the proposed "or equal" product(s) meets or exceeds SBAC's minimum requirements, as reflected in the specifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to submit proof that the proposed "or equal" product does in fact meet or exceed the specifications.

This responsibility does not rest with SBAC. SBAC reserves the right in its sole discretion to determine whether or not the proposed "or equal" product(s) complies or does not comply with the minimum specification requirements. Bids that do not meet or exceed the requirements of the specifications will be deemed non-responsive and will not be further considered for award. If a Bidder fails to note the manufacturer and model number on the Form of Proposal, it will be assumed that it is bidding on the specified product(s).

SBAC reserves the right to request from Bidders separate manufacturer certification of all statements made in the Bids.

10. TIE BIDS: shall be resolved in accordance with Board Policy 6320, section titled "Identical Low Bids."
11. FORM: Bids must be typed or printed in ink on the form contained in or prescribed by the IFB and shall bear the original signature and name of the company employee authorized to execute Contracts on behalf of their firm.
12. COMMUNICATION WITH SBAC EMPLOYEES: Prior to the IFB due date and during evaluation of Bids by SBAC, communication with SBAC employees other than the Purchasing Agent regarding the IFB and the contents therein is prohibited, and shall constitute good cause for disqualifying a Bidder. The Purchasing Department shall issue any material instructions, interpretations, or directions regarding the IFB in writing.
13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Contract award is subject to the provisions of 112, F.S. Bidders must disclose with their Bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of SBAC. Further, all Bidders must disclose the name of any Board employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of 5% or more in the Bidder's firm or any of its branches.
14. LOBBYING: BIDDERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THEY ARE NOT TO LOBBY WITH ANY SBAC PERSONNEL OR BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING THIS BID. ALL ORAL OR WRITTEN INQUIRIES MUST BE DIRECTED TO AND PROCESSED BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

LOBBYING IS DEFINED AS ANY ACTION TAKEN BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY BIDDER INTENDED TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INFLUENCE THE GOVERNMENTAL DECISION OF A BOARD MEMBER OR SBAC PERSONNEL AFTER BID ADVERTISEMENT AND PRIOR TO THE BOARD'S VOTE ON THE AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT.

ANY BIDDER WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE RECOMMENDED AWARD MAY FILE A PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 120.57(3), FLORIDA STATUTES.

VIOLATION OF THIS PARAGRAPH WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BIDDER.
15. COLLUSION: The Bid shall be made without any previous understanding, agreement, or connections with any persons, firms, or corporations making a Bid on the same items and shall be in all respects fair and in good faith without any outside control, collusion, or fraud.
16. INTERPRETATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS AND ADDENDA: No interpretation of the meaning of the IFB documents, and no correction of any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency or error therein, will be made to any Bidder orally. To be enforceable, all requests for interpretation, correction, or clarification of the IFB documents shall be made by Bidders no later than 72 hours (weekends, holidays not included) prior to the IFB due date and time. All such requests must be in writing and received by SBAC Purchasing Department no later than 72 hours (weekends, holidays not included) prior to the IFB due date. Following review of such requests by the Purchasing Department, any necessary interpretations and supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the IFB documents. Only the interpretation or correction so given by the Purchasing Agent or his authorized designee, in writing, shall be binding and prospective Bidders are advised that no other source is authorized to give information concerning, or to explain or interpret, the IFB documents. Bidders should address any questions regarding this Bid to SBAC Purchasing Department, at A/C 352-955-7582.

It is the responsibility of the Bidder to frequently check the SBAC Purchasing website at www.sbac.edu/~purchase/bidop.htm to ascertain if any addenda have been posted, to obtain all such addenda, and to return or acknowledge all addenda as required by the IFB documents.
17. LINE ITEM BID CORRECTIONS: The use of correction fluid or erasures to correct line item Bid prices and/or quantities is not acceptable. Corrections must be made by striking through the incorrect information, writing the correct information next to the strikeout, and initially all changes. Correction fluid or erasure corrected Bids will be considered non-responsive for the corrected items only.
18. BIDDER'S ERRORS: Where unit price and total price cannot be reconciled, the quoted unit price shall govern. Where numerical price and written price cannot be reconciled, the written price shall govern.
19. BID WITHDRAWAL, CORRECTION: Prior to the date and time of the public Bid opening specified in the IFB, Bidders may withdraw or correct Bids. No withdrawal or correction will be permitted after the IFB Bid opening date and time.

A request for Bid withdrawal must be in writing, addressed to SBAC Purchasing Agent, and containing the legally binding signature of the Bidder desiring to withdraw the Bid. A verbal request to withdraw a Bid will not be accepted. A Bid withdrawal request must be received in sufficient time for the Purchasing Department to effect the withdrawal.

A potential Bidder desiring to correct or amend its Bid must do so by replacing the Bid package currently in the Purchasing Department's possession with a new Bid package, which must meet the requirements of the IFB and be properly sealed and identified in order to be considered for award. An amended or corrected Bid package must be accompanied by a letter requesting that it be substituted for the Bid currently in the possession of the Purchasing Department, must be addressed to SBAC Purchasing Agent, and contain the legally binding signature of the Bidder desiring to correct or amend its Bid. Such a request must be received in sufficient time for the substitution to be made.
20. ONE PRICE ONLY: Bidders shall submit only one price for each product or service listed. If multiple prices are proposed for any single product or service, the Bid will be rejected for that item only.
21. ALTERNATE BID: shall be clearly identified as such on the outside of the Bid package by using the term "ALTERNATE BID" (see page two for additional packaging instructions). If an Alternate Bid is accepted, SBAC will cancel the current procurement and develop a new IFB using as the basis for its specifications the product and/or services contained in the Alternate Bid. Sole source Alternate Bids will typically not be considered by SBAC.
22. BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS: SBAC reserves the right to reject any item or items and/or increase or decrease quantities as required due to budgetary limitations. SBAC also reserves the right to issue Purchase Orders on Bid prices for delivery through the effective date of the Bid.
23. QUANTITY ESTIMATES: Quantities shown are estimated amounts only and are presented to assist Bidders in the development of their Bids. Actual quantities of purchase may be more or less than the amounts shown. Unless specifically addressed and authorized elsewhere in the IFB, minimum cost or quantity order requirements are not allowed. Bids received that have minimum order or cost requirements will be considered non-responsive for the qualified item or lot only, and shall be considered for award for any other items Bid that are responsive in accordance with the requirements of the IFB.
24. SAMPLES: If required, samples submitted by the Bidder, unless elsewhere indicated in this IFB, shall become the property of the SBAC. Samples shall be provided at no cost to the SBAC. Samples must be sealed in a closed envelope, box, or other packaging in such a manner that the sample itself cannot be viewed until the sealed package is opened. The sealed package must be labeled with the IFB number, IFB title, and the IFB opening date and time.

Unless otherwise specified, all samples must be submitted to the Purchasing Department.

25. **CONDITION OF PRODUCT/SERVICES:** Unless addressed elsewhere in the IFB, all specified products contained in each Bid shall be new, the latest model manufactured, first quality, carry the manufacturer's standard warranty, and meet or exceed the specifications. Used, re-manufactured or reconditioned product, unless specifically authorized elsewhere in the IFB, will not be considered. Any Bidder proposing such items will be deemed non-responsive.
- At any time subsequent to Contract award, SBAC reserves the right to have the product tested for compliance with the specifications by qualified in-house staff or a qualified independent testing laboratory. In the event the product fails the test, the successful Bidder shall replace the defective product(s) at its sole expense, and shall reimburse SBAC for all material and labor costs, if any, associated with installing the non-conforming products.
- In accordance with the IFB, Bidder shall perform all services in a thorough, efficient, and professional manner promptly and with due diligence and care, and in accordance with the best practices of the profession, utilizing qualified and suitable personnel, equipment and materials. If all or any part of the services is found by SBAC to be defective (regardless of whether or not payment for such services has been made by SBAC to Bidder) for reasons attributable to Bidder, Bidder shall refund that portion of compensation made by SBAC for that aspect of the services found to be defective or, at the sole discretion of SBAC, shall reperform the defective services at no cost to SBAC.
26. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE PERFORMANCE:** The waiver by SBAC of any breach or the failure by SBAC to enforce at any time, or for any period of time, any of the terms and conditions of the Contract, shall be limited to the particular instance, shall not operate or be deemed to waive any future breaches of the Contract and shall not be construed to be a waiver of any provision, except for the particular instance.
27. **PURCHASE BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES:** With the consent and agreement of the successful Bidder(s), purchases may be made under this Bid by other governmental agencies within the State of Florida. The same terms and conditions as stated herein shall govern such purchases.
28. **FLORIDA STATE CONTRACTS, "SNAPS" AGREEMENTS, FLORIDA DEPARTEMNT OF EDUCATION CONTRACTS; OTHER CONTRACTS:** if a Bidder currently holds a contract with the State of Florida, Department of Management Services, Division of Purchasing or the Florida Department of Education, to supply the products or services described in this Bid, the Bidder shall quote not more than the prices listed in these approved contracts. Failure to comply with this request may result in disqualification. The purchasing department reserves the right to reject all Bids and purchase from State contracts, SNAPS Agreements or FDOE contracts, if it is in the best interests of SBAC to do so.
- SBAC further reserves the right to utilize any other District contract, any contract awarded by any other city or county governmental agencies, any other school board, any other community college/state university system cooperative bid agreement, or to directly negotiate/purchase per SBAC policy and/or State Board Rule 6A-1.012(6) in lieu of any Bid received as a result of the IFB, if it is in its best interests to do so.
29. **EVALUATION CRITERIA:** In addition to evaluation criteria that may be specified elsewhere in the IFB, unsatisfactory performance by a Bidder on previous Contracts with the SBAC, or with other State or local governments, will be considered during evaluation and may be sufficient cause not to award.
30. **BIDDER REPRESENTATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Bidder warrants and represents itself to be experienced and an expert in the furnishing of goods and/or services described in the IFB. By submitting a signed Bid, Bidder acknowledges that SBAC is relying on the representations and warranties made by the Bidder.
31. **DISPUTE:** With respect to a protest of the specifications contained in an IFB, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after posting of the IFB on the Purchasing Department's Bid Opportunities web page, and a formal written protest shall be submitted within ten (10) calendar days after the date of filing the notice of protest, for the protest to be considered.
- Bid tabulations with recommendations will be posted on the Purchasing Department's Bid Opportunities web page. Any Bidder who disputes the Contract award recommendation of any Bid shall file a notice of protest in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of the Bid tabulation posting and submit a formal written protest within ten (10) calendar days after the date of filing the notice of protest.
- The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and Law upon which the protest is based. Failure to file a protest within the prescribed time, in accordance with 120.57(3), F.S. and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Paragraph 31, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S. After the seventy-two (72) hours and ten (10) calendar days have passed without protest, the Board will not consider any protest as being valid. Any notice of protest or formal written protest of the specifications or contract award recommendation shall be filed with the Purchasing Agent.
32. **BID TABULATIONS:** Bid tabulations with recommendations will be posted on the Purchasing Department's Bid Opportunities web page and will also be available for review in the Purchasing Department.
33. **NOTIFICATION OF AWARD:** Unsuccessful Bidders will not receive notification of award. Bid tabulations with recommendations will be posted on the Purchasing Department's Bid Opportunities web page.
34. **DELIVERY:** Unless elsewhere specified, delivery shall be F.O.B. Destination SBAC, with title passing to the School Board of Alachua County upon receipt and acceptance of the goods and/or services.
- Time is of the essence. Delivery and/or service completion dates contained in the IFB, or proposed by the successful Bidder and accepted by SBAC, shall be firm. The Purchasing Department must approve in writing any deviation from the Contracted delivery and/or service completion dates. Failure to complete the Contract within the time agreed upon or cancellation of any item(s) awarded may result in termination of the Contract and debarment of the Bidder from doing business with SBAC.
35. **TAX EXEMPTIONS:** SBAC is exempt from any taxes imposed by the State and/or Federal Government (State Sales Tax Exemption Certificate No. 85-8012621709C-5 and Federal Tax ID #59-60005000). This exemption does not apply to purchase of tangible personal property made by contractors who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for the improvements of SBAC real property as defined in F.S. 192. Tax exemption certificates.
36. **SAFETY STANDARDS:** At a minimum, Bidder warrants that the supplies/services provided to SBAC shall conform in all respects to the standards set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1970, as amended, and the failure to comply with this condition will be considered a breach of the Contract.
- Bidder will also observe and comply with all safety requirements mandated by Board policy, as well as any specific school and department practices. Failure to comply with these minimum safety requirements will be considered a breach of the Contract. Further, the Bidder may be disbarred from participating in any IFB, Request for Quotation, and other purchases of goods and services made by SBAC for a period of 12 months.
37. **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS:** Any items Bid that contain substances found on the current State of Florida Toxic Substances List must include with shipment the appropriate Materials Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), in accordance with F.S. 442.106.

38. **INSPECTIONS:** All goods and/or services are subject to inspection after receipt at destination. Items or services that deviate from the specifications or otherwise fail to conform to the requirements of the IFB will be returned and/or re-performed at the Bidder's risk and expense.

39. **FACILITY INSPECTION:** SBAC reserves the right to inspect or have its representatives inspect the Bidder's facilities, including those of its subcontractors, if any, at any reasonable time.

40. **BIDDER PERSONNEL:** Bidder shall have an adequate number of qualified personnel, who are thoroughly trained and experienced in accordance with industry standards and the requirements of the IFB, to provide the goods and/or services described herein.

Personnel performing services on any SBAC site shall be permanent (full or part-time) employees of the Bidder, unless written permission to use temporary employees is provided by the Purchasing Agent or their designee, who are 18 years or older and who have not been convicted of a felony or first degree misdemeanor. Any Bidder employee involved in any F.S. 435 (Employment Screening) offenses is precluded from working or continuing to work site and shall be replaced. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in Contract termination at the sole discretion of SBAC. Lack of knowledge by Bidder will in no way relieve Bidder from its responsibilities hereunder.

Personnel performing services on any SBAC site shall adhere to SBAC rules and regulations regarding appropriate attire, prohibition of smoking, usage of proper language, prohibition of use and possession of controlled substances and alcoholic beverages, including tobacco and tobacco products, prohibition of the possession of fire arms – either on their person or in their personal or company-owned vehicle, and any other restrictions that may apply.

When accessing any SBAC site, Bidder shall notify department or school personnel and follow customary sign-in procedures. All Bidder personnel shall wear clothing identifying them as an employee of the Bidder (name/logo) and have in their possession at all times a form of picture identification (drivers license, company ID card), which shall be presented immediately upon request of SBAC personnel.

41. **DELIVERY NOTICE:** Unless specified elsewhere, the successful Bidder shall notify SBAC forty-eight (48) hours prior to delivery of product or services provided pursuant to the IFB to ensure availability of receiving personnel. SBAC reserves the right of refusal at delivery location if such prior notice has not been received.

42. **INVOICES:** Unless specified elsewhere, invoices shall be submitted in accordance with one of the following options: Hard copy, in duplicate, to SBAC at Accounts Payable Department, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601, or via email to accountspayable@gm.sbac.edu. All invoices shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- ✓ IFB #;
- ✓ Purchase Order #;
- ✓ Description of goods and/or services, including quantities;
- ✓ Awarded unit price(s) and extended total(s)

Payment shall be made for goods and/or services provided in accordance with the IFB, completed in full or in substantial quantity, inspected and found to be in compliance with the specifications, and properly invoiced. Payment terms are Net 30 days. The number of days will be computed from the date of the invoice, which shall not be before the day the goods or services are received or provided. Discounts are encouraged and should be included on any invoice when available.

SBAC will not process, and Bidder waives all rights to payment, invoices submitted more than 180 days after the date the goods or services were delivered or performed. Any exception to the 180-day rule must be approved in advance by the Purchasing and Finance Departments.

43. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES AFFIDAVIT:** A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted Bidder 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 contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted Bidder list.

44. **LICENSING/PERMITS:** Prior to starting work, the successful Bidder shall have obtained any and all licenses and permits required by Federal, State, or Local Governments.

45. **REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:** Bidder shall comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal statutes, regulations, ordinances, and rules pertaining to the furnishing of services and/or goods described in the IFB.

46. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** SBAC shall have the right to terminate any Contract resulting from this solicitation, or any portions thereof, for its convenience upon ten (10) days advance written notice to the Bidder. SBAC shall compensate the Bidder for services satisfactorily rendered through the date of termination. SBAC shall not be obligated hereunder nor likewise liable to pay the Bidder any other costs, losses, damages or expenses arising out of or related to the termination of this contract or any services performed hereunder.

47. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:** SBAC reserves the right to terminate any Contract resulting from this IFB for failure of the Contracted Bidder to adhere to the terms and conditions as specified herein, upon ten (10) days advance written notice to the Bidder. In the event of Contract termination for cause, SBAC may re-procure the supplies and/or services from any other source or sources and the defaulting Bidder shall reimburse SBAC any excess costs incurred thereby.

48. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Bidder(s) shall have the status of an independent contractor. Bidder(s) shall have no right or power to enter into any contract or commitment on SBAC's behalf. Bidder shall be solely responsible for the compensation, benefits, contributions and taxes, if any, of its employees, agents and subcontractors. If SBAC shall be required by law to pay any contribution, tax or penalty because of Bidder's failure to do so, Bidder shall forthwith reimburse SBAC for the entire amount so paid by it.

49. **SUBCONTRACTS:** The Bidder shall not delegate the performance of the services or furnishing of goods in whole or in part, nor retain any contractor to provide any of the services or goods, without first obtaining the written consent of the Purchasing Department.

50. **ASSIGNMENT:** Any Contract between the successful Bidder and SBAC shall not be assigned by the successful Bidder without first obtaining the written consent of the Purchasing Department. Assignment of the Contract or any portion thereof without such written permission shall be grounds for immediate termination.

51. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** Bidder certifies that it is in compliance with the non-discrimination clause contained in Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, regarding equal employment opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Further, except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 CFR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p.339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

52. **DISCRIMINATION:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida discriminatory bidder list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide 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 award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

53. **COMMON CARRIER WAIVER:** In the event Bidder and its employee’s will not enter onto SBAC property during the base contract term and any renewal period and if all product or commodity deliveries are made by common carrier, and not by vehicles owned or operated by Bidder, during the base contract term and any renewal period, then Bidder may complete the Common Carrier Insurance form included herein to request an exemption from the IFB’s insurance requirements described the Insurance Certification Form.

54. **INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** Bidder shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless SBAC, its elected officials, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses (including economic losses), costs, including attorney’s fees, arising out of any actual or alleged: (a) bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property including the loss of use resulting therefrom, or any other damage or loss arising out of, or claimed to have resulted in whole or in part from any actual or alleged act or omission of the Bidder, subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, of anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable in the performance of the work; or (b) violation of law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or infringement of patent rights by Bidder in performance of the work described herein; or (c) liens, claims or actions made by the Bidder or any subcontractor or other party performing the work. The indemnification obligations hereunder shall not be limited to any type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Bidder or any subcontractor under worker’s compensation acts; disability benefit acts, other employee benefit acts or any statutory bar. Any costs or expenses, including attorney’s fees, incurred by SBAC to enforce this agreement shall be borne by the Bidder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the liability herein shall be limited to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and the Bidder recognizes that and covenants that is has received consideration for indemnification provided herein.

The Bidder recognizes the broad nature of this indemnification and hold harmless article, and voluntarily makes this covenant and expressly acknowledges the receipt of TEN DOLLARS payable upon receipt of the first invoice and other good and valuable consideration provided by SBAC in support of this indemnification in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. This article shall survive the termination of this Contract.

55. **DEFAULT:** In addition to other rights and remedies provided herein, in the event the successful Bidder should breach this Contract, SBAC reserves the right to seek all remedies in law and/or in equity. This provision shall survive termination of the Contract, including without limitation termination for convenience

56. **RICHARD B. RUSSELL NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT’S BUY AMERICAN PROVISION:** To the maximum extent practicable, the School Board of Alachua County Food Service Department is required to purchase only domestically grown and processed foods, which are defined as commodities or products produced and processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. For the purposes of this provision, “substantially” means that over 51% of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities that were grown domestically. Bidder certifies that each item contained in its Bid complies with Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act’s Buy American Provision and that at least 51% of the content of each item contained in its Bid consists of agricultural products that were grown domestically. Bidder shall provide documentation verifying domestic origin of products. If a food product(s) does not meet the standards, criteria or intent of the Act, Bidder shall inform SBAC of this fact and SBAC will make the final decision on purchasing the product, in accordance with the best interests of the non-profit child nutrition program.

57. **CONE OF SILENCE:** A Cone of Silence is in effect for this IFB as of the date of its advertisement on the SBAC Purchasing Department Web Page, which is located at www.sbac.edu/~purchase/bidop.htm. The Cone of Silence is designed to protect the integrity of the procurement process by shielding it from undue influences prior to the recommendation of contract award.

The Cone of Silence prohibits any communication regarding this IFB between:

- A. a potential vendor, service provider, Bidder, lobbyist, or consultant and the staff of the Alachua County Public Schools, including school principals; and
- B. a potential vendor, service provider, bidder, lobbyist, or consultant and any one or more of the School Board members or members-elect.

Unless specifically provided otherwise in the IFB, the Cone of Silence does not apply to the following:

- A. Communications between a potential vendor, service provider, Bidder, lobbyist, or consultant and the SBAC’s Purchasing Department;
- B. Communications between a potential vendor, service provider, Bidder, lobbyist, or consultant and the SBAC’s Staff Attorney or School Board Attorney; and
- C. Communications at duly noticed pre-bid meetings and site visits prior to bid opening or post bid-opening meetings and site visits, which are administered by the Purchasing Department prior to issuance of a written recommendation of contract award.

The Cone of Silence terminates at the time the School Board acts on a written recommendation from the Purchasing Department regarding contract award; provided, however, that communications are permitted when the School Board receives public comment at the meeting when the recommendation is presented.

Violation of this article by a potential vendor, service provider, Bidder, lobbyist, or consultant may, in the discretion of SBAC, result in rejection of said Bidder, proposer, respondent and/or representative’s bid, proposal, or offer and may render any contract award to said Bidder, proposer or respondent voidable.

58. **LEASE OR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TERMINATION:** Any lease agreement established herein is contingent on annual appropriations by SBAC. SBAC’s fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. SBAC makes appropriations through its budget process that is normally concluded in the month of September. In the event funding of this lease agreement is not approved for any year during its term, SBAC will give notice to successful Bidder no later than September 30, and this lease agreement will terminate thirty (30) calendar days after this notice. At that time, the leased equipment will be returned to successful Bidder and all obligations of the parties to each other shall cease.

Any maintenance agreement established herein is contingent on annual appropriations by SBAC. SBAC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. SBAC makes appropriations through its budget process that is normally concluded in the month of September. In the event funding of this maintenance agreement is not approved for any year during its term, SBAC will give notice to successful Bidder no later than September 30, and this maintenance agreement will terminate thirty (30) calendar days after this notice. At that time, all obligations of the parties to each other shall cease.

59. **LIFE CYCLE COSTING:** If so specified in the IFB, SBAC may elect to evaluate equipment proposed on the basis of total cost of ownership. In using life cycle costing, factors such as the following may be considered: estimated useful life, maintenance costs, cost of supplies, labor intensity, energy usage, environmental impact, and residual value. SBAC reserves the right to use these or other applicable criteria, in its sole opinion, that will most accurately estimate total cost of use and ownership.
60. **WARRANTY OF ABILITY TO PERFORM:** Bidder warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish Bidder's ability to satisfy its Contract obligations. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to notify SBAC's Purchasing Department if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract. In the event Bidder files for bankruptcy, insolvency, or receivership, SBAC may, in its sole discretion, terminate and cancel this Contract, with no penalty whatsoever, in which all rights hereunder shall immediately cease and terminate.
61. **RECORDS RETENTION AND ACCESS:** Bidder shall retain records associated with the goods and services purchased herein for a period of three years following final payment. Bidder shall, with reasonable notice, provide SBAC access to these records during the above retention period.
62. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** Bidder recognizes and acknowledges that Bidder, its agents, employees, officers, and subcontractors may have access to certain confidential information and processes, including confidential student information, personal health information, financial records, and access to SBAC networks (hereinafter "Confidential Information"). Bidder agrees that neither it nor any agent, employee officer, or subcontractor will at any time, either during or subsequent to the term of the contract resulting from this IFB, disclose to any third party, except where permitted or required by law or where such disclosure is expressly approved by SBAC in writing, any Confidential Information. In addition, following fulfillment of all contractual obligations hereunder, Bidder, its agents, employees, officers, and subcontractors shall either destroy or return to SBAC all Confidential Information. With 72-hours written notification, SBAC reserves the right to determine whether or not Confidential Information has been destroyed and such confirmation may include inspecting the Bidder's facilities and equipment.
63. **FLORIDA PREFERENCE:** When applicable and pursuant to §287.084 Florida Statutes, award recommendations shall make appropriate adjustments to pricing when considering Bids from Bidders having a principal place of business outside the State of Florida. When applicable, all Bidders must complete and include Bidder's Statement of Principal Place of Business with its Bid. Failure to comply shall render its Bid non-responsive and therefore not subject to contract award.
64. Bidder is required to comply with the Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in the performance of Bidders duties under this IFB, and will specifically: a. Keep and maintain public records required by SBAC to perform the service; b. Upon request from SBAC's custodian of public records, provide SBAC 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 the Chapter 119, Florida Statutes 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 Bidder does not

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

65. **NONACADEMIC COMMODITIES AND SERVICES:** In accordance with §1010.04 Florida Statutes, SBAC has reviewed the purchasing agreements and state term contracts available under §287.056 Florida Statutes for the nonacademic commodities or contractual services described in this IFB. This review requirement does not apply to commodities or services eligible for reimbursement under the federal government's E-rate program, which is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company.
- ITEMS 66-74 APPLY ONLY TO WORK FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY FEDERAL GRANTS. SBAC WILL INDICATE IN THE "BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE FORM" ABOVE WHICH OF THESE ITEMS APPLY TO THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S).
66. **COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT:** All Bidders and their subcontractors shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States") on all federally funded contracts exceeding \$2,000. The Act provides that each Bidder is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. SBAC will report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
 67. **DAVIS BACON ACT** (as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148)). As required by Federal program legislation, Bidders shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction") on all federally funded contracts exceeding \$2,000. In accordance with the statute, Bidders must pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Bidders must pay wages not less than once a week. A copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor is included herein. Subsequent wage determinations will be made available to the successful Bidder during the term of the contract as updated by the Department of Labor. Contract award is conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination(s) by Bidders. SBAC will report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
 68. **CONTRACT WORK HOURS & SAFETY ACT** (34 CFR 80.36(i)(6)): Bidders and their subcontractors shall comply with sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations, 29 CFR, Part 5. This applies to all construction work >\$2,000 and to other work >\$2,500 that involves mechanics and laborers.
 69. **CLEAN AIR ACT** (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) **AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT** (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), **AS AMENDED:** For Contracts exceeding of \$150,000, Bidder shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

70. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT (31 U.S.C. 1352): For Contracts exceeding \$100,000, Bidders shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to SBAC.
71. SECTION 6002 OF THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT: The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.
72. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT: If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
73. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION: Tie Bid preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more Bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a Bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie Bids will be followed if none of the tied vendor(s) have a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall: a) Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace, and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; b) Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations; c) Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under contract a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1); d) In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under contract, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States, or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction; e) Impose a sanction on or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted; f) Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.
74. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT [APPENDIX II TO 2 CRF 200]- Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C 6201).
75. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTRACTING WITH SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES: A Bidder that, at the time of bidding or submitting a Bid for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473, is ineligible for, and may not bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more." Section 215.473 defines a company to include "all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit." By submitting a response to this IFB, Bidder certifies that it and those related entities of respondent as defined above by Florida law are not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473. Any Bidder awarded a contract as a result of this IFB shall be required to recertify at each renewal of the contract that it and its related entities are not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. SBAC may terminate any contract resulting from this IFB if Bidder or a related entity as defined above is found to have submitted a false certification or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Notwithstanding the preceding, SBAC reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, on a case by case basis, permit a Bidder on such lists to be eligible for, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract, should SBAC determine that the conditions set forth in Section 287.135(4) are met.
76. E-VERIFY: (A) Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 448.095, effective January 1, 2021, Bidder shall use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp>, to verify the employment eligibility of all employees hired during the term of this Contract; (B) Subcontractors and Consultants: (i) Bidder shall require all subcontractors and consultants performing work under this Contract to use the E-Verify system for any employees they may hire during the term of this Contract, (ii) Subcontractors and Consultants shall provide Bidder with an affidavit stating the subcontractor or consultant does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, as defined by Fla. Stat. § 448.095, (iii) Bidder shall maintain a copy of all affidavits, (iv) Bidder shall, within 24 hours of request by SBAC, provide a copy of affidavit to SBAC; (C) Bidder must provide evidence of compliance with Fla. Stat. § 448.095 by January 1, 2021. Evidence may consist of, but is not limited to, providing notice of Bidder's E-Verify number; (D) Failure to comply with this provision is a material breach of the Contract, and SBAC may choose to terminate the Contract at its sole discretion. Bidder may be liable for all costs associated with SBAC securing the same services, inclusive, but not limited to, higher costs for the same services and rebidding costs (if necessary).
77. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT: (2 CFR §200.216) Pursuant to Public Law 115-232, Section 889, and 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, including §200.216 and §200.471, SBAC is prohibited from using federal funds to procure, contract with entities who use, or extend contracts with entities who use certain telecommunications provided by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities), and video surveillance or telecommunications equipment or services provided by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). Bidder agrees that it is not providing SBAC with or using telecommunications and video surveillance equipment and services as prohibited by 2 CFR §200.216 and §200.471. By execution of this Agreement, Bidder certifies its compliance with this provision. The Bidder shall pass these requirements down to any of its subcontractors funded under this Agreement. The Bidder shall notify SBAC if the Bidder cannot comply with the prohibition during the performance of this Contract.

78. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS: (2 CFR §200.322): As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the CONTRACTOR shall, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). Consistent with 2 CFR §200.322, the following items shall be defined as: “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings,

occurred in the United States. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber. The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

ATTACHMENT B
GENERAL/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
IFB 24-10
TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, AND STUMP
GRINDING SERVICES (DISTRICT-WIDE)

The School Board of Alachua County (“SBAC” or “District”) is seeking prospective Bidders to respond to this Invitation For Bid (hereinafter “IFB”) to provide the services specified herein.

1. Scope of Service: The purpose of this IFB is to select a service provider (hereinafter “Bidder”), secure firm prices and establish a full service contract for the provision of professional tree services (hereinafter “services”) that are common and necessary to the operations of an educational facility. SBAC currently maintains forty-four (44) schools and centers, and nine (09) ancillary facility sites (hereinafter “service sites”).

In brief, the scope of contract shall require Bidder to provide qualified labor and customary tools and equipment of the trade, on a reoccurring basis, to perform those services generally performed by commercial tree service contractors including, but not limit to: topping, trimming, pruning, and removal of shade and ornamental trees; stump grinding; and, debris removal and disposal. Project work may periodically need to be accomplished under adverse and hazardous conditions in close proximity to building structures and utility power lines. In such case, Bidder shall be required to utilize additional equipment, as appropriate to task, and to take all necessary precautionary steps to ensure the protection of its work crew, students, faculty, general public, and District property during work activities.

It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to provide all technical expertise, supervision, qualified labor, service vehicles, customary tools and equipment, transportation, and other services that are necessary for the proper execution and performance of contract. As part of services, Bidder shall have the knowledge and ability to provide expert consultations to correctly analyze tree health and make tree risk assessments.

Orders for service shall be made on an “as needed” basis throughout the term of contract and shall require service response at any school and ancillary facility within the District. In the event of an emergency, Bidder shall have the capability to respond with appropriate personnel and equipment within the time limits as specified herein. It is anticipated that project work shall significantly vary in scope, size, and duration, and may be scheduled on an infrequent basis. Due to safety and accessibility concerns, work may have to be performed after normal facility operating hours, including weekday evenings and weekends. Bidder shall be solely responsible for keeping worksite secure and safe at all times. All work performed shall be billed to the District based on established hourly service rates.

The primary objectives of the District in awarding contract are to maintain a safe productive learning environment for the students and staff, and to protect SBAC facilities to the fullest extent possible. To that end, Bidder shall devote, and cause its personnel to devote, such time, attention, best skill and judgment, knowledge and professional ability as is necessary to perform all services in a manner that is safe, dependable, efficient, and compliant with all regulatory requirements.

2. Tentative Schedule:

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| ▪ September 11, 2023..... | Invitation for Bid Issued |
| ▪ September 20, 2023..... | Last Day to Submit Questions |
| ▪ September 26, 2023 | Bid Due Date |
| ▪ October 17, 2023 | Recommendation to School Board |
| ▪ October 18, 2023 | Planned Award Date |
| ▪ December 01, 2023 | Commencement of Services |

3. Questions: Reference Attachment A, “16. Interpretation of Bidding Documents and Addenda”: In addition... Bidder shall submit any requests for interpretation, correction, or clarification of the IFB documents to the Purchasing Department by no later than close of business on September 20, 2023. Questions received after this date shall not be answered. No verbal or written information obtained other than by information contained in IFB or by written addendum shall be binding. The issuance of written addendum is the only official method by which interpretation, clarification or additional information may be given. Any addenda to IFB shall be posted on the Purchasing Department website. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder, prior to submission of Bid, to check website for any issued addenda. The District shall not be responsible to email or send addenda directly to potential Bidders.

4. Award: The District anticipates making award on the basis of a Primary (low bid) and Secondary (next lowest bid) service provider. The Primary Bidder shall be contacted first whenever work is required pursuant to the IFB. If the Primary Bidder is not able to respond and/or complete a project within the necessary timeframe, the Secondary Bidder shall be utilized, subject to the written approval of the Purchasing Department. Should the Secondary Bidder be unable to respond and/or complete a project within the necessary timeframe, the District reserves the right to acquire the services specified herein from any other source or via any other procurement method deemed by the SBAC to be in its best interest. In making recommendation for award, the Purchasing Department shall take into consideration the qualifications of Bidder, including relevant expertise, experience, and capacity to perform the requirements as specified herein.

5. Contract Term/Renewal Option: The contract term shall be approximately two (02) years, beginning December 01, 2023, and ending November 30, 2025. The contract may thereafter be renewed for two (02) additional one (01) year periods under the same terms and conditions as the original contract, with the consent and agreement of both parties. If recommending renewal of contract, the Purchasing Department shall send an offer letter to Bidder at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the end of the current contract period. Bidder shall be notified when recommendation has been acted upon by the School Board.

6. Contract Value: The total expenditure in the District for specified services for the 2022 calendar year was approximately \$250,000.00. This estimate is intended as a guide in submitting your Bid. Even though this estimate is based on actual historical usage, it does not constitute a guarantee of purchase, and actual expenditures may be more or less than indicated. No volume of purchases is guaranteed nor implied by SBAC under this contract.

7. Service Conditions: Reference Attachment A, “6. Work Conditions/IFB Examination”. In addition...Bidder is advised to carefully examine all IFB specifications and to become thoroughly informed regarding any and all conditions and requirements that may affect the services to be provided under this contract. It shall be the sole responsibility of Bidder to make such investigations and inspections as appropriate to fully understand and become familiar with all facilities, and any difficulties and restrictions attending the execution of service. Failure to make such examinations shall not relieve Bidder of any obligations with respect to IFB and subsequent contract. No deviations or allowances shall be made because of lack of physical examination of the facilities or knowledge of difficulties affecting the work that may not specifically be addressed in IFB.

8. Contract Management: All day-to-day operational aspects of contract services shall ordinarily be scheduled, coordinated, and managed by designated personnel (hereinafter “District Representative”) under the authority and direction of the SBAC Facilities Department. All work shall be subject to periodic review to ensure compliance with project specifications, time schedule, and established quality standards.

9. Bidder Qualifications: SBAC has established minimum Bidder qualifications and, at its sole discretion, may request the apparent low Bidder to provide evidence demonstrating that they have the experience and capacity to comply with the provisions of the pending contract. In order to be considered for award, each prospective Bidder shall meet the following criteria:

- A. Established Business: Bidder shall be an established full service firm whose sole or primary business includes the provision of professional comprehensive tree services to commercial (business/institutional) accounts as typical in the District. Bidder shall have been continuously engaged in the specified services as the same legal entity within the State of Florida for a minimum of five (05) consecutive years. Demonstration of past successful experience with established commercial accounts within the State of Florida similar to the size and scope of this contract shall be required. Service experience shall be verifiable. Negative references, in the opinion of SBAC, may cause disqualification of Bidder.
- B. Location: Bidder shall be located within reasonable proximity (contiguous counties) of Alachua County limits to ensure compliance with all regular and emergency service time requirements as specified herein. SBAC reserves the right to waive this requirement should Bidder be able to demonstrate, to the complete satisfaction of District, its capability in providing efficient and timely service in support of this contract.
- C. Service: Bidder shall currently have and maintain for term of agreement the necessary organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure competent, prompt, and efficient service on a district-wide basis in support of this contract.

The criteria used in determining service level shall include, but not be limited to: technical expertise; experience; supervisory capability; personnel qualifications and training; equipment; quality control procedures and management; and, customer service communication and responsiveness. Specific qualification criteria as appropriate to personnel, service level, and equipment are further delineated herein.

- D. **Accounting Practices:** Bidder shall have the ability to provide accurate, reliable and timely invoices, statements, utilizations reports, and other data necessary as required by District.
- E. **Financial Capacity:** Bidder shall be in sound financial condition and have the financing necessary to adequately maintain the organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel required in the performance of contract.

SBAC reserves the right to inspect and approve the organization, operation, equipment, and facility(s) of apparent low Bidder, and to make sole and final determination as to Bidder's compliance and capability in meeting the requirements of IFB. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to provide any further evidence and support documentation as deemed appropriate by District within three (03) business days of request. Should SBAC determine, in its opinion, that Bidder does not meet any of the IFB qualification requirements or have the ability or capacity to provide the services as required in this contract, the District may reject the Bid and evaluate next apparent lowest Bidder.

10. Omissions from the Specifications: In addition...The apparent silence of these specifications regarding any detail, or omission from them of a detailed description concerning any point, shall not negate or infringe on the prime objective of this contract, which is to have the highest level of quality services performed in an efficient, timely, and safe manner, in compliance to District and industry standards, and all regulatory requirements. All interpretations of this contract shall be made upon the basis of this statement.

11. Dispute: Any dispute concerning the interpretation of specific contract requirements including specific exclusions, if any, shall be resolved by the Purchasing Department in consultation with the Facilities Department. Should any technical issues require clarification, the District may, at own expense, confer with third party consultant. A written copy of decision shall be provided to Bidder. It is agreed and understood that the decision of the Purchasing Department shall be final and conclusive.

12. Subcontractors: Reference Attachment A, "49. Subcontracts": In addition...Bidder shall be the sole source for all tree services performed under the pending contract. All contract services shall be under Bidder's direct control and supervision. No third party outsourcing of any of the services described herein shall be permitted.

13. Regulatory Compliance: Reference Attachment A, "45. Regulatory Compliance": In addition...Bidder shall comply with all current laws, rules, codes, ordinances, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business including those of Federal, State, and local agencies having jurisdiction and authority. By way of example, this shall include the: State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SFEF); Florida Administrative Code (FAC); Florida Building Code (FBC); OSHA Safety Standards; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and, Florida Department of Transportation. It is understood that should any provisions of applicable Federal, State or local laws, ordinances and regulations be in conflict with the conditions of this contract, the laws, ordinances and regulations shall be the governing factor for performance of this contract. In addition, should there be a conflict between applicable regulations, the most stringent shall apply. Failure of Bidder to comply with any regulatory agency having jurisdiction and authority over the services described herein shall be grounds for contract termination.

14. Large Projects: For projects estimated to cost between \$24,999.99 and \$50,000, based on current Bid unit prices, SBAC reserves the right to solicit written quotations from one (01) or more other service providers deemed qualified by District, with award being made to the low, responsive and responsible Quoter. No single project estimated to cost over \$49,999.99 shall be performed under this contract.

15. Personnel: Reference Attachment A, "40. Bidder Personnel": In addition...The District considers the expertise, experience, and training of personnel a critical element of this contract. To that end, it shall be required that Bidder employ and have available an adequate number of qualified and permanent personnel who have been sufficiently trained for proficiency in the standards, procedures, and operating requirements of their specific work responsibilities, and who are completely familiar with the practices and methods to be utilized in providing the services described herein. It shall be the sole responsibility of Bidder to establish personnel qualifications and require job-related training that would ensure that all services are performed safely, correctly, and efficiently in conformance with all regulatory requirements, and standards of care as established within the industry and reasonably expected by District. All assigned personnel shall be trained in OSHA safety standards which are to be strictly followed at all times.

16.1 Account Representative: Bidder shall assign one (01) Account Representative to contact regarding service scheduling, performance related issues, and any billing disputes or service issues that have not been satisfactorily resolved. Representative shall be knowledgeable and familiar with this contract and shall be the liaison between the Bidder and SBAC on all matters pertaining thereof. It shall be the responsibility of Account Representative to respond to all non-emergency calls for assistance within four (04) hours of initial contact, and two (02) hours for situations identified by the District as an emergency. The cost of Account Representative's services shall be an element of the Bidder's overhead burden in the proposed hourly service rates bid.

16.2 Project Manager: Bidder shall designate one (01) Project Manager who shall be responsible for providing consultations, generating work proposals, conducting periodic quality control inspections, and providing general direction to work crew including site safety briefings. Project Manager shall have extensive knowledge and experience in all facets of tree trimming, pruning, and removal services. The cost of Project Manager's services shall be an element of the Bidder's overhead burden in the proposed hourly service rates bid.

Project Manager shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- ☐ Five (05) years continuous and extensive "hands-on" field experience working in the tree service trade of which a minimum of two (02) years shall be in a leadership capacity;
- ☐ Considerable knowledge of trade standards set by the National Arborist Association (NAA);
- ☐ Ability to provide technical assistance including analyzing tree health and making tree risk assessments;
- ☐ Considerable knowledge of applicable rules, regulations, and codes governing work, including OSHA safety standards;
- ☐ Ability to implement and monitor established safety policies, procedures and regulations;
- ☐ Ability to resolve project quality, scheduling and progress problems;
- ☐ Ability to generate work proposal estimates based on personnel and equipment requirements.

16.3 Onsite Supervision: It shall be required that Bidder employ and provide continuous onsite supervision, of sufficient quality necessary for the effective and efficient management of each project. Bidder shall assign one (01) Crew Leader at each project worksite who shall perform in both a supervisory and crew worker capacity, allocating such time to both tasks as required.

Crew Leader shall have demonstrated supervisory skills including having the ability to plan, organize, direct and prioritize the work of Bidder's personnel, and shall be knowledgeable of supervisory practices, procedures, inspection techniques, codes, ordinances and regulations, and record-keeping and reporting duties. It is understood that Crew Leader shall be present at worksite at all times, and shall have the authority to act in the behalf of Bidder in carrying out any instructions relative to work as communicated by District Representative. The cost of onsite supervision shall be an element of Bidder's overhead burden in the hourly service rates bid.

16.4 Crew: A Crew shall consist of one (01) Journeyman Tree Climber and two (02) Ground Crew Workers. A minimum of two (02) Crews shall be available for assignment at any time under this contract. It is understood that additional personnel may be assigned to Crew as needed based on size and scope of project.

The following minimum qualifications shall apply to any and all Crew labor provided under the pending contract and shall be considered in the development of service rates bid.

16.5 Journeyman Tree Climber shall have the knowledge, skills, and physical ability to correctly and efficiently perform all ground, climbing, and aerial lift duties commonly performed within the service trade for the position and as described herein. Work duties shall typically require using a commercial grade power saw to cut-down, trim, and prune various size and type trees at both ground level and elevated heights. To a lesser degree, Journeyman shall also be required to work in the capacity of ground worker when so required.

Journeyman Climber shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- ☐ Five (05) years continuous and extensive "hands-on" field experience working in the tree service trade;
- ☐ Ability to recognize, analyze and make recommendations for the most common tree problems;
- ☐ Comprehensive knowledge of the practices, methods, equipment, and skills of trade;
- ☐ Comprehensive knowledge of and proficiency in the use of all tools and equipment of trade;

- ☐ Ability to work independently with minimal work instruction;
- ☐ Considerable knowledge of the hazards and safety precautions governing work.

It is recognized that certain complex projects may require the utilization of Journeyman Tree Climbers who have extensive knowledge, experience, and skill. In such case, the District reserves the right to require Bidder to only assign personnel meeting those qualifications as identified. Journeyman Tree Climber shall also act in the capacity of a Crew Leader when so designated.

16.6 Ground Crew Worker shall have the knowledge, skills, and ability to perform the most common and basic tasks of the tree service trade. It is essential that all assigned Ground Crew Workers have the physical ability to perform medium to heavy work under varied and sometimes extreme climatic conditions.

Ground Crew Worker shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- ☐ Six (06) months continuous practical experience assisting and working in the service trade;
- ☐ General knowledge of the practices, methods, sequences, and procedures of the service trade;
- ☐ Skill in the operation and care of the most commonly used tools and equipment of the service trade;
- ☐ Ability to understand and follow instructions relative to the work as communicated;
- ☐ Ability to carry-out all work assignments diligently within time limits as reasonable expected without interruption, unnecessary delay and need for continuous monitoring;
- ☐ General knowledge of the potential hazards and safety precautions of the work.

Unless as otherwise permitted and expressly stated herein, ground crew personnel shall work under the direct, onsite, and continuous supervision of designated Crew Leader. Ground Crew Worker shall also act in the capacity of Crew Leader when so designated.

16.7 Certification: By submission of Bid, Bidder certifies that all personnel currently meet all qualifications as specified, and have been properly screened and hired in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances and regulations. All personnel records shall be required to be verified during pre-employment screening process as condition of security clearance. Failure of any designated personnel to currently meet any qualification criteria may cause Bid to be declared non-responsive. Bidder shall be required at any time during term of contract to provide evidence of qualifications of any personnel assigned duties. The assignment of any personnel not meeting minimum qualifications shall be grounds for contract termination.

17. Fingerprinting and Background Checks: Reference page 6, “Jessica Lunsford Act – Bidder Affirmation Form”. All personnel assigned duties shall be required to be fingerprinted and background checked in accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act. Upon clearance, a photo ID card shall be issued which shall be visibly display and immediately presented upon request by District staff. The cost of fingerprinting shall be the sole responsibility of awarded Bidder and included as an element of overhead burden in the unit prices bid. Failure to Bidder to comply with the background screening requirements of the District may be deemed as a default of contract. Further information regarding JLA requirements can be found on the Purchasing Department website.

18. Uniforms/Protective Clothing: It shall be required that Bidder’s personnel wear distinctive uniform clothing while performing duties, including shirt and trousers. Uniform shirt shall display a minimum of one (01) visible patch or emblem that clearly identifies the employing company. Bidder shall provide any personal protective items required to safely perform work (e.g., gloves, safety glasses, etc.). At minimum, such items shall conform to all OSHA requirements and any other regulatory agency having jurisdiction and authority.

19. Personnel Conduct: Reference Attachment A, “40. Bidder Personnel”: In addition... It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to inform all assigned personnel of the rules and regulations of the District as specified herein. Bidder’s personnel while on location at any District site are expected to maintain a high standard of civility, deportment, appearance, and act in a professional manner at all times. Personnel shall not at any time fraternize with students, teachers, or other District staff not directly involved with the contract services. Interaction with student population shall be strictly prohibited. When in contact with school staff, Bidder’s personnel shall be courteous, helpful, and reflect appropriate courtesies and forms of address.

Specifically, all personnel shall adhere to the following rules and regulations while onsite at any facility:

- Smoking and use of any tobacco or vaping products is prohibited;
- No personnel shall be allowed in any area of the facility grounds other than the area of work responsibility without the knowledge of Crew Leader;
- No personnel shall use District telephones (except for an emergency). Any telephone charges incurred by Bidder's personnel and verified by the District shall be billed to Bidder;
- No personnel shall be accompanied or visited by acquaintances, family members or any other non-employee of Bidder.

Violation of this provision may result in removal of the individual(s) involved from the District site, and further, the Bidder may be prohibited from employing the individual(s) in any future work with the SBAC performed under this contract.

20. General Service Guidelines:

- a. **General Supervision:** Bidder shall be responsible for all methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the work under this contract. It shall be the sole responsibility of Bidder to ensure that services are being accomplished correctly and safely in conformance to specifications and all regulatory codes, and that progress is being made sufficient to meet each project's schedule. Bidder shall work jointly and cooperatively with District Representative to resolve any performance issues and scheduling problems. Bidder's establishment of quality control standards and a system for inspecting and correcting work deficiencies is critical to the success of contract. The failure of the District to immediately reject any unsatisfactory work or to notify Bidder of such deficiencies shall not relieve the Bidder of any responsibilities specified herein. The cost of general supervision shall be an element of the Bidder's overhead burden in the hourly labor rates bid.
- b. **Communications:** Bidder shall maintain a toll-free telephone and facsimile terminal by which the District may directly and immediately communicate work requirements and other messages during normal business hours (Monday – Friday) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Email may also be an acceptable form of communication. In addition, Bidder shall provide a method of communication access by which District may request emergency service response.
- c. **School Calendar:** Each year, the SBAC is closed for Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring Breaks, as well as customary holidays. Additionally, schools are open only on a limited basis during the summer period. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to maintain a current SBAC calendar and stay informed of school and facility operating hours. A complete listing of current school hours and holiday schedules can be found on the District's website: www.sbac.edu.
- d. **Work Period:** The District's normal facility operating hours are Monday through Friday, approximately 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. However, actual hours of work shall be subject to the operating hours and accessibility of each District site based on established safety standards and potential disruption to facility. For projects scheduled a minimum of seven (07) business days in advance, the District reserves the right to extend normal operating hours to include weekday evening hours and weekends (Saturday/Sunday). Any scheduled work performed at such time shall be based on the appropriate "straight-time" hourly service rates bid. Should Bidder desire to perform work after normal facility operating hours, a request must be made and approved by the District Representative a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to requested start date in order to coordinate access into the facility. Any work performed after normal operating hours at the request of Bidder shall be performed at no additional cost to the District in accordance with established hourly service rates.
- e. **Premium Time:** All unscheduled service work requested and approved by the District Representative to be performed after normal District facility operating hours (Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.), including Saturday and Sunday and legal holidays, may be considered "premium time" upon mutual agreement of the parties. Bidder shall propose "premium time" hourly rates for each personnel/service classification on Attachment C, Form of Proposal. Premium time should only reflect the additional compensation actually paid to personnel. Any work performed after regular facility operating hours without the expressed written approval of District Representative shall be based on "straight time" hourly service rates bid.

It is the intent of the District that premium time only be authorized in the event of emergency or when work is determined to be urgent and proper notification cannot be given.

- f. **Emergency Service:** It is understood that emergency service response is an essential part of this contract. Bidder shall have the capability to mobilize and respond to service calls on an emergency basis. Emergency service is defined as those activities necessary to maintain a safe environment and continue the operations of any District facility, of which the loss would create a situation, which would adversely and unduly affect the safety, health or comfort of the facility and/or occupants, or otherwise cause loss to the District. Bidder shall designate a representative who shall be available to receive emergency service requests after normal operating hours. In the event of an emergency, as determined by SBAC, Bidder shall acknowledge and verbally respond to District Representative's call within one (01) hour of contact. Bidder shall have the capacity thereafter to mobilize with necessary qualified personnel and equipment and arrive at any District site within four (04) hours of initial notification. Emergency service response during normal operating hours shall be performed at no additional cost to the District, based on "straight time" hourly service rates bid. Compensation for emergency service response after normal operating hours shall be based on "premium time" hourly service rates unless otherwise mutually agreed. All emergency service work performed after hours must be authorized by District Representative. Failure of Bidder to respond in a timely manner to any emergency request shall be grounds for termination of contract. Bidder shall give first priority emergency services to the District, before, during and after a natural disaster, such as hurricane, tornado, severe storm, or flood, or any other event identified and designated as a public emergency.
- g. **Overtime:** Overtime shall be paid for all work performed for the School Board in excess of forty (40) hours per week. It shall be required that overtime be approved in advance by the District Representative. Overtime shall be based on the "premium time" hourly labor rates bid for each personnel classification. For payment of overtime, each eligible employee's job classification and time must be corroborated on the work time sheet.
- h. **Personnel Reporting:** Reference Attachment A, "40. Bidder Personnel": In addition...All assigned personnel shall report directly to each designated project worksite in accordance with established reporting time. Actual paid service time shall commence and end with the scheduled arrival and departure of personnel and equipment from worksite. Bidder shall be responsible for providing all transportation of personnel and equipment. Travel time for mobilization of personnel and equipment to and from worksite shall not be directly charged to District but considered an element of Bidder's overhead burden in the hourly service rates bid. The District shall not reimburse Bidder for any travel time.
- i. **Site Access:** It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to coordinate site access directly with the District Representative or with the appropriate authority at each District site. Upon arrival at worksite, personnel shall comply with customary check-in procedures and all security standards. Personnel shall only access designated work areas; all other areas shall be off limits. All personnel shall possess and display the SBAC issued photo ID card which shall be presented immediately upon request by District personnel. While on site, Bidder shall perform all services with a minimum amount of disruption to the normal operations of the District site. For the safety of staff and students, Bidder is cautioned to avoid performing services during periods of peak student activity.
- j. **Work Scheduling:** All services shall be coordinated and scheduled by District Representative. It is understood that the ability of Bidder to reliably provide qualified personnel and equipment is critical to the performance of this contract. As need arises for planned projects, the District Representative shall ordinarily give Bidder notice of impending work a minimum of five (05) business days prior to requested start date. However, Bidder shall have the capability to provide personnel within two (02) business days should a service order be determined "urgent" by District Representative. Specific performance time lines and completion dates shall be mutually agreeable between the parties and shall be strictly adhered to. Whenever possible, work projects shall be grouped and scheduled to maximize work hours and travel time for Bidder. Failure of Bidder to provide personnel within time requirements as specified may result in termination of contract.
- k. **Site Examination:** Prior to performance of work, Bidder shall visit worksite, become familiar with the conditions under which the work is to be performed, and correlate personal observations with the project requirements as communicated by the District Representative. Bidder shall inform District Representative of any concerns or issues regarding project work at time of site examination.

- l. **Work Proposals:** Based on the site examination, Bidder shall submit a written work proposal to District Representative detailing personnel and equipment requirements, estimated hours, and appropriate hourly service rates. Unless otherwise agreed, site examinations shall be performed and work proposal submitted within three (03) business days of notice of impending work. The repeated failure of Bidder to submit work proposals within specified time requirements shall be deemed as a default of contract.

The work proposal shall be in the form of a “not-to-exceed” amount, as directed by the District Representative based on the scope of the work to be performed. Bidder shall provide work proposal using District form “Work Proposal” (Appendix A).

Not-To-Exceed: Should work proposal be for a “not-to-exceed” amount, Bidder shall not exceed the proposed number of hours accepted by the District without prior authorization from District Representative. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to maintain a “Work Time Sheet” (Appendix B) during performance of work. Upon completion of work, a copy of work time sheet shall be provided to District Representative and verified before any corresponding invoice(s) can be processed for payment. Payment to the Bidder shall be made only for the actual quantities of work performed in accordance with work proposal.

Bidder shall provide work proposals at no cost to the District. All costs incurred in the preparation of work proposal including site examination shall be considered an element of Bidder’s overhead burden in hourly service rates bid.

- m. **Work Proposal Rejection:** All submitted work proposals shall be evaluated to determine if the scope of work has been clearly and accurately understood, and properly estimated. SBAC reserves the right to reject work proposal prior to commencement of services should the estimated hours or any other part thereof, in its opinion, not be consistent with scope of work. Should parties thereafter fail to reach an agreement on the requirements of work proposal, SBAC further reserves the right to solicit a written quotation from one (01) or more qualified service providers, with award of project being made to lowest price proposal.
- n. **Work Proposal Waiver:** In the event of emergency, the District may waive the requirement for a written work proposal when time is of the essence. In such case, Bidder shall be responsible for maintaining and providing a copy of work time sheet upon completion of work.
- o. **Time of Completion:** The commencement of work by Bidder shall be construed to mean acceptance of all conditions at worksite. Bidder acknowledges that time is of the essence in completing the work as specified for each project. Bidder agrees that all work shall be prosecuted regularly, diligently and uninterrupted at such rate of progress as will ensure full completion thereof, within the time specified for each project. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to submit a written request for time extension to District Representative should it not be possible to adhere to the established schedule for any reason. The request shall then be evaluated to determine if the time extension is to be granted. Approval of time extension shall not be automatic. The repeated failure to commence and complete work within prescribed time shall be cause for termination of contract.
- p. **Progress Inspection:** The District reserves the right at any time to conduct periodic inspections of work. Bidder shall comply with all work progress notification requirements as directed by District Representative. The failure of District to perform progress inspections and immediately reject any unsatisfactory work shall not relieve Bidder of any responsibilities specified herein.
- q. **Change Orders:** The District Representative, without invalidating the work proposal, may order changes in the work, within the general scope of this contract, consisting of additions, deletions, or other revisions, with the work proposal being adjusted accordingly. Bidder is not authorized to proceed with work without a written change order approved by District Representative.
- r. **Correction of Work:** Bidder shall promptly correct all work rejected by District Representative as faulty, defective, or failing to conform to contract or Work Proposal, whether observed before or after substantial completion of the work, and whether or not completed. Deficiencies noted shall be documented and remedy effected within three (03) business days of notification, unless additional time is required and granted by the District Representative. It is understood that any follow up or call back work, to correct recent previous work, shall not be charged to SBAC if the work is the result of Bidder’s negligence.

- s. **Final Acceptance of Work:** Upon completion of work, Bidder shall contact District Representative and make request for final inspection. District Representative shall inspect work within a reasonable time and notify Bidder of any deficiencies. Bidder shall correct all noted deficiencies within the time specified herein. Should Bidder fail to correct deficiencies in an acceptable and timely manner, the District may, after written notice of default, accomplish the work in an expeditious manner, and charge Bidder the cost of work.
- t. **Safety Measures:** Reference Attachment A, “36. Safety Standards”: In addition ... Bidder shall take all necessary steps to protect the students, faculty, and general public from injury in the course of the work. Bidder shall specifically warn its employees of the potential hazards of working in the proximity of students and of the necessity for them to exercise extreme caution.

Bidder shall be responsible for the discovery, determination, and correction of any unsafe conditions arising in connection with the performance of work and for keeping the immediate work area secure at all times. All tree operations shall be immediately stopped and equipment blades disengaged when student population is within seventy-five (75') of equipment. Warning devices, hazard signs, safety tape, safety cones, and barricades shall be placed where needed as a measure of warning and protection to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. When operations are such that signs, signals, and barricades do not provide adequate protection on or adjacent to a highway or street, Bidder shall provide a Flagman for traffic control. It is understood that the use of Flagman shall be at the discretion of District and shall require approval of District Representative prior to assignment. Compensation paid to Flagman shall be based on the hourly service rate bid for Ground Crew Worker. District Representative shall have the authority to red tag unsafe equipment or to notify work crew to immediately stop work until conditions are safe. Bidder shall immediately report any accidents causing injury to District Representative.

Upon completion of work each day, Bidder shall secure work area and eliminate any hazardous condition resulting from its activities. Bidder shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local safety rules and regulations including that of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and Florida Department of Transportation.

- u. **Protection:** Bidder shall take all necessary, ordinary and extraordinary precautions to ensure that District property is protected from Bidder's activities. Bidder shall be responsible for the protection of all District facilities and other improvements (i.e., structures, utilities, shrubbery, pavements, etc.) against operations that may be hazardous and/or damaging to said property. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to notify District Representative of any unavoidable damage to District property that may occur prior to commencement of work. Such notification may relieve Bidder of all or part of responsibility for unavoidable damage or loss of property.
- v. **Utilities:** Bidder shall be cognizant of, and operate with due care in the vicinity of all existing surface and underground utilities. All underground utilities shall be located and appropriately marked prior to commencement of any projects requiring excavation in compliance with Chapter 556, Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, F.S. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to contact Sunshine State One Call of Florida and request a locate ticket for each project as required (www.callsunshine.com, 811, or (800) 432-4770). The cost of coordinating all activities relating to this requirement shall be an element of the Bidder's overhead burden in the hourly service rates bid.
- w. **Property Damage:** Bidder shall be liable for all damages to District and private property occasioned in any way by its actions or neglect or that of his agents or employees. All such damage or loss of property incurred as the result of Bidder operations, whether through negligence or the lack of proper care, storage, or handling, shall be the responsibility of Bidder to immediately restore or replace at own expense. Should any public or private property be damaged or destroyed, the Bidder at its expense, shall repair or make restoration as is practical and acceptable to the District and owners of destroyed or damaged property, within five (05) business days of discovery unless an time extension is otherwise approved by the District. In the event Bidder fails to repair damages within specified time, the District may arrange for repairs from other source and appropriately charge Bidder repair cost.
- x. **Permits:** Bidder shall be responsible for obtaining any and all City/County permits required in the execution of work. The District shall reimburse Bidder, upon submittal of paid receipt, for payment of all levied permit application fees.

- y. **Invoices:** Reference Attachment A, “42. Invoices”. In addition...Bidder shall have the capability to provide accurate, reliable and timely invoices, statements, and credits. At a minimum, invoices shall contain sufficient information, as required by the District, to accurately determine the extent of services provided and accuracy of billing. Invoices that are received by the District that are not properly and correctly prepared or are not accompanied by support documentation (i.e., Work Proposal, Work Time Sheet) may cause delay of payment. Invoices shall contain, at minimum, the following information: invoice number; invoice date, date(s) of service; service location; description of services; and, number of billable hours per personnel/service classification. All hour times shall be rounded to the nearest quarter (1/4) hour.

Bidder shall ensure that all invoices reflect correct Bid pricing and are submitted in entirety within ten (10) business days of completion of project. For large project work over an extended time period, the District Representative may authorize progress payments be made to Bidder. Invoices shall be sent via email to: Facilitiesinvoices@gm.sbac.edu. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to identify to District Representative any charges that are unsettled at the time of submission of invoice and before closing of the project.

- z. **Invoice Verification/Correction** It shall be the responsibility of District Representative to verify and approve all invoices prior to payment, and notify Bidder should a billing discrepancy be discovered. The District shall not pay incorrect invoices or late charges for invoices with disputed charges. As condition of payment, Bidder shall reissue corrected invoice and/or credit memo to offset any incorrect charges. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to ensure that all invoices are correct. The repeated documented failure of Bidder to submit accurate invoices in the time and manner as specified shall be cause for termination of contract.
- aa. **Method of Payment:** It is anticipated that payment shall be made by Visa™ purchasing card after a properly prepared invoice has been received and processed. The District shall not pay invoices in advance of service (prepay). Terms for early payment may be considered by the District. The District reserves the right to issue purchase orders and make payment by conventional check method. The Purchasing Department shall work jointly and cooperatively with Bidder in resolving any delinquent payment issues.
- bb. **Final Payment:** It is agreed and understood that the issuance of final payment by the District shall constitute the closing of the project and the acceptance of final payment by Bidder shall constitute a waiver of all further claims relating to project. The making of final payment shall not constitute a waiver of any claims by the District and shall not relieve Bidder of the responsibility for negligence, defective materials, or workmanship to the extent within the period provided by law and by the warranties provided herein. SBAC reserves the right to partially pay (short pay) invoices should reasonable justification be presented by District Representative that all project work has not been satisfactorily completed.

21. Equipment: Bidder shall currently possess and have readily available all service vehicles, commercial grade equipment, hand/power tools, and accessories of trade customarily used in the tree service trade, and as necessary to adequately and efficiently perform its duties under pending contract.

Such equipment and tools shall include, but not limited to:

- ☐ Aerial bucket truck (high lift);
- ☐ Debris hauling truck (min. 12 yd.);
- ☐ Service truck;
- ☐ Hydraulic loader (i.e., skid steer, etc.);
- ☐ Stump grinder;
- ☐ Chain saws;
- ☐ Pole saws;
- ☐ Climbing gear;
- ☐ Cabling gear;
- ☐ Various hand tools;
- ☐ Wood Chipper (optional).

The use of wood chipper to grind debris shall be acceptable practice. As an alternative, Bidder may elect to haul away and dispose wood debris at a legal sanctioned private or municipal landfill, or recycling processing center.

Any dispute concerning the interpretation of customary equipment shall be resolved by the Purchasing Department in consultation with the Facilities Department. The cost of customary equipment shall be an element of hourly service rates bid. The District shall not be charged for any customary equipment deemed, in its opinion, to be standard or essential for the scope of services as described herein, or for auxiliary equipment utilized in support thereof. Furthermore, the District shall not be charged for any equipment down time due to failure, routine maintenance or cleaning. It is understood that having the necessary and operable equipment, hand/power tools, and accessories of the trade is critical to the performance of the contract. The failure of Bidder to commence or complete any project as a result of not having such items at any time during term of agreement shall be ground for contract termination.

22. Specialty Equipment Rental: In the event the scope of work requires the utilization of equipment that is customarily not provided, in the opinion of District, by service contractors, the rental of such equipment shall be at the expense of SBAC. Any project requiring the provision of such rental equipment shall have the prior expressed approval of District Representative. The District shall reimburse Bidder all customary and reasonable rental fees at net cost plus (+) fifteen percent (**15%**). Should Bidder own and directly provide specialty equipment, reimbursement shall be based on customary and reasonable rental fees, as mutually agreed and substantiated by open market pricing. Equipment operator labor cost shall be based on the applicable hourly rate bid. Any other associated expense involved in the operation of the rental equipment shall be reimbursed to Bidder at actual cost. It shall be the responsibility to Bidder to submit paid receipts from the rental company and/or other vendors as condition of reimbursement. SBAC assumes no direct or implied responsibility for the theft, vandalism, injury or other undesirable actions occurring to or performed with any equipment rented by Bidder.

23. Revenue from Tree Timber and Debris: It is understood that all or part of the cut timber and debris generated by Bidder's operations may have value as determined by type and grade, and that this value, as a rule, may fluctuate based on market conditions. It is the intent of the District to allow Bidder to retain any and all revenue realized from the marketing of cut timber and debris for the purpose of defraying all or part of expense associated with its collection, transport, and proper disposal or recycling. To that end, the District agrees to transfer all rights of ownership of cut timber and debris to Bidder at time and place of collection. The District makes no statement as to the volume of cut timber and debris to be collected under this contract.

24. Price: Bid hourly service rate to be charged SBAC for each personnel/service classification as listed on Attachment C, Form of Proposal. All classifications must be bid; partial Bids shall not be accepted. It is the intent of the District that this be a full service, all-inclusive contract; all services shall be performed complete.

Pricing bid shall be inclusive of all aspects of services required including: supervision; labor; technical expertise; service vehicles; customary equipment, tools, and trade accessories; transportation; travel time; debris disposal tipping fees; mobilization fees; insurance; profit; and, any other direct and indirect cost associated with the execution and administration of the contract. It is understood that pricing bid shall apply regardless of the equipment required or size of tree. No additional costs, expenses or surcharges (i.e., mileage, fuel, travel time, debris disposal, Visa™ purchasing card processing fee, etc.) shall be applicable to this contract unless specifically permitted herein.

Bidder shall only be compensated for productive man-hours at work site. Time spent for the transportation of personnel and/or equipment shall not be charged directly, but considered Bidder's overhead, to be included in hourly service rates bid.

The minimum billable hour requirements for any of the utilized personnel classifications (#1-3) shall be four (**04**) hours on any single day. No minimum hourly requirements shall be allowed for stump grinder removal services (#4). The District reserves the right to group and schedule small work projects at different locations on a single day to maximize work hours for Bidder. Unless as otherwise permitted and expressly stated herein, pricing shall be firm and fixed for the term of the contract and any subsequent renewal periods

25. Bid Tabulation/Evaluation: During Bid tabulation process, the Purchasing Department shall assign and apply a weight factor (WF) to the hourly service rate (HR) bid for each personnel/service classification as listed in order of precedence on Attachment C, Form of Proposal. For purposes of Bid tabulation, the assigned weight factor (WF) represents the projected percentage (%) that each classification will be utilized on an annual contract basis. Award Total shall be determined by the addition of all weighted hourly labor rates (WHR) after assigned weight factors (WF) have been applied (Example: $HR \times WF (\%) = WHR$). Award of contract shall be made to the responsive and responsible Bidders with the Primary (low bid) and Secondary (next lowest bid) Award Totals.

26. Service Guarantee: Reference Attachment A, “25. Condition of Product/Services”: In addition... All services provided by Bidder in the performance of this contract shall adhere to the customary, reasonable, and prudent standards of care as established within the industry, and quality of services shall meet or exceed that provided to other commercial customers. Specifically, Bidder shall warrant that all workmanship conforms to project specifications and be of the highest quality, free from faults and defects. Payments in full or otherwise shall not constitute a waiver of this guarantee. It is agreed and understood that all services shall be performed to the complete satisfaction of SBAC. Should any services be required to be re-performed, such services shall be completed within five (05) business days of notification at no additional expense to the District. In the event Bidder fails to correct defects within specified time, the District reserves the right to have the work remedied from other service provider. In such case, Bidder shall be fully liable for all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the District.

27. Service Complaints: All performance related complaints shall be reported by District Representative to Account Representative or other appropriate designee. It shall be the responsibility of Bidder to promptly resolve reported complaints pursuant to the applicable terms of this Agreement within one (01) business day of notification at no additional expense to the District. To insure the security of performance expected, the District reserves the right to withhold payment of any monies owed Bidder who is not performing satisfactorily or fails to provide specific services in the time permitted. Should it be the District’s intent to withhold payment for any reason, Bidder shall be notified in writing and provided an acceptable time frame to correct deficiencies. Consistent delays or unresponsiveness in addressing and resolving documented deficiencies in the performance of this contract may be deemed as a default of contract.

28. Habitual Violator: Reference Attachment A, “47. Termination for Default”: In addition...Should the District determine that the number of complaints at any project or cumulatively within the District be excessive, the Purchasing Department shall schedule a meeting with Bidder to discuss the specific issues. Within five (05) business days of meeting, Bidder shall provide the Purchasing Department a follow-up letter outlining the corrective action(s) to be taken and time sequence by which resolution of issues can be expected. All aspects of proposed plan for corrective action shall be subject to approval of the Purchasing Department. In the event that documented complaints have not been adequately resolved to the satisfaction of the District or Bidder’s record of performance continues to show, in the opinion of the District, that Bidder is frequently, regularly or repetitively defaulting in the execution of any services required in this Agreement, and regardless of whether Bidder has remedied any individual complaint, Bidder shall be deemed a “habitual violator”. In such case, Bidder shall forfeit the right to any further notice or grace period to correct, and all of said complaints shall be considered cumulative and collectively and shall constitute a condition of incurable default; thereby being grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement within time as specified.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. Description of Basic Services: Bidder shall provide all technical expertise, supervision, qualified labor and customary tools and equipment, on an as-needed basis, to perform those services as generally performed by commercial tree service contractors including, but not limit to: topping, trimming, pruning, and removal of shade and ornamental trees; stump grinding; and, debris removal and disposal.

2. Performance Guidelines: Unless otherwise noted, it is the intent of this contract that all work shall meet the standards as set forth by the National Arborist Association (NAA), and be in compliance with American National Standard Institute (ANSI) Z133.1. It is the intent of the District that this be a full service, all-inclusive contract; all services shall be performed complete.

Bidder shall adhere to the following guidelines in the performance of work:

2.1 Tree Trimming and Pruning

- a. Prior to commencement of services, Bidder shall secure and clear work area to permit safe working conditions;
- b. The following factors should be considered during work preparation:
 - Shape and size of tree
 - Wind force and direction
 - Location of damaged areas of tree
 - Location of surrounding property (i.e., fences, bushes, sidewalks, etc.);
 - Location of nearby overhead and underground utilities
- c. Trimming around high voltage power lines shall be done in such a way to stimulate new growth away from the overhead lines;
- d. Trees shall be trimmed by the lateral ("natural") method;
- e. The natural symmetry and beauty of tree shall always be considered when performing trimming or topping. No limb stubs shall be permitted;
- f. Trimming that stimulates the development of sucker clusters or limb stubs shall be avoided;
- g. All cuts shall be made so as to provide maximum protection to the tree and to insure proper healing of the wound. Tearing of bark shall be avoided;
- h. When performing trimming and wherever possible in topping, all cuts shall be made flush to laterals that are at least one-third the size of the leader limb;
- i. Protruding lower limbs that require trimming shall be cut back to the tree trunk whenever possible;
- j. All loose, broken or cut branches which endanger the life of the tree shall be removed;
- k. All tree debris shall be removed upon completion of trimming;
- l. Upon completion, entire work area shall be raked and swept clean.

2.2 Tree Removal

- a. Any tree that cannot be felled without danger to pedestrians, real property or vehicular traffic shall be cut in sections from top down;
- b. Tree removal shall include tree trunk and all limbs;
- c. Wedges, block and tackle, ropes or cables shall be used should there be any danger of tree falling the wrong direction or damaging property;

2.3 Stump Removal

- a. Stump removal shall be accomplished by established grinding methods, and include the removal of the stump, excess stump chips, major root flares, and major surface roots;
- b. Stumps shall be ground to a minimum of six (06) inches below existing grade level;
- c. Resulting stump chips shall be left in the hole created by the stump grinding up to four (04) inches above grade level unless otherwise directed by District Representative. The area shall be raked and swept clean.
- d. Stumps shall be ground immediately after removal of tree unless otherwise approved by District Representative. Any stumps that are not ground immediately shall be cut as close to ground level as possible to avoid creating a safety hazard.

2.4 Cleaning-up/Disposal of Debris

- a. Bidder shall be responsible for scheduling periodic removal and proper disposal of all tree debris and excess stump chips as a result of operations;
- b. At the end of each day, all debris shall be transported from worksite which shall be left in a neat and orderly fashion;
- c. Accumulated debris shall not be allowed to create a safety hazard to student, staff, and general public;
- d. Debris shall not be burned, buried, left for a collector, or placed in any District solid waste dumpster;
- e. All debris shall be disposed at a legal sanctioned private or municipal landfill in accordance with existing State, County and City regulations;
- f. The District shall not be charged any additional fees associated with the disposal of debris. The cost of debris disposal shall be an element of the Bidder's overhead burden in the hourly service rates bid;
- g. Upon completion of work, Bidder shall rake area and remove all tools, equipment and surplus materials. Hard surface areas shall be swept clean as necessary. The worksite shall be left in ready to use condition;
- h. Bidder shall assume all liability for accidents that may occur due to any debris, equipment, tools, and worksite hazards.

ATTACHMENT C
FORM OF PROPOSAL
IFB 24-10
TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, AND STUMP
GRINDING SERVICES (DISTRICT-WIDE)

Instructions: Bid hourly service rate to be charged for each specified personnel/service classification. All classifications must be bid; partial Bids shall not be accepted. Pricing bid shall be inclusive of all aspects of services required including: supervision; labor; technical expertise; service vehicles; customary equipment, tools, and trade accessories; transportation; travel time; debris disposal tipping fees; mobilization fees; insurance; profit; and, any other direct and indirect cost associated with the execution and administration of the contract. No additional costs, expenses or surcharges (i.e., mileage, fuel, travel time, purchasing card processing fee, etc.) shall be applicable to this contract unless specifically permitted herein.

Unless as otherwise permitted and expressly stated herein, pricing shall be firm and fixed for the term of the contract and any subsequent renewal periods. Bidder shall not change, alter, or otherwise modify the Form of Proposal in any form or manner. Any modification of Form of Proposal by Bidder may result in immediate disqualification of Bid.

#	Personnel/Service Classification	Hourly Service Rate
1.	One Three-Man Crew: (01) Journeyman Tree Climber and (02) Ground Crew Workers	
a.	"Straight Time", M-F, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	\$
b.	"Premium Time", M-F, 3:31 p.m. to 6:59 a.m.; Weekends and Holidays	\$
2.	Journeyman Tree Climber (Assigned alone <u>or</u> additional to Crew)	
a.	"Straight Time", M-F, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	\$
b.	"Premium Time", M-F, 3:31 p.m. to 6:59 a.m.; Weekends and Holidays	\$
3.	Ground Crew Worker (Assigned additional to Crew)	
a.	"Straight Time", M-F, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	\$
b.	"Premium Time", M-F, 3:31 p.m. to 6:59 a.m.; Weekends and Holidays	\$
4.	Stump Grinder Service with Operator (Assigned alone)	
a.	"Straight Time", M-F, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	\$
b.	"Premium Time", M-F, 3:31 p.m. to 6:59 a.m.; Weekends and Holidays	\$

Bidder is advised prior to submission of Bid to check the Purchasing Department website for any Addenda that may have been issued.

Acknowledgement of receipt of addenda (if applicable):

_____ Addendum No. 1
(initial here)

_____ Addendum No. 2
(initial here)

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Contact Information

Address of facility for which personnel/equipment shall be dispatched under this contract:

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Designated Account Representative:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell#: _____

Fax #: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information (if different then Account Representative):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell#: _____

Fax #: _____ Email: _____

Experience

- Years in business under present name: _____
- Year is which your firm was incorporated in the State of Florida: _____
- Years performing contract services in State of Florida: _____ Alachua County: _____
- Is your firm currently providing services to other public agencies within the State of Florida similar to scope and size of this contract? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list: _____

Business Operations

- Does your firm have the ability and experience to perform all services as described? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, list exceptions and provide explanation with Bid submittal.
- Is it your firm's intent to subcontract any part of this contract? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is your firm in agreement to work after normal operating hours should request be made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Exceptions: _____

- Does your firm have the capability to respond within two (02) business days of request should a non-emergency service work order be determined urgent by District? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does your firm have the capability to mobilize and respond within four (04) hours of notification in the event of an emergency? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is your business office staffed during regular business hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No
State regular business hours: _____ to _____

- Has your firm received any regulatory sanctions from OSHA within the last (05) years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does your firm currently have in possession any of the following equipment as necessary to perform services?
☐ Yes ☐ No Check ☒ as applicable:
☐ aerial bucket truck (high lift) ☐ debris hauling truck (min. 12 yd.) ☐ service truck ☐ hydraulic loader (i.e., skid steer, etc.) ☐ stump grinder ☐ wood chipper (optional) ☐ chain saws ☐ pole saws ☐ climbing gear ☐ cabling gear ☐ hand tools
- What are the primary locations that will be utilized for the disposal of debris: _____

- Is it the intent of your firm to recycle all or part of tree debris? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Personnel

- Current number of Journeyman Tree Climbers available under this contract: _____
- Current number of Ground Crew Workers available under this contract: _____
- Current number of Project Managers available under this contract: _____

By submission of Bid, Bidder certifies that all assigned personnel meet all qualification criteria as specified, and have been properly screened and hired in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

References

Provide five (05) references from commercial accounts or other public agencies within the State of Florida specific to the primary scope of this contract that your firm has provided services within the past two (02) years. A minimum one (01) reference shall be for project work exceeding \$10,000.00.

1) Company/Organization name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Contact name: _____ Title: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____ Under current contract: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date last project completed: _____ Contract Amount: \$ _____

Description of services provided: _____

2) Company/Organization name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Contact name: _____ Title: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____ Under current contract: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date last project completed: _____ Contract Amount: \$ _____

Description of services provided: _____

3) Company/Organization name: _____
Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____
Contact name: _____ **Title:** _____
Telephone #: (_____) _____ **Under current contract:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
Date last project completed: _____ **Contract Amount:** \$ _____
Description of services provided: _____

4) Company/Organization name: _____
Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____
Contact name: _____ **Title:** _____
Telephone #: (_____) _____ **Under current contract:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
Date last project completed: _____ **Contract Amount:** \$ _____
Description of services provided: _____

5) Company/Organization name: _____
Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____
Contact name: _____ **Title:** _____
Telephone #: (_____) _____ **Under current contract:** ☐ Yes ☐ No
Date last project completed: _____ **Contract Amount:** \$ _____
Description of services provided: _____

APPENDIX

- i. WORK PROPOSAL**
- ii. WORK TIME SHEET**



WORK PROPOSAL
(Submit to District Representative)

IFB 24-10 Title: Tree Trimming, Removal & Stump Grinding Services (District-wide)

Work Location:			Ref. #	
Contractor:			Date:	____/____/____
Submitted By:		Submitted To:		
Phone #:		Email:		

Description of Work: _____

Required Information – Contractor shall provide estimate below as basis of proposal in accordance with awarded contract.

#	Description	Qty.	Estimated Hours	Hourly Service Rate	Extend Amount
1	One-Three Man Crew			\$	\$
2	Journeyman Tree Climber			\$	\$
3	Ground Crew Worker			\$	\$
4	Stump Grinder with Operator			\$	\$
Total					\$

Contractor hereby proposes to furnish labor, complete in accordance with referenced IFB and the above specifications, for the following amount:

(Check ☒ one) ☐ NOT-TO-EXCEED _____ Dollars \$ _____.

Time for completion: The work shall commence on: ____/____/____, and be completed by: ____/____/____

Contractor: It is agreed and understood that all work performed shall comply strictly with the requirements of the above-referenced contract. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs shall be approved by the SBAC District Representative prior to commencement of work.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Acceptance of Proposal by School Board of Alachua County: The above prices, specifications and conditions are hereby accepted.

Reviewed by: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____ ☐ P-Card ☐ PO

Completion of Work: Contractor certifies that all work described herein has been inspected and found to be complete, in accordance with the contract. Payment in full is hereby requested.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Release for Payment: The School Board of Alachua County has inspected the work described herein, found it to be complete in accordance with the contract, and hereby authorizes payment in full to the Contractor.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Funding Account String: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ \$ _____.

_____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ \$ _____.



WORK TIME SHEET
(Submit to District Representative)

IFB 24-10, TREE TRIMMING, REMOVAL & STUMP GRINDING SERVICES (DISTRICT-WIDE)

#	Personnel/Service Category (C#)	Work Location:			Ref. #	
1.	One-Three Man Crew	Contractor:			Month/Yr.	____/____/____
2.	Journeyman Climber	Submitted By:		Submitted To:		
3.	Ground Crew Worker	Begin Date:	____/____/____	End Date:	____/____/____	
4.	Stump Grinder with Operator					

Personnel Name	C#	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total For Page (1)																																	

Contractor certifies that all personnel listed above have been directly employed by Contractor to perform work in accordance with Work Proposal; that the stated personnel categories set forth herein conform to the work performed; and that the total hours submitted for all listed personnel are correct and complete.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Acceptance of Time Sheet by School Board of Alachua County: The above total hours have been examined in accordance with Work Proposal and are hereby accepted.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

