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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**RFP No. 22-011**

Town of Southwest Ranches  
is seeking proposals for:

### **ROLLING OAKS PASSIVE OPEN SPACE PARK POND CLEANUP**

**Date issued/available for distribution: Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

Proposer shall submit ONLINE using the Demandstar.com E-bidding platform at [www.Demanstar.com](http://www.Demanstar.com). The complete submittal must be received by the Office of the Senior Procurement and Budget Officer no later than **Friday, May 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST**. See Section 1.7 for submission instructions.

**Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference: Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST.** See Section 1.3, of this RFP for the location of the Pre-Proposal Conference.

#### **CAUTION**

Amendments to this Request for Proposals will be posted on the Southwest Ranches website, Procurement page, which can be accessed at <http://southwestranches.org/procurement>. As they are issued, all amendments to solicitations will be posted under the applicable solicitation on our system. It is Proposer's sole responsibility to routinely check the system for any amendments that may have been issued prior to the deadline for submission of Proposal.

Southwest Ranches shall not be responsible for the completeness of any RFP document, amendment, exhibit or attachment that was not downloaded from the system or obtained directly from the Procurement Department.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ADA, THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE REQUESTED  
IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT.

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida (“Town”), until 11:00 a.m., local time, and opened on **Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.** local time, for all material, labor, equipment and supplies necessary for the:

Proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the package(s) referencing:

**ATTENTION: VENESSA REDMAN,**  
**SR. PROCUREMENT & BUDGET OFFICER**  
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To better manage document disbursement for the proposal process, the Town will make proposal documents available on the Southwest Ranches website which can be accessed at:

<http://southwestranches.org/procurement>

To review the Proposal documents for this project, go to the above URL and click on the project hyperlink. The documents for this project are also available on Demandstar.com. Contractors may then download and print the Proposal documents or contact Venessa Redman at (954) 343-7467, or e mail at [vredman@southwestranches.org](mailto:vredman@southwestranches.org).

All Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with General Provisions, Section 2 and accompanied by the documentation referenced therein, at a minimum.

The Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST.**, at Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

Proposals requested shall be set forth in the Proposal and the Proposal Form attached to and forming a part of the Specifications.

Prior to execution of a contract, Proposer shall submit to Town a copy of its non-discrimination policy, which shall be consistent with the non-discrimination requirements of the contract. In the event that Proposer does not have a written non-discrimination policy, Proposer shall be required to sign a statement affirming their non-discrimination policy conforms with Section 2.35, of the Request for Proposals.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.

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**SECTION 1  
GENERAL INFORMATION**

**1.1 ISSUING OFFICE**

This Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is issued by the Town of Southwest Ranches, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the “Town”), by and through its Senior Procurement and Budget Officer Department (“Department”). The Department is the *sole* point of contact concerning this RFP. All communications regarding this RFP must be done through the Department (*See* Section 1.7, Contact Person).

**1.2 PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT**

The Department is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced firms for all material, labor, tools, equipment, machinery and supplies necessary to eradicate and discourage further growth of invasive exotic plant species (species identified as Category 1 and 2 invasive exotics on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2019 list of invasive species) within a site containing approximately 2.5 acres of pond/wetland area in 2 separate locations within the Town's Rolling Oaks Passive Open Space Park.

The Substantial Completion of the Project shall occur no later than **fourteen (14) calendar days** from date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed, and Final Completion shall occur no later than **thirty (30) calendar days** from date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

**1.3 NON-MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

The Non-Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held on **Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST** in Council Chambers located at Town Hall, 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330. There will be a Town representative available to answer questions relative to this RFP however, proposers should not rely on any representations, statements, or explanations other than those made by this RFP or a formal Amendment to the RFP. Any questions or comments arising subsequent to the Pre-Proposal Conference must be presented, in writing, to the Contact Person (*See* Section 1.7) prior to the date and time stated in the Timetable (*See* Section 1.5).

In accordance with the provisions of ADA, auxiliary aids or services will be provided upon request with at least five (5) days’ notice.

**1.4 QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSERS**

Evidence that the Proposer holds appropriate licenses to perform the work subject to this Proposal, and as required by Florida Statutes and local law, must be submitted along with Proposal. Proposers must also have insurance and bonding capacity sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this solicitation, as set forth herein.

The proposer is required to have the following license and must be able to provide proof of five (5) years of experience performing similar duties on a project of this size. The Town will make the determination of the validity of this information.

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Required License: Florida Pest/Herbicide Category 5A (aquatic pest control) and 21 (natural areas weed management) licenses; licensed by the State of Florida to apply herbicide in wetland habitats. The licensed applicator must be on-site during any herbicide application; demonstrated competence in distinguishing between beneficial species and invasive exotic/nuisance species.

All herbicide applications must be conducted under the direct supervision of a person currently licensed by the State of Florida to apply herbicide in the related habitat. The licensed applicator must be on-site during any herbicide application.

**1.5 TIMETABLE**

The anticipated schedule and deadline for this RFP and award is as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date, Time and Location</b>
RFP available for download on website	<b>On or about Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at:</b> http://southwestranches.org/procurement or Demandstar.com
Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference	<b>Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST.</b> At Council Chambers located at 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330
Deadline for Written Comments/Questions	<b>Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST.</b> To Office of the Senior Budget and Procurement Officer, via e-mail to vredman@southwestranches.org
Response to Written Comments/Questions	<b>Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST.</b>
Deadline for Submission of Proposals	<b>Friday, May 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST.</b> At 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330
Public Opening	<b>Friday, May 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST.</b> At Council Chambers located at 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330
Selection Committee meeting(s) and Oral Presentations (if necessary)	To be Determined
Award Date	To be Determined

\*The Town reserves the right to modify the timetable. Upon modification of the Timetable, notice will be provided to all proposers online via DemandStar.com and the Town website.

**1.6 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

It is anticipated that sealed bids will be opened at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022**, in Council Chambers located at 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

All bids must include the appendices, signed by an officer of the proposing entity or other authorized person.

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The submission of a signed Proposal by a Proposer will be considered by the Town as constituting a legal offer by the Proposer to provide services required by this RFP at the proposed price identified therein.

No proposals will be accepted after the deadline for submission of proposals or at any location other than the location designated in this RFP.

Facsimile or email submittals will not be accepted. Proposals delivered or received after 11:00 a.m. EST. on the above referenced date will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any uncertainty regarding the time a Proposal is delivered or received will be resolved against the Proposer.

### **1.7 CONTACT PERSON**

The individual designated as “Contact Person” for this RFP is:

Venessa Redman, Sr. Procurement & Budget Officer  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330  
Phone: 954-343-7467  
Fax: (954) 434-1490  
Email: [vredman@southwestranches.org](mailto:vredman@southwestranches.org)

### **1.8 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/AMENDMENT(S)**

Any questions, comments (i.e., additional information or clarifications) must be made, in writing via fax, e-mail, or U.S. Mail no later than **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. EST**, to the address listed in this RFP Timetable (*See* Section 1.5) or fax number or e-mail address listed for the Contact Person (*See* Section 1.7). The request must contain the RFP number, proposer’s name, address, phone number, facsimile number and e-mail address.

Changes to this RFP, when necessary, will be completed by written Amendment(s) issued prior to the deadline for submission of proposals. The proposer should not rely on any representations, statements, or explanation other than those made by this RFP or in any amendment to this RFP. Where there appears to be a conflict between this RFP and any amendment issued, the last amendment issued shall prevail.

Amendments to this RFP will be posted on the Town of Southwest Ranches website which can be accessed at <http://southwestranches.org/procurement/> and the DemandStar.com E-Bidding platform

It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to routinely check for any amendments which may have been issued prior to the deadline for submission of proposals. The Town shall not be responsible for the completeness of any RFP package not downloaded from this website or received directly from the Department. A proposer may verify with the designated Contact Person (*See* Section 1.7), that proposer has received all amendments to this RFP prior to the submission of its proposal.

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Proposers should not rely on any oral representations, statements, or explanations other than those made by this RFP or a formal amendment to RFP.

## **1.9 PROCUREMENT CODE**

Article IX of the Town's Code of Ordinances (ORD 22-005) establishes specific directions and guidelines for employees and agents of the Town to use in purchasing commodities and services. All requests for commodities and/or services, and all purchases shall be for a public purpose and in accordance with this code. This code provides the policies and procedures that frame the purchasing of contractual services and commodities starting with defining the procurement and proceeding through award of the contract or purchase order. The Town is committed to a system that provides quality, integrity, and competition in a professional manner. Generally, purchasing procedures provide a mechanism to allow commodities and services to be purchased at the lowest possible cost, and consistent with the quality needed to meet the requirements of the Town.

In addition to the procedures set forth in this code, the Town shall also adhere to the requirements of Florida Statutes, to the extent applicable to the Town.

## **1.10 CONE OF SILENCE**

The Cone of Silence means a prohibition on any communication regarding this RFP between a potential vendor, service provider, proposer, bidder, lobbyist, or proposer and the Town Council members, the Town's professional staff, including, but not limited to, the Town Administrator and his or her staff, or any member of the Town's selection or evaluation committee. See **Article IX, Sec. 2-208(c) for additional information**, including permitted exceptions to the Cone of Silence.

The Cone of Silence shall be imposed at the time of the advertisement of this RFP and shall terminate at the beginning of the Town Council meeting at which the Town Administrator makes his or her written recommendation to the Town Council. However, if the Town Council refers the solicitation back to the administrator, staff or committee for further review, the Cone of Silence shall be re-imposed until such time as the administrator makes a subsequent written recommendation and commencement of the Council meeting. The Cone of Silence shall also terminate in the event the Town Administrator cancels the solicitation.

Prior to an award, violation of this the Cone of Silence shall result in the disqualification of the proposer from further consideration. Discovery of a violation after an award by a particular proposer shall render any RFP award to said proposer voidable by the town, and in the Town's sole discretion.

## **1.11 PUBLIC OPENING**

A public opening, of sealed Proposals, will take place on **Friday, May 27, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. EST**, in Council chambers at Town hall 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330.

The identity of the Proposers shall be read aloud. However, no additional information set forth in the Proposal shall be made public until the time of a notice of an "Recommendation of Award" or

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30 days from the Proposal Opening, whichever is earlier, and in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 119.

After opening of Proposals, the Town will look for any unbalanced Proposals to ensure that unit prices are within industry standards and that the Proposers are not charging excessive unit prices for those items the Town will utilize. The Town intends to award a Contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible Proposer in accordance with the terms of this RFP and the Town's Procurement Code.

In the award of a Contract pursuant to this RFP, the services shall be provided on a "non-exclusive" basis, and the Town may utilize the services of other vendors as may be deemed necessary at the Town's discretion.

### **1.12 DISCLAIMER**

All documents and information, whether written, oral or otherwise, provided by the Town, relating to this RFP, are being provided solely as an accommodation and for informational purposes only, and the Town is not making any representations or warranties of any kind as to the truth, accuracy, or completeness of such documents or information, or as to the sources thereof. The Town shall have no liability whatsoever relating to such documents and information. Parties shall not be entitled to rely on such documents and information but shall have a duty to independently verify the accuracy of the information contained therein. Failure on the part of any proposer to examine, inspect and be knowledgeable of the terms and conditions of RFP, or any other relevant documents or matters, shall not relieve the selected proposer from fully complying with this RFP.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all portions of any Proposal, to reject all Proposals, to waive any informality, non-material irregularity or technicality in any Proposal, to re-advertise for Proposals, or take any other such actions that may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the Town regarding the minimum or total amount of services that may be purchased from the contract or award. The quantities and frequencies provided herein, are for proposal purposes only and, will be used for tabulation and presentation of the Proposal. The Town reserves the right to increase or decrease service quantities and frequencies, as deemed necessary to serve the best interests of the Town.

### **1.13 NOTICE TO PROCEED**

It is recommended that Proposer attend a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference (*See* Section 1.5).

Proposer shall be instructed to commence work by written instructions by the Town Administrator or his designee by issuance of a Notice to Proceed. The Notice(s) to Proceed will not be issued until proposer submits to the Town all required bonds, insurance certificates and/or other documents and after execution of the Contract by both parties.

Proposer shall furnish sufficient forces and equipment and shall work such hours, including overtime operations, as may be necessary to timely perform the work in accordance with the Agreement. If proposer falls behind the progress schedule, Proposer shall take such steps as may

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be necessary to improve its progress by increasing the number of shifts, overtime operations, and days of work as may be required, at no additional cost to the Town.

**SECTION 2**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**2.1 ADHERENCE TO REQUIREMENTS**

Proposer guarantees its commitment, compliance, and adherence to all requirements of this RFP by submission of its proposals.

**2.2 MODIFIED PROPOSAL**

Proposer may submit a modified proposal to replace all or any portion of a previously submitted proposal until the deadline for submission of proposals specified in the RFP Timetable (*See* Section 1.5). The Town will only consider the latest proposal submitted.

**2.3 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL**

A Proposal may be withdrawn, only by written notification to the Town, prior to the opening of Proposals (*See* Section 1.5). After the opening of Proposals, they shall be irrevocable for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days. Unless withdrawn, as provided in this section, a Proposal shall be irrevocable until the time that a Contract is awarded. Proposers who unilaterally withdraw a Proposal, without permission of the Town, prior to the expiration of one hundred and twenty day (120) time-frame may be debarred and are subject to forfeiture of the Proposal Security.

**2.4 LATE PROPOSAL, LATE MODIFIED PROPOSAL**

Proposals and/or modifications to proposals received after the deadline for submission of proposals specified in the RFP Timetable (*See* Section 1.5) shall not be considered.

**2.5 RFP POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION**

Notwithstanding any provision of this RFP to the contrary, the Town, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right to reject any and all, or parts of any and all proposals; commence a new solicitation process; postpone or cancel this RFP process; and/or waive any non-material irregularities in this RFP or the proposals received as a result of this RFP. In addition, the Town of Southwest Ranches Town Council may reject any proposal prior to award.

Failure on the part of the awarded Proposer to comply with the terms of this RFP, to execute and deliver any required Contract Documents, bonds, and insurance, will result in the cancellation or rescission of the award, and a forfeiture of the Proposal security. In that event, the Town may proceed to award the contract to the next lowest, responsive and responsible Proposer, or to re-advertise the project, in its sole discretion

## **2.6 COSTS INCURRED BY PROPOSER**

All expenses incurred with the preparation and submission of a proposal to the Town, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne by the proposer.

## **2.7 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Proposer is hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of, proposals will be available for public inspection after the opening of proposals, in compliance with Chapters 119 and 286, Florida Statutes, popularly known as the “Public Records Law” and the “Government in the Sunshine Law” respectively.

## **2.8 RIGHT TO PROTEST**

For purposes of this RFP, the term “**Purchasing Code**” shall mean Chapter 2, Article IX, of the Town of Southwest Ranches Code. Section 2-213 of the Code is hereby incorporated into this RFP by reference (“Bid Protest”). By responding to this RFP, the proposer agrees that the Bid Protest procedures set forth in the Code are applicable to this RFP and shall comply with said procedures.

Any proposer may protest a recommendation of award, by submitting a written protest within five (5) business days after posting the Notice of Award Recommendation. Protests must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Senior Procurement and Budget officer at 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 and delivered via hand delivery, or mail.

## **2.9 RULES; REGULATIONS; LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

Proposer shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the services contemplated herein, including, but not limited to, those applicable to conflict of interest and collusion. Proposer is presumed to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations which may in any way affect the services offered, including, but not limited to, Executive Order No. 11246 entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity” as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, and as supplemented by the Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR, Part 60).

The Town, at its discretion, reserves the right to inspect Proposer’s facilities to determine their capability of meeting the requirements of this RFP and the Contract Award. Also, price, responsibility, and responsiveness of Proposer, including the financial position, experience, staffing, equipment, materials, references of Proposer, and past history of service by Proposer to the Town and/or with other units of state, and/or local government in Florida, or comparable private entities, may be taken into consideration in the award of a Contract. If the project involves services or costs based upon a unit price or ongoing services, the Town reserves the right to reduce the level of service, within its sole discretion.

## **2.10 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

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Proposals will be evaluated by the Selection Committee (the “SC”) process. The SC will evaluate and rank the Proposals received in accordance with the requirements of this RFP and the Town’s Procurement Code. The SC will analyze Proposals to ensure that unit prices are within industry standards and that the Proposers are not charging excessive unit prices. The SC may require an interview or presentation to assist their evaluation of the services and prices being offered.

Proposals shall be evaluated based on the following point system:

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Points</b>
1. Price (Proposal Forms);	<b>50</b>
3. Detailed & Relevant experience	<b>30</b>
4 .References	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

**2.11 CONTRACT AWARD**

The Town intends to award a contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible Proposer whose Proposal meets the requirements of this RFP, and in accordance with the Town’s Procurement Code.

The Town reserves the right to award the Contract on a split order basis, group by group, or item by item, or such combination as will best serve the interests of the Town. Final determination and award of Contract shall be made by the Town Council.

In the award of a Contract, the services shall be provided on a “non-exclusive” basis, and the Town may utilize the services of other vendors as may be deemed necessary at the Town’s discretion.

**2.12 WRITTEN CONTRACT**

The successful Proposer shall be required to enter into a written Contract with the Town, the Contract form shall be prepared by the Town, and shall incorporate the terms of this RFP, the accepted Proposal, and include a termination for convenience clause and other terms which may be required by the Town or its Procurement Code, and acceptable to the Town Council. The Contract shall be substantially in the form attached to this RFP, as Exhibit A. No Work shall be performed or payment due unless a written Contract is fully executed and has been approved by the Town Council.

**2.13 ASSIGNMENT**

This RFP and any contract awarded pursuant hereto shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Town and to any and all of its successors and assigns, whether by merger, consolidation, and transfer of substantially all assets or any similar transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contract is personal to the Proposer, and Proposer may not, either directly or indirectly, assign its rights or delegate its obligations to the Town hereunder without first obtaining

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the Town's consent in writing. Any such attempted assignment or delegation shall be deemed of no legal force and effect whatsoever.

**2.14 CANCELLATION**

Failure on the part of the awarded Proposer to comply with the terms of this RFP and to execute and deliver any required Contract Documents and insurance, will result in the cancellation or rescission of the award. In that event, the Town may proceed to award the Contract to the responsive and responsible Proposer with the next highest ranking by the selection committee, or to re-advertise the RFP, in its sole discretion.

**2.15 RELATION TO PARTIES**

It is understood and agreed that nothing contained in this RFP or the Contract shall be deemed to create a partnership or joint venture with the Town. Proposer shall be in the relation of an independent contractor and is to have entire charge, control and supervision of the Work to be performed hereunder.

**2.16 COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

Proposer shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances of any Federal, State, or Local Governmental authority having jurisdiction, with respect to this RFP and any contract awarded, and shall obtain and maintain any and all material permits, licenses, approvals and consents necessary for the lawful conduct of the activities contemplated hereunder.

**2.17 WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

The Town shall not in any way be answerable or accountable for any violations of applicable laws or for any injury, loss or damage arising from the negligence, acts or omissions of Proposer or any one of its employees, subcontractors or agents, or anyone else for whose actions Proposer may be responsible.

**2.18 INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, including Florida Statutes, Section 725.06, Proposer hereby agrees to and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees (at both the trial and appellate levels), to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of Proposer and persons employed or utilized by Proposer in the performance of the Contract or anyone else for whose actions Proposer may be responsible, regardless of the partial fault of any party indemnified hereunder.

**2.19 SECONDARY/OTHER VENDORS**

The Town reserves the right, in the event the primary vendor cannot provide an item(s) or service(s) in a timely manner as requested, to seek other sources without violating the intent of the RFP or any contract awarded.

## **2.20 DEFAULT PROVISION**

In case of default by Proposer, the Town may procure the articles or services from other sources and hold Proposer/Contractor responsible for any excess costs occasioned or incurred thereby.

## **2.21 GOVERNING LAW**

The validity of this RFP and the Contract awarded and the interpretation and performance of all of their respective terms shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The location of any action or proceeding commenced under, pursuant, or relating to this RFP or the Contract shall be in the State Courts of Florida located in Broward County, Florida.

## **2.22 DISPUTES**

After an award of the Contract, disputes shall be resolved as set forth in the Contract form which is attached to this RFP, as Exhibit A. Any default under this RFP shall subject Proposer to liability for any and all damages to Town caused thereby. Proposer agrees to reimburse Town for all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees and costs, incurred by the Town by reason of such default whether or not suit is brought, and in any litigation commenced, at both the trial and appellate levels.

## **2.23 REMEDIES FOR BREACH**

Should the selected proposer fail to perform after Contract execution, the Town shall notify Proposer in writing of such failure to perform and Proposer shall have fourteen (14) days to cure such failure or such shorter time as may be set forth in the Contract. If Proposer fails to cure, then the Town shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract for cause. In that event, the Town shall also be free to sue Proposer for damages, in addition to any other right or remedy that it may have under the Contract, at law or in equity. Nothing herein shall be construed as precluding the Town's right to terminate the Contract for convenience, and as set forth in the Contract.

## **2.24 PUBLIC RECORDS LAW**

The Town is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, "Public Records Law." No claim of confidentiality or proprietary information, in all or any portion, of a response will be honored unless a specific exemption from the Public Law exists and is cited in the response. An incorrectly claimed exemption does not disqualify the firm, only the exemption claimed. Proposer acknowledges the public shall have access, at all reasonable times, to all documents and information pertaining to the Town's contracts, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and agrees to allow access by the Town and the public to all documents subject to disclosures under applicable law.

In accordance with Florida Statutes, 119.071(1)(b)(2) Sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from public disclosure until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids,

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proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier. To the extent that Proposer has been provided access to or has received security sensitive information, as defined by Florida Statutes, Section 119.071, and/or has executed a Confidential Information Acknowledgement and Agreement as part of the RFP process, Proposer shall keep and maintain the security-sensitive information as confidential and exempt from public disclosures, as required by Florida Statutes.

Proposer agrees to keep and maintain public records required by the Town to perform the service in Proposer's possession or control in connection with Proposer's performance under this RFP and any Contract awarded, and upon the request from the Town's custodian of public records, to provide the Town with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable amount of time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law. Proposer shall 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 Proposer does not transfer the records to the Town.

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

Proposer's failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this section shall result in the immediate termination for cause of the Contract by the Town.

IF THE PROPOSER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO PROPOSER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT PHONE: (954) 434-0008; EMAIL: RMUNIZ@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG; RUSSELL MUNIZ, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, 13400 GRIFFIN ROAD, SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, 33330.

## **2.25 CONTRACT PROVISIONS (EXHIBIT "A")**

2.25.1 Agreement. The selected proposer will be required to execute a contract in a form and substance similar to the attached example agreement (Exhibit "A"), subject to negotiated exceptions.

2.25.2 Authorization to Sign. In addition to executing an agreement, the selected proposer will be required to complete a corporate resolution or notarized statement, indicating that the person having executed the Contract is authorized to legally bind the proposing entity. Additionally, if a selected proposer is a partnership, all general partners must sign the Contract and

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the notarized statement. If the selected proposer is a joint venture, all members of the joint venture must sign the Contract and the notarized statement.

**2.26 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

It shall be the responsibility of the selected proposer to provide evidence of the minimum amounts of insurance coverage as specified herein. The selected proposer shall, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, maintain in full force and effect, at all times during the term of the Contract, insurance coverages and limits (including endorsements) as described herein. Failure to maintain the required insurance shall be considered a material default of the Contract. The requirements contained herein, as well as the Town's acceptance of insurance maintained by the selected proposer, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the selected proposer under the Contract.

**2.27 ADDITIONAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

All insurance policies shall name and endorse the following as additional named insureds:

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Attn: Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator  
13400 Griffin Road.  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

The additional named insured endorsement shall be reflected on the Certificate of Insurance.

All insurance shall be issued by companies rated "A-" or better per A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, latest edition, and authorized to issue insurance in the State of Florida. It shall be the responsibility of the vendor and insurer to notify the Town Administrator of cancellation, lapse, or material modification of any insurance policies insuring the vendor, which relate to the activities of such vendor and the Town.

Such notification shall be in writing, and shall be submitted to the Town Administrator within thirty (30) days prior to cancellation of such policies. This requirement shall be reflected on the Certificate of Insurance.

Proposer is required to submit a list of claims presently outstanding and claims within the past ten (10) years against its liability coverage. This information must be provided by and signed by the agent of the insurance carrier. If no outstanding claims exist, a statement of this fact must be signed by the agent of the insurance carrier.

Failure to fully and satisfactorily comply with the Town's insurance requirements set forth herein will authorize the Town Administrator to implement a rescission or cancellation of the Proposal award within thirty (30) days of awarding. Proposer hereby holds the Town harmless and agrees to indemnify the Town and covenants not to file a Proposal protest or sue the Town by virtue of such cancellation or rescission.

**2.28 INSURANCE COVERAGE**

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The selected proposer will maintain, during the period of the contract, minimum insurance coverage as follows:

- (a) Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance. Worker's Compensation Insurance is to apply to all employees in compliance with the "Workers' Compensation Law" of the State of Florida and all applicable federal laws. Proposer shall carry Worker's Compensation Insurance with the statutory limits, which shall include employer's liability insurance with a limit of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for each incident, and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for each disease. Policy(ies) must be endorsed with waiver of subrogation against the Town.
  
- (b) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance Proposer shall carry Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage, and not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in the aggregate. The insurance policy must include coverage that is no more restrictive than the latest edition of the commercial general liability policy, without restrictive endorsements as filed by the Insurance Service Office (ISO). and the policy must include coverage's for premises and/or operations, independent contractors, products and/or completed operations for contracts, contractual liability, broad form contractual coverage, broad form property damage, and personal injury. Personal injury coverage shall include coverage that has the employee and contractual exclusions removed. The ISO form of the
  
- (c) Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. Proposer shall carry business automobile liability insurance with minimum limits listed below. The policy must be no more restrictive than the latest edition of the business automobile liability policy without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office, and must include all owned vehicles and all hired or non-owned vehicles.

\$500,000

Combined Single Limit, Bodily  
Injury and Property Damage  
Liability per occurrence

**2.29 COMMENCEMENT OF WORK**

The Town shall have no obligations whatsoever to any Proposer by virtue of this RFP or any negotiations conducted hereunder. The Town's obligations shall not commence until an Agreement is approved and executed by the Council. The Town will not be responsible for any work conducted by a Proposer, even if performed in good faith, if such work occurs prior to the approval and execution of the Agreement by the Town Council.

**2.30 NON-DISCRIMINATION & EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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Proposer shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, age, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental handicap, or marital status. Proposer shall take affirmative action to ensure all applicants are employed, and all employees are treated during their employment without regard to their race, religion, age, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental handicap, or marital status. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

Proposer agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause. Proposer further agrees that he/she/it will ensure that subcontractors, if any, will be made aware of and will comply with this non-discrimination clause.

Proposer understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of any resulting contract and may result in termination of the Contract, disqualification or debarment of Proposer from participating in the Town contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party.

**2.31 DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST**

The Disclosure of Ownership Interest Affidavit (“DOIA”) (Appendix “C”) must be completed on behalf of any individual or business entity that seeks to do business with the Town, when applicable. Disclosure does not apply to nonprofit corporations, government agencies, or to an individual's or entity's interest in any entity registered with the Federal Securities Exchange Commission or registered pursuant to Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, whose interest is for sale to the general public.

Upon request from the Department, the selected proposer shall submit a completed DOIA within a reasonable time, as requested. If the selected proposer fails to submit a completed DOIA in a timely manner, the Town, at its sole discretion, may elect to cancel the recommended award.

**2.32 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The award of any Contract hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Proposer must disclose, with its Proposal, the name of any officer, director, partner, associate, agent, advisory board member or client/customer who is also an officer, former officer, or employee of the Town of Southwest Ranches or its agencies.

**2.33 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES/DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF THE RIGHT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH PUBLIC ENTITIES**

Pursuant to the provisions of 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes:

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods

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or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for Category Two for a period of thirty six (36) months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Proposer shall complete the attached Sworn Statement on Public Entity Crimes (Appendix “E”), and submit it with its proposal.

**SECTION 3**  
**PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

**3.1 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT**

3.1.1 Format. Proposals should include only brief and concise narrative. Clearly describe the scope of services proposed inclusive. Include details of your approach and work plans. A brief statement must be included which explains why your approach and plan would be the most effective and beneficial to the Town of Southwest Ranches. The enclosure of elaborate or unnecessary verbiage or promotional material is discouraged.

The Department reserves the right to request additional information to be used for evaluating responses received from any or all proposers, including, but not limited to, additional references or financial information. Further, the Department retains the right to disqualify from further consideration any proposer who fails to demonstrate sufficient ability to perform under the Agreement.

Notwithstanding these submittal requirements, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive any minor irregularity relating to the proposal. Upon request, it shall be the responsibility of the proposer to address the determined minor irregularity within a time frame specified by the Department (normally within two (2) business days of request). Failure of a proposer to provide the required information within the specified time frame is considered sufficient cause to deem the proposal non-responsive.

The proposal should identify the contact person supervisory personnel who will work on the project. Resumes of each person should be provided with emphasis being given to their experience with similar work.

3.1.2 Technical Proposal. Proposals must contain all of the documents included in the appendix, each fully completed, signed and notarized, as required. Failure of a Proposer to provide the required information is considered sufficient cause to deem the proposal non-responsive.

Proposers must use the Proposal form(s) furnished by the Town and included in the appendix of the RFP. Failure to do so may cause the Proposal to be rejected. Removal or replacement of any of the Proposal documents may invalidate the Proposal. Also, Proposals having an erasure or corrections must be initialed by the Proposer in ink. Proposals shall be signed

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in ink; and all pricing shall be typewritten or filled in with ink. A Proposal submission in pencil will not be accepted.

All items should be submitted as a part of the proposal prior to the deadline for submission of proposals (*See* Section 1.5); however, if the item(s) marked by an asterisk (\*) are not applicable, the proposer must submit such item(s) marked Not Applicable (“N/A”) or the proposal shall be deemed non-responsive.

The original Proposal document package must not be bound; however, spiral binding and binder clips are acceptable for the submission of the document copies. One (1) unbound original and two bound (2) copies as well as one (1) in digital format (USB in .pdf file format) of the complete Proposal must be received by the Deadline for Submission of Proposals specified in this RFP. Double sided printing is permitted. For the purpose of reviewing the responsiveness of the Proposals, the digital format (USB in .pdf file format) must contain three separate files, including:

- A PDF of the complete Proposal
- A separate PDF of Appendices, except Appendix B
- A separate PDF of Appendix B - Price Schedule

Due on **Friday, May 27, 2022, by 11:00 a.m. EST**, one (1) unbound original and two (2) bound copies as well as one (1) in digital format (USB in .pdf file format) of the complete Proposal must be timely delivered to:

Venessa Redman, Senior Procurement and Budget Officer  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330  
Phone: 954-434-7467  
Fax: 954-434-1490  
Email: [vredman@southwestranches.org](mailto:vredman@southwestranches.org)

The Department reserves the right to request additional information to be used for evaluating responses received from any or all proposers, including, but not limited to, additional references or financial information. Further, the Department retains the right to disqualify from further consideration any proposer who fails to demonstrate sufficient ability to perform under the Agreement.

Upon request, it shall be the responsibility of the proposer to address the determined minor irregularity within a time frame specified by the Department (normally within two (2) business days of request). Failure of a proposer to provide the required information within the specified time frame is considered sufficient cause to deem the proposal non-responsive. Notwithstanding these submittal requirements, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive any non-minor irregularity relating to the proposal.

### **3.2 PROPOSAL SCHEDULE**

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Each proposer shall submit a completed Proposal Schedule, included as Appendix “B”. Pricing in the Proposal Schedule shall include all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the work in accordance with the contract documents, schedules, plans, and all issued addenda.

Proposer warrants that the prices, terms, and conditions quoted in the Proposal Schedule will be firm for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of the Proposal opening. If there is a discrepancy in the unit and extended prices, the calculated total price based on unit prices shall prevail. Proposers are responsible for checking their calculations. Failure to do so will be at the Proposer’s risk, and errors will not release the Proposer from performance of the Contract at the Proposal price.

**SECTION 4**  
**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**4.1 QUANTITIES**

The Town specifically reserves the right to accept all or any part of the proposal, to split the award, to increase or decrease the quantity to meet additional or reduced requirements of the Town, without such change affecting the contract price set forth in the proposal form by the Proposer.

**4.2 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Contract Documents comprise the entire agreement between the Town and Contractor concerning the Work. Any Work, materials or equipment that may be reasonably inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result will be supplied whether or not specifically called for. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association, or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority, or to any licenses and conditions thereof, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code, laws, regulations or license in effect at the time of executing the Contract, unless otherwise specifically stated.

If during the performance of the Work, Proposer finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, proposer shall immediately report findings to the Town in writing, and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the Town, before proceeding with the Work affected by the findings. Failure to obtain such written interpretation or clarification before proceeding, shall result in a conclusive forfeiture and abandonment of any claim by Proposer for additional compensation and/or time, which could have been avoided by such interpretation or clarification, and Proposer shall bear all costs associated with removal, replacement, correction, repair or restoration of such Work.

**4.3 PROSECUTION OF THE WORK**

After receiving notice to commence with the work for a particular project the Proposer shall commence promptly within five (5) working days and shall efficiently prosecute the work with adequate personnel and equipment until final completion. The Substantial Completion of the Project shall occur no later than fourteen **(14) calendar days** from the date of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, and Final Completion shall occur no later than **thirty (30) calendar days**

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from date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Failure to comply with either time requirement shall result in Liquidated Damages, assessed on a work order basis and in the amounts shown in Section 2.4.2 of the Agreement.

#### **4.4 CHANGE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE OR CONTRACT TIME**

The Proposal price constitutes the total compensation, subject to authorized adjustments, payable to the Proposer for the complete and timely performance of the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by Proposer shall be at his expense without change in the proposal Price or Time.

#### **4.5 SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION**

The Town may, at any time and without cause, suspend Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety (90) days by notice in writing to Proposer. Proposer shall resume work on a date so determined by the Town. Proposer shall not be allowed an increase in the Contract Price for any such suspension lasting not more than ninety (90) days. If, through no fault of Proposer, the Work is suspended for a period of more than ninety (90) days, then Proposer may, upon seven (7) days' written notice to the Town, terminate the Contract and recover from the Town payment for all Work properly executed up to the date of the notice, including reasonable overhead and profit, except as otherwise limited by this RFQ or the Contract;. Provided however, that in no event shall Town be liable for consequential damages, including but not limited to, lost profits on Work not yet performed. The Town may terminate all Work if Proposer violates any provisions of the Contract Documents. In such case, the Town may, after giving Proposer written notice pursuant to the Contract, terminate the services of the Proposer, exclude Proposer from the site, take possession of the Work including Proposer's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery, and finish the Work as the Town may deems appropriate under the circumstances. In such case, Proposer shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If cost of completing the Work exceeds the unpaid balance, Proposer shall promptly pay the difference to the Town.

The Town will not make award to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM).

Where Proposer's services have been terminated by the Town, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of the Town against Proposer or any surety then existing, or which may thereafter accrue. Any payment of monies due Proposer by the Town will not release the Proposer from liability for unfinished or defective Work and such payment shall not be evidence of acceptance of any defective Work.

Upon written notice to Proposer, the Town may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, elect to abandon the Work and terminate the Contract at the Town's convenience. In such case, Proposer shall be paid for all Work executed and any direct and reasonable expense sustained up to the date of receipt of the written notice. In no event shall Town be liable for consequential damages, including but not limited to, lost profits on Work not yet performed.

#### **4.6 PAYMENT**

The payment to Contractor is for all materials, labor, services, equipment and all else necessary to fully complete the Work. The Work includes all items as per contract required for completion of the Contract.

Proposer shall render all Work to the Town at the quoted price stipulated in the Proposal and Proposal Form and Town shall pay Proposer for the satisfactory and timely completion of the Work in strict accordance with the Contract Documents at prices stipulated in Proposal Form.

In no event shall Town be liable for any cost increases or price escalations associated with labor, services, materials, equipment, or any other charges that may arise during the performance of the Work, regardless of any delays in the Work, whether occasioned by Town or Proposer, or both. In the event the cost of the Work exceeds the amounts set forth and included in the Contract Price, Proposer shall pay such excess from its own funds and Town shall not be required to pay any part of such excess. The only exception shall be adjustments to the Contract Price pursuant to any written Change Order executed by Town and Proposer in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP and the Contract.

Town and Proposer agree that payment under the Contract will be subject to (a) the delivery of an appropriate invoice or payment application by Proposer to Town, and (b) verification by Town that the Work is acceptable and has been performed in strict accordance with the Contract. Upon verification by Town that the invoiced Work has been satisfactorily performed in strict accordance with the Contract, Town shall have thirty (30) days thereafter to pay the invoice, or such undisputed portion as Town determines in its sole discretion.

No payment will be made for Work performed by the Proposer to replace defective work and for work which is not shown or ordered, and which is outside the limits shown or ordered, or additional work performed by Proposer without prior written approval of Town. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing or consenting to waive sovereign immunity or permitting liens to be asserted against the Town's property.

The Town Administrator may withhold, in whole or in part, payment for Work deemed inadequate or defective which has not been remedied in a manner satisfactory to the Town Administrator. The amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by Town. Payment may be withheld for Proposer's failure to comply with terms, conditions, or requirements of the Agreement.

#### **4.7 METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The method of payment (check/credit card) is at the Town's discretion. The Town may choose to compensate vendors for goods and/or services via a Town Purchasing Card ("P-CARD"). Payments made by P-CARD shall be accepted on a "same as cash" basis. No other costs, including but not limited to, service charge, fee, or penalty shall be billed to the Town, for payments rendered by P-Card.

**SECTION 5  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**5.1 DEFINITIONS**

ADDENDA. Written or graphic instruments which clarify, correct, or revise the proposal documents or the Contract Documents for Request for Proposal 21-005.

BOND Proposal, performance and payment bonds which guarantee performance of obligations specified in the Contract.

CHANGE ORDER. A document which amends the scope of services, scheduling, or pricing within the executed Contract.

CONTRACT. A written Agreement with the Town which incorporate the terms of this RFP, the accepted Proposal, and delineates the Work to be performed and other terms which may be required by the Town or its Procurement Code, and acceptable to the Town Council.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The Contract, Addenda, Contractor's Proposal (including documentation accompanying the Proposal), the Bonds if required, these General Conditions, and any Drawings, Exhibits and Attachments referenced in this RFP, together with all amendments, modifications and supplements issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract.

CONTRACT PRICE. The monies payable by Town for services provided by the Contractor and in compliance with Contract standards.

DAY. Shall mean calendar day, unless otherwise specified.

DEFECTIVE. An adjective which when modifying the word Work refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, applicable codes, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to Town's final payment.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT. The latest execution date of the Contract.

FINAL COMPLETION. Work completed in compliance with industry standards, contract provisions, and passed final inspection.

PROJECT. The whole or any part of the Work to be provided under this RFP and the Contract Documents.

PROPOSAL. The offer or proposal to perform all services required in Request for Proposal.

PROPOSER. A person or entity who submits an offer to perform the Work required in the RFP.

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION is defined as the date upon which the last of all the following events have occurred:

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- (i) All necessary approvals and licenses have been issued/obtained with respect to the Work by the appropriate governmental authorities;
- (iii) All Work has been completed; and

SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER. The person or entity with whom Town has entered into the Contract with for performance of the Work, as described in RFP 22-011.

TOWN. Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida.

WORK. The result of performing services, furnishing labor, furnishing and incorporating materials and equipment, as required by the RFP, Contract Documents and addendums.

## **5.2 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Contract Documents comprise the entire agreement between the Town and Proposer concerning the Work. The Instructions to Proposers, Proposal Form, Proposal Bond, Contract, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, General Conditions, Special Conditions, and Scope of Work, together with all Addenda

If during the performance of the Work, Proposer finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, Proposer shall immediately report findings to the Town in writing and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the Town.

## **5.3 Protection of Property**

The Contractor shall take extra precaution to protect all property while conducting services. All existing structures, utilities, services, roads, trees, shrubbery, etc. shall be protected against damage or interrupted services at all times by the Contractor during the term of this project; and the Contractor shall be held responsible for repairing or replacing property which is damaged by reason of the Contractor's operation on the property to the satisfaction of the Town.

## **5.4 Disposal of Waste**

The selected contractor will be responsible to remove and properly dispose of any waste existing on site. The selected contractor will be responsible to remove and properly dispose of any excess material and debris resulting from the work. Contractor shall properly dispose, at its own cost, of any waste resulting from the work being performed. It is incumbent upon the contractor to become familiar with the existing conditions of the site, to determine the type of equipment necessary to successfully provide the specified services.

## **5.5 Contractor's Equipment**

All equipment shall be maintained in a safe operating condition while performing work under this contract. Contractor shall at all times maintain proper safety devices while equipment is in use. If equipment does not contain proper safety devices and/or is being operated in an unsafe manner, the Town shall direct the contractor to remove such equipment and/or the operator until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the Town of Davie. The contractor shall be

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responsible for injury to persons or property caused by the improper maintenance or operation of the equipment.

**SELECTION CRITERIA/SCORING**

***Price (To be submitted in a separately sealed envelope) (50 Points)***

- Total cost over the project.

***Qualifications and experience (30 Points)***

- Qualifications shall include degrees, professional certifications, and any other relevant credential for Proposer and staff performing services under the Contract.
- A brief description of any anticipated problems solved when performing a similar
- Feedback from current and past clients of individual/firm regarding similar services.

***References (20 Points)***

- Quality of reference letter/s submitted and/or oral presentations.

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**APPENDIX A  
PROPOSER INFORMATION**

**[Please print clearly]**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FEIN: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OR COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach copy of license)

LICENSE LIMITATIONS, IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach a separate sheet, if necessary)

LICENSEE SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER'S PHONE NUMBER: Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Corporation/Entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Corporation/Entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of President or Authorized Principal

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (If the Proposer is a Corporation, affix corporate seal)

**APPENDIX B  
PROPOSAL SCHEDULE**

**Technical Specifications:**

1. Treatments shall cause minimal damage to existing native plant communities. The methods to be utilized for the control of exotic plant species will be based on the specific site-conditions
2. Use of herbicides shall be restricted to those approved per herbicide labeling by U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use in or around aquatic situations and/or nuisance species encroaching upon planted or desirable recruited vegetation. The successful proposer must submit copies of herbicide labels and MSDS sheets to the Town prior to utilization.
3. The successful proposer must dispose of aquatic herbicide containers properly as regulated by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Florida Air and Water Pollution control Act and the Florida Pesticide Law.
4. Hand-pulling of invasive exotic or nuisance species shall be preferable where possible to achieve complete removal of plant with root system. In cases where hand-pulling of the species is not possible or will not achieve the desired goal of control/eradication, herbicidal application and other removal methods shall be utilized.
5. All invasive exotic and nuisance species either hand-pulled, sprayed with herbicide in place, or trimmed shall be removed from the site and disposed of by the successful proposer if the resulting debris impedes the future growth of desirable plants.
6. The successful proposer shall notify the Town at least two (2) days prior to each treatment as to the time and date of treatment.
7. The successful proposer shall email or deliver to the Town, after each treatment, a report showing the areas treated, type of treatment, chemicals used, condition of weed growth, number of workers on the job site, and hours required to perform the work.
8. Localized application of herbicide (via backpack sprayer unit, or hand painting or wicking of individual plants) shall be preferable. No broadcast or indiscriminate spraying of herbicides, which may cause death or stress of planted or desirable recruited vegetation, will be acceptable unless approved in writing by the Town.
9. The successful proposer shall be responsible for any damage, death, or stress of planted or desirable recruited vegetation caused by application of herbicides or any other action by the successful proposer. Any questions regarding herbicide use as it applies to liability of the successful proposer shall be directed to the Town.
10. The successful proposer shall demonstrate competence in distinguishing between beneficial species and invasive exotic/nuisance species. If any planted or beneficial species are removed or destroyed due to the successful proposer's performance, it shall be the successful proposer's responsibility to replace them, in kind, at its own expense, in a timely fashion, when chemical residue has subsided and it is safe to do so.

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11. Debris, including garbage debris (including paper, cans, bottles etc.) shall also be removed from the buffer area around the perimeter of the ponds) during the project. Any garbage found in the interior area must also be removed.
12. All herbicide spot treatment shall be done using a tracking dye. Contractor shall provide MSDS sheets for the dye product being used.

This site contains approximately 2.5 acres of pond/wetland area in 2 separate locations within the Town's Rolling Oaks Passive Open Space Park. The goal of the project is to check or eradicate and discourage further growth of invasive exotic plant species (species identified as Category 1 and 2 invasive exotics on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's 2019 list of invasive species) within the ponds. The site is open and accessible for proposers to view during daylight hours.

Upland Perimeter Cleanup:	Amount \$
Cut and remove all invasive exotic tree and shrub species around the outside perimeter of both ponds. Species to include ear leaf acacia, bishofia, Brazilian pepper and primrose willow, and any other category I or II invasive exotic species found within the project site.	
All cut vegetation to be removed from site and disposed of properly.	
Treat all remaining stumps and stems with a site labeled herbicide.	
Treat any small saplings (less than 12 inches in height) in place and allow to decompose naturally.	
<b>Pond Interior Cleanup:</b>	
Cut and remove all live cattail growth.	
Cut cattail vegetation to be removed from site and disposed of properly.	
Allow at least 2 weeks for cattail to begin to regrow, and treat all regrowth with label approved herbicide.	
Any exotic tree or shrub species growing in the interior of the ponds or on tree islands within the ponds are to be treated in place with appropriately labeled herbicide and left to decompose naturally	
Treat all herbaceous exotic species with appropriately labeled herbicide and allow to decompose naturally.	
<b>Optional Add/Alternate:</b>	
Remove heavy willow growth around the perimeter within 25 feet in from the perimeters.	

The undersigned hereby proposes to furnish all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the work in strict accordance with the Contract Documents, schedules and plans, and all addenda, if issued, for the lump sum price shown below.

**Total Bid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Excluding Optional Add/Alternate**

**Proposer : \_\_\_\_\_**

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**APPENDIX C**  
**DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST AFFIDAVIT**

**TO: TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES**  
**OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE**

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

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as “Affiant,” who being by me first duly sworn, under oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. Affiant appears herein as:

an individual or

the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

[position—e.g., sole proprietor, president, partner, etc.] [name & type of entity—e.g., ABC Corp., XYZ Ltd. Partnership, etc.]. The Affiant or the entity the Affiant represents herein seeks to do business with the Town of Southwest Ranches through its the Town Council.

2. Affiant’s address is:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is a complete listing of the names and addresses of every person or entity having a five percent (5%) or greater interest in the Affiant’s corporation, partnership, or other principal. Disclosure does not apply to profit corporations, government agencies, or to an individual’s or entity’s interest in any entity registered with the Federal Securities Exchange Commission or registered pursuant to Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, whose interest is for sale to the general public.

4. Affiant acknowledges that this Affidavit is given to comply with the Town of Southwest Ranches’ policy, and will be relied upon by the Town of Southwest Ranches. Affiant further acknowledges that he or she is authorized to execute this document on behalf of the entity identified in paragraph one, if any.

5. Affiant further states that Affiant is familiar with the nature of an oath and with the penalties provided by the laws of the State of Florida for falsely swearing to statements under oath.

6. Under penalty of perjury, Affiant declares that Affiant has examined this Affidavit and to the best of Affiant’s knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

*AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NAUGHT.*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Affiant  
(Print Affiant Name)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of

physical presence or  online notarization,

this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022,

by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person acknowledging).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Notary Name)  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ at Large  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX D  
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

Proposer must certify that they will provide a drug-free workplace. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

- 1) Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- 2) Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 3) Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under Proposal a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
- 4) In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under Proposal, 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 or plea.
- 5) Impose a sanction on (or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, if such is available in the employee's community), any employee who is so convicted or takes a plea.
- 6) Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

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

**PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSER FIRM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX E**  
**SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(3)(a) FLORIDA STATUTES**  
**ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted to \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
whose business address is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is \_\_\_\_\_

2. I understand that a “public entity crime” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid, proposal, reply or contract for goods or services, any lease for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

3. I understand that “convicted” or “conviction” as defined in Para. 287.133(1) (b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

4. I understand that an “affiliate” as defined in Para. 287.133(1) (a), Florida Statutes, means:

(i). A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or

(ii). An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term “affiliate” includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm’s length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

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5. I understand that a “person” as defined in Para. 287.133(1) (e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which Proposals or applies to Proposal on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term “person” includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

6. The statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (Indicate which statement applies.)

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

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

However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO, OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

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PROPOSER: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of

physical presence or  online notarization,

this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022,

by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person acknowledging).

Notary Public - State of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

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

(Printed, typed, or stamped commissioned name of notary public)

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**APPENDIX F  
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss:

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn deposes and says that:

- (1) He/She is the \_\_\_\_\_(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of \_\_\_\_\_, the proposer that has submitted the attached Proposal;
- (2) He/She is fully informed with respect to the preparation and contents of the attached Proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Proposal;
- (3) Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal;
- (4) Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other proposer, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Work for which the attached Proposal has been submitted; or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Work; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication, or conference with any proposer, firm, or person to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements of the Proposal or of any other proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements of the Proposal price or the Bid price of any other proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the proposed Work; and
- (5) The price or prices quoted in the attached Proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of Proposer or any other of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of

physical presence or  online notarization,

this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022,

by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person acknowledging).

Notary Public - State of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

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

(Printed, typed, or stamped commissioned name of notary public)

**APPENDIX G  
ANTI-LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FORM**

1. The prospective participant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:
  - a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
  - b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
2. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Certified By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(type or print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPENDIX H  
PROPOSER CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The Contract will be awarded only to a responsible and eligible proposer, qualified by experience and capable of providing required insurance, and bonds and in a financial position to do the Work specified within the Invitation For Bids, and which can complete the Work within the time schedule specified.

At the time of the Bid, the proposer shall hold all Contractor and other qualification certificates and licenses required to be held by the Contractor by Florida Statutes or ordinances of the Town of Southwest Ranches and Broward County in order to perform the Work which is the subject of this Invitation For Bids.

1. All license, certificate and experience requirements must be met by the proposer (as opposed to the Subcontractor) at the time of Bid submission. Bids submitted by proposer who do not directly hold required licenses and certificates or who rely on a Subcontractor to meet the license, certificate or experience criteria will be rejected. By executing this Form and submitting its Bid, proposer represents that it meets the requirements set forth above, and as set forth in the Bid Documents, and acknowledges and understands that such representation is material and that the Town shall be relying on this representation with respect to a Contract award.

Proposer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's License and License number(s) (attach copies of license(s) required for the work described in this IFB):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

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State of Florida

County of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of

physical presence or  online notarization,

this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022,

by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person acknowledging).

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

NOTARY Public Records of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

Name of Notary Public: (Print, Stamp, or type as Commissioned)

Proposer's Firm: \_\_\_\_\_









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**APPENDIX M  
PROPOSAL BOND – NOT REQUIRED**

**Bond No.** \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSAL BOND

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )

) ss:

County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, as Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Town of Southwest Ranches, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, in the penal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and successors jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the Principal has submitted the accompanying Proposal, dated \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ for:

**“RFP 21-005 Website Design Services”**

NOW, THEREFORE,

- (a) If said Proposal shall be rejected, or in the alternate
- (b) If said Proposal shall be accepted and the Principal shall properly execute and deliver to said Town the appropriate Contract Documents, including any required insurance and bonds, and shall in all respects fulfill all terms and conditions attributable to the acceptance of said Proposal, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise, it shall remain in force and effect, it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall in no event exceed the amount of this obligation as herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above bonded parties have executed this instrument under their several seals this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, the name and the corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents being duly signed by its undersigned representative.

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PROPOSER: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

IN PRESENCE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(Individual or Partnership Principal)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/State/Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Phone)

SURETY: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/State/Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Phone)

**IMPORTANT**

Surety companies executing bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.

Countersigned by Florida Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**APPENDIX N**  
**GOVERNMENTAL CONTACT INFORMATION -- NOT REQUIRED**

Please list NAME OF AGENCY, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND CONTACT PERSON of any other Governmental Agencies or Quasi-governmental agencies for which you have conducted business on similar project within the past five years.

<b>NAME OF AGENCY</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>

PROPOSER FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX O**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONFORMANCE WITH O.S.H.A. STANDARDS**

TO THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES:

\_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledges and agrees that as Contractor for the Town of Southwest Ranches within the limits of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, we have the sole responsibility for compliance with all requirements of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health regulations, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Southwest Ranches, including its Council Members, officers and employees, from and against any and all legal liability or loss the Town may incur due to \_\_\_\_\_'s failure to comply with such regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTRACTOR

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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

PROPOSER FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX P**  
**PROPOSER CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The Contract will be awarded only to a responsible and eligible proposer, qualified by experience and capable of providing required insurance, and bonds and in a financial position to do the Work specified within the Request For Proposals, and which can complete the Work within the time schedule specified.

At the time of the Proposal, the proposer shall hold all Contractor and other qualification certificates and licenses required to be held by the Contractor by Florida Statutes or ordinances of the Town of Southwest Ranches and Broward County in order to perform the Work which is the subject of this Request For Proposals.

All license, certificate and experience requirements must be met by the proposer (as opposed to the Subcontractor) at the time of Proposal submission. Proposals submitted by proposer who do not directly hold required licenses and certificates or who rely on a Subcontractor to meet the license, certificate or experience criteria will be rejected. By executing this Form and submitting its Proposal, proposer represents that it meets the requirements set forth above, and as set forth in the Proposal Documents, and acknowledges and understands that such representation is material and that the Town shall be relying on this representation with respect to a Contract award.

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's License and License number(s) (attach copies of license(s) required for the work described in this RFP):

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

PROPOSER FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

**[Signatures on next page]**

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State of Florida

County of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of

physical presence or  online notarization,

this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022,

by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person acknowledging).

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

NOTARY Public Records of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

Name of Notary Public: (Print, Stamp, or type as Commissioned)

PROPOSER FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX Q  
PROPOSER EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

The proposer's response to this questionnaire will be utilized as part of the Town's Proposal Evaluation and Contractor selection. Proposer must have current licensures applicable to this type of work and must have experience on comparable work.

**(MUST COMPLETE EVEN IF ADDITIONAL REFERENCE PAGE SUPPLIED)**

List comparable contract experience and client references:

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Person Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Person Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Person Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_



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**APPENDIX S**  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

Proposer shall indicate receipt of any addendum by initialing below for each addendum received.

Addendum No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**[Remainder of page intentionally left blank]**

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**APPENDIX T**  
**LIABILITY CLAIMS**

Please list the following information for all Liability Claims for the past ten (10) years:

1. Name and Location of project: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
  2. Contact information for Project Owner:
    - a. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
    - d. Email: \_\_\_\_\_
  
  3. Nature of Claim: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
  4. Date of Claim: \_\_\_\_\_
  
  5. Resolution Date of Claim and how resolved: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
  6. If applicable:
    - a. Court Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. County: \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. State: \_\_\_\_\_
- PROPOSER FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

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W-9

**INSERT W – 9**  
**Must be current October 2018, signed, dated and**  
**legible W-9**

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**PROOF OF INSURANCE**

**INSERT PROOF OF INSURANCE**

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**\* APPENDIX W**  
**STATEMENT OF NO RESPONSE**

Recipients of this solicitation may elect not to respond. The Town is interested in learning the reason(s) for non-response. If you elect **not** to respond with an offer to this solicitation, the Town requests that the reason(s) are indicated below, and this form is returned to:

Venessa Redman, Senior Procurement and Budget Officer  
Town of Southwest Ranches  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330  
or  
Email: [vredman@southwestranches.org](mailto:vredman@southwestranches.org)

REASONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Do not offer this product/service or equivalent.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule would not permit.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Insufficient time to respond to solicitation.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to meet specifications / scope of work.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications "too tight" (i.e. geared to specific brand or manufacturer).
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications not clear.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to meet bond and / or insurance requirements.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Solicitation addressed incorrectly, delayed in forwarding of mail.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Explanation provided below or by separate attachment).

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Town may delete the names of those persons or businesses who fail to respond to three (3) solicitations, who fail to return this Statement, or as requested.

Desire to receive future Town solicitations?     Yes     No

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX X  
ANTI-LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FORM**

1. The prospective participant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Certified By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(type or print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**APPENDIX Z**  
**INSERT PROOF OF E-VERIFY REGISTRATION**

**Proposer MUST provide copy of MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING including page with Proposer Name and EIN number.**

**Download from <https://www.e-verify.gov/employers>**

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**EXHIBIT “A”**



AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

AND

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**AGREEMENT FOR**

**RFP NO.: 22-011**

**ROLLING OAKS PASSIVE OPEN SPACE PARK POND CLEANUP**

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT (the “Contract”) made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the Town of Southwest Ranches, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Florida, (hereinafter referred to as the “Town”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”).

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to contract for RFP NO.: 22-011 Rolling Oaks Passive Open Space Park Pond Cleanup (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town advertised an Request For Proposals, RFP No. 22-011 on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (“RFP”); and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_ Proposals were received by the Town on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has adopted Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ at a public meeting of the Town Council approving the recommended award and has selected \_\_\_\_\_ for award of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor’s Proposal is attached to this Contract as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing promises and the mutual terms and conditions herein, the Town and Contractor hereby agree as follows:

**Section 1: Scope of Services**

1.1 Upon execution of this Contract, Contractor agrees to perform the duties and responsibilities as defined herein and in the RFP to which this Contract is EXHIBIT “A” and which is made a part hereof by this reference (the “Work”). This Contract, as well as all Exhibits, the RFP, Contractor’s Proposal, including all forms attached thereto, and all addenda, specifications, drawings and plans, shall be hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Contract Documents” and incorporated herein by reference. To the extent of any conflict among the Contract Documents, the more stringent criteria relative to Contractor’s performance of the Work shall govern over the less stringent criteria.

1.2 All Work rendered pursuant to this Contract by Contractor shall be performed in accordance with the applicable standard of care for persons or entities performing similar work in Broward County, Florida. Contractor shall perform the Work in strict accordance with the requirements of this Contract, all of the Contract Documents, good workman practices for right-of-way maintenance services performed in Broward County, Florida and all applicable codes, ordinances, rules, laws and regulations governing the Work.

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- 1.3 By submitting its Proposal and entering into this Contract, Contractor represents that it has informed itself of the conditions that exist at the sites and difficulties associated with the execution of the Work. The existing site conditions have been accounted for within the Contract Price. Furthermore, all costs for the proper disposal of excess material generated onsite in the performance of the Work have likewise been included and accounted for within the Contract Price.

**Section 2: Term of this Contract and Contract Time**

- 2.1 The Town and Contractor agree that Contractor shall perform all Work under this Contract for: Contractor

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- 2.2 The Town shall have the ability to terminate this Contract as provided in “Section 18: Termination.”
- 2.3 Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim for damages against the Town on account of hindrance or delays from any cause whatsoever. If, however, Contractor is delayed in the prosecution of the Work occasioned by an act of God, or by act or omission on the part of the Town, or due to changes ordered in the Work by the Town which expand the scope and costs of the Work, such act, hindrance, or delay shall only entitle Contractor to receive an extension of time as its sole and exclusive remedy for such hindrance or delay, and Contractor waives any and all other claims against the Town.

**Section 3: Compensation & Method of Payment**

- 3.1 Contractor shall render all Work to the Town under the Contract for a total, not to exceed, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (“Contract Price”).
- 3.2 The Town shall not be liable for any cost increases or escalation associated with labor, services, materials, equipment or any other costs that may arise during the performance of the Work. In the event, the cost of the Work exceeds the amounts defined in Section 3.1, Contractor shall pay such excess from its own funds and the Town shall not be liable for any excess. The only exception shall be adjustments to the Contract Price pursuant to written Change Orders, duly executed by the Town and Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract, and with the same formality and dignity afforded the original Contract.
- 3.3 The Town and Contractor agree that payment will be subject to (a) the delivery of an invoice by Contractor to the Town once every thirty (30) days, and (b) confirmation by the Town, that the Work included in the invoice has been performed in accordance with this Contract. Upon verification by the Town that the invoiced Work has adequately been performed, the Town shall have thirty (30) days thereafter to pay the invoice.

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- 3.4 Each invoice must be accompanied by all supporting documentation and other information reasonably requested by the Town. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity or authority for imposition of liens against public property. Subject to other requirements of the Contract Documents, retainage shall be released after final completion of the Work and the Town's receipt of acceptable reports and other documentation, including certification of payment to subcontractors, if any, as well as satisfaction of the conditions included in Section 3.5 of this Contract.
- 3.5 A final payment invoice must be accompanied by written notice from Contractor that the Work is complete. Contractor's obligation to perform and complete the Work in strict accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. The Town may refuse payment if (a) the Work is defective or damaged requiring correction, (b) it becomes necessary for the Town to correct defective Work, or (c) liens, claims, or other items have been asserted against the Town in connection with Contractor's performance of the Work entitling the Town to a set-off the amount due. No payment will be made for Work performed by Contractor to replace defective work, for work which is not shown or ordered in the Contract Documents, or additional work performed by Contractor without prior written approval of the Town.

**Section 4: Assignment**

- 4.1 No assignment of this Contract or the Work hereunder shall be valid without the express written consent of the Town, which may be given or withheld, in the Town's sole discretion. All Work to be performed pursuant to this Contract shall be performed by Contractor, and no Work shall be subcontracted to other parties or firms without the prior written consent and approval of the Town Administrator.

**Section 5: Insurance**

- 5.1 Throughout the term of this Contract and during applicable statute of limitation periods, Contractor shall maintain, in full force and effect, all of insurance coverages required within the Contract and RFP.
- 5.2 All Insurance Policies shall be issued by companies that (a) are authorized to transact business in the State of Florida, (b) have agents upon whom service of process may be made in Broward County, Florida, and (c) have a rating of "A-" or better in accordance with A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide.
- 5.3 All Insurance Policies shall name and endorse the following as an additional named insured:

Town of Southwest Ranches  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

- 5.4 All Insurance Policies shall be endorsed to provide that (a) Contractor's insurance is primary to any other insurance available to the Town or any other additional insured with respect to claims covered under the policy and (b) Contractor's insurance applies separately

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to each insured, against whom claims are made or suit is brought, and (c) that the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the insurer's limit of liability. Self-insurance by Contractor shall not be acceptable for providing the required insurance coverages of this Contract.

- 5.5 If Contractor fails to submit the required insurance certificate, in the manner prescribed within the executed Contract, at the time of execution of this Contract, Contractor shall be deemed in default, and the Contract shall be cancelled or rescinded without liability of the Town.
- 5.6 Contractor shall carry the following minimum types of insurance:
- A. **WORKER'S COMPENSATION**: Worker's Compensation Insurance is to apply to all employees in compliance with the "Workers' Compensation Law" of the State of Florida and all applicable federal laws. Contractor shall carry Worker's Compensation Insurance with the statutory limits, which shall include employer's liability insurance with a limit of not less than **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** for each incident, and **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** for each disease. Policy(ies) must be endorsed with waiver of subrogation against the Town.
  - B. **BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE**: Contractor shall carry business automobile liability insurance with minimum limits of **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)** per occurrence, combined single limits bodily injury liability and property damage. The policy must be no more restrictive than the latest edition of the business automobile liability policy without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office, and must include all owned vehicles and all hired or non-owned vehicles.
  - C. **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY**: Contractor shall carry Commercial General Liability Insurance with limits of not less than **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)** per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage, and not less than **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)** in the aggregate. The insurance policy must include coverage that is no more restrictive than the latest edition of the commercial general liability policy, without restrictive endorsements as filed by the Insurance Service Office (ISO), and the policy must include coverages for premises and/or operations, independent contractors, products and/or completed operations for contracts, contractual liability, broad form contractual coverage, broad form property damage, products, completed operations, personal injury and explosion, collapse and underground (X-C-U). Personal injury coverage shall include coverage that has the employee and contractual exclusions removed. The ISO form of the policy must be acceptable to the Town.
- 5.7 Contractor shall provide the Town with a copy of the Certificates of Insurance or endorsements evidencing the types of insurance and coverages required by this Section

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prior to beginning Work under this Contract and, at any time thereafter, upon request by the Town.

- 5.8 Contractor's Insurance Policies shall be endorsed to provide the Town with at least thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice of cancellation, non-renewal, restrictions, or reduction in coverages or limits. Notice shall be sent to:

Town of Southwest Ranches  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

And

Keith M. Poliakoff, Esq.  
Government Law Group, PLLC  
200 South Andrews Avenue  
Suite 601  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

- 5.9 Contractor's Commercial General Liability Insurance policy shall be on an "occurrence" basis only and shall not be a "claims-made" policy.
- 5.10 If any of Contractor's insurance policies include a general aggregate limit and provides that claims investigation or legal defense costs are included in the general aggregate limit, the general aggregate limit that is required shall be at least five (5) times the occurrence limits specified above in this article.
- 5.11 Contractor shall not commence operations, and/or labor to complete any of the Work pursuant to this Contract until certification or proof of insurance issued directly by the insurance company underwriting department or insurance agent, detailing terms and provisions of coverage, has been received and approved by the Town.
- 5.12 If any of Contractor's initial insurance expires prior to the completion of the Work, renewal copies of Policies shall be furnished to the Town at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration, and the Town shall be an additional named insured by endorsement on all of Contractor's applicable renewal policies.
- 5.13 **UPON EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE TOWN COPIES OF ITS CERTIFICATE(S) OF INSURANCE EVIDENCING THE REQUIRED COVERAGES REQUIRED HEREIN AND SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE THE ENDORSEMENT TO THE POLICIES THAT SHOWS THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES IS AN ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIRED COVERAGES AND CONTRACTOR'S WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT.**
- 5.14 The official title of the owner is the Town of Southwest Ranches. This official title shall be used in all insurance policies and documentation.

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- 5.15 All required insurance policies shall preclude any insurer's or underwriter's rights of recovery or subrogation against the Town with the express intention of the parties being that the required insurance coverage protects both parties as the primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the above described insurance.
- 5.16 Contractor shall ensure that any company issuing insurance to satisfy the requirements contained in this Contract agrees that it shall have no recourse against the Town for payment or assessments in any form on any policy of insurance.
- 5.17 The clauses "Other Insurance Provisions" and "Insured Duties in the Event of an Occurrence, Claim or Suit" as it appears in any policy of insurance in which the Town is named as an additional named insured shall not apply to the Town in any respect. The Town shall use its best efforts to provide written notice of occurrence within thirty (30) working days after the Town's actual notice of such event.
- 5.18 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, Contractor's obligation to maintain all required insurance as specified in this Section of the Contract shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract.

**Section 6: Copyrights and Patent Rights**

Contractor warrants that there has been no violation of copyrights, trademarks, or patent rights in manufacturing, producing, and/or selling the item(s) ordered or shipped as a result of this Contract. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its employees, agents, or servants against any and all liability, loss, or expense resulting from any such violation(s).

**Section 7: Laws and Regulations**

Contractor agrees comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and codes in performing all Work under this Contract.

**Section 8: Taxes and Costs**

All federal, state and local taxes relating to Contractor's Work under this Contract and, similarly, all costs for licenses, permits, or certifications to perform the Work under this Contract shall be paid by Contractor.

**Section 9: Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, at both trial and appellate levels, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Contractor and persons employed or utilized by Contractor in the performance of the Work or anyone else for whose actions Contractor may be responsible, regardless of the partial fault of any party indemnified hereunder. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, Contractor's duty to indemnify, defend and hold the Town harmless shall survive the termination or earlier expiration of this Contract.

**Section 10: Non-discrimination**

Contractor shall not discriminate against any client, employee or applicant for employment because of race, gender, age, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental disability, or marital status. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants, subcontractors, independent contractors, and employees are treated without discrimination in regard to their race, gender, age, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental disability, or marital status. Contractor shall comply with all applicable sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Contractor agrees that compliance with this Article constitutes a material condition to this Contract, and that it is binding upon Contractor, its successors, transferees, and assigns for the period during which Work is provided. Contractor further assures that all subcontractors and independent contractors are not in violation of the terms of this Section of the Contract.

**Section 11: Sovereign Immunity**

Nothing in this Contract is intended, nor shall it be construed to waive or modify the Town's Sovereign Immunity defense or the Town's immunities and limitations on liability, as provided for in Florida Statutes, as worded or amended, and all Florida case law interpreting same.

**Section 12: Prevailing Party Attorneys' Fees**

In the event either party to this Contract incurs legal fees, legal expenses or costs to enforce the terms of this Contract on trial or on appeal, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable costs of such action so incurred, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and costs and expert witness fees and costs incurred.

**Section 13: No Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Contract is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto, and is not entered into for the benefit of any other person or entity. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create or confer any benefit, right or cause of action for any third party or entity.

**Section 14: Funding**

The obligation of the Town for payment to Contractor for the Work is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of any contractual relationship into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.

**Section 15: Manner of Performance**

Contractor agrees to perform all Work in a professional manner and in accordance with local, state, county, and federal laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, and codes. Contractor agrees that the Work provided shall be provided by employees that are legally employed, educated, trained, experienced, certified, and licensed in all areas encompassed within their designated duties. Contractor agrees to furnish to the Town any and all documentation, certification, authorization, license, permit, or registration currently required by applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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Contractor further certifies that it and its employees will keep all licenses, permits, registrations, authorizations, or certifications required by applicable laws or regulations in full force and effect during the term of this Contract. Contractor represents that all persons performing Work under this Contract have the knowledge and skills, either by training, experience, education, or a combination thereof, to adequately and competently perform the duties, obligations, and services set forth herein in a professional manner. Failure of Contractor to comply with this paragraph shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

**Section 16: Public Records**

The Town is subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, "Public Records Law." No claim of confidentiality or proprietary information in any portion of a response will be honored unless a specific exemption from the Public Law exists and is cited in the response. An incorrectly- claimed exemption does not disqualify the firm, only the exemption claimed. Contractor acknowledges the public shall have access, at all reasonable times, to all documents and information pertaining to the Town's contracts, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and agrees to allow access by the Town and the public to all documents subject to disclosures under applicable law.

To the extent that Contractor has been provided access to or has received security sensitive information, as defined by Florida Statutes, Section 119.071 and/or has executed a Confidential Information Acknowledgement and Agreement as part of the RFP process, Contractor shall keep and maintain the security sensitive information as confidential and exempt from public disclosures, as required by Florida Statutes.

Contractor agrees to keep and maintain public records required by the Town to perform the service in Contractor's possession or control in connection with Contractor's performance under this RFP and any contract awarded, and upon the request from the Town's custodian of public records, to provide the Town with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable amount of time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law. Contractor shall 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 Contractor does not transfer the records to the Town.

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

Contractor's failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this Section shall result in the immediate termination for cause of the Contract by the Town.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSTRUCTION'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT PHONE: (954) 434-0008; EMAIL: RMUNIZ@SOUTHWESTRANCHES.ORG; RUSSELL MUNIZ, ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, 13400 GRIFFIN ROAD, SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA 33330.**

**Section 17: Termination**

The Contract may be terminated upon the following events:

- A. **Termination by Mutual Agreement.** In the event the parties mutually agree, in writing, this Contract may be terminated on the terms and dates stipulated therein.
  
- B. **Termination for Convenience.** This Contract may be terminated for convenience by the Town upon the Town providing Contractor with **thirty (30) calendar days'** written notice of the Town's intent to terminate this Contract for convenience. In the event that this Contract is terminated by the Town for convenience, Contractor shall be paid ONLY for Work performed and approved by the Town as of the date that this Contract is terminated, plus any direct and reasonable expense sustained up to the date of receipt of the written notice. In no event shall the Town be liable for consequential damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits on Work not yet performed, and no other compensation or damages, other than as set forth in this Section, shall be paid to or recovered by Contractor in any legal proceeding against the Town. Upon being notified of the Town's election to terminate, Contractor shall immediately cease performing any further Work or incurring additional expenses. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that Ten Dollars (\$10.00) of the compensation to be paid by the Town, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged by Contractor, is given as specific consideration to Contractor for the Town's right to terminate this Contract for convenience.
  
- C. **Termination for Cause.** In the event of a material breach by Contractor, the Town shall provide Contractor written notice of its material breach. Contractor shall thereafter have fourteen (14) days from the date of its receipt of such notification to cure such material breach. If Contractor does not cure the material breach within that time period, the Town may terminate this Contract immediately. Material breaches shall include, but are not limited to, Contractor's violations of governing standards, failure to carry out the work in strict accordance with the Contract Documents, failure to supply sufficient work forces, violations of State or Federal laws, violation of the Town's policies and procedures, or violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Contract. In the event that the Town elects to terminate Contractor for cause, as provided for in this Section, and the Town's termination for cause is later determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be improper, or in any other way wrongful or in breach of this Contract, the termination will be automatically deemed converted to one for convenience, and Contractor shall

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solely be paid and Contractor's damages are solely limited to the compensation Contractor would be entitled to pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this Section.

- D. Termination for Lack of Funds.** In the event the funds to finance the Work under this Contract become unavailable, the Town may provide Contractor with thirty (30) days written notice of termination. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to prevent the parties from negotiating a new contract in this scenario. In the event that the Town elects to terminate Contractor for lack of funds as provided for in this Section, and the Town's termination for lack of funds is later determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be improper, or in any other way wrongful or in breach of this Contract, the termination will be automatically deemed converted to one for Convenience, and Contractor shall solely be paid and Contractor's damages are solely limited to the compensation Contractor would be entitled to pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this Section.
- E. Immediate Termination by the Town.** In addition to any other grounds stated herein, the Town, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Contract immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
1. Contractor's violation of the Public Records Act;
  2. Contractor's insolvency, bankruptcy or receivership;
  3. Contractor's violation or non-compliance with Section 11 of this Contract;
  4. Contractor's failure to maintain any Insurance required by Section 6 of this Contract; or
  5. Contractor's violation of Section 18 of this Contract.

If Contractor's services are terminated, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of the Town against Contractor, then existing, or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by the Town will not release Contractor from liability.

**Section 18: Public Entity Crimes Information Statement**

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 287.133: "A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to 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 vendor list." Violation of this Section by Contractor shall result in the Town's immediate termination of this Contract.

**Section 19: Use of Awarded Proposal by Other Governmental Units**

Contractor agrees that this Contract may be utilized by other governmental entities or units to provide the specified services. The Town does not become obligated, in any way, to pay for or become, in any way, responsible or liable for Contractor's provision of Work or services to any other governmental unit.

**Section 20: Change Orders and Modification of Contract**

The Town and Contractor may request changes that would increase, decrease or otherwise modify the scope of Work to be provided under this Contract. Such changes only become part of this Contract and increase, decrease or otherwise modify the Work or the Contract Price under this Contract if evidenced by a written Change Order executed by the Town and Contractor, with the same formality and of equal dignity associated with the original execution of the Contract.

**Section 21: No Waiver of Rights**

Neither the Town's review, approval or payment for any of the Work required under this Contract shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any of the Town's rights under this Contract or of any causes of action arising out Contractor's performance of the Work under this Contract, and Contractor shall be and remain liable to the Town for all damages to the Town caused by Contractor's negligent or improper performance of any of the Work furnished under this Contract, irrespective of the Town's review, approval or payment for any of the Work under this Contract. The rights and remedies of the Town provided for, under this Contract, are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided to the Town by law.

**Section 22: Jurisdiction and Venue**

The exclusive venue for any litigation arising from or relating to the Contract shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. This Contract shall be governed by the substantive laws of the State of Florida.

**Section 23: WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL**

**By entering into this Contract, CONTRACTOR and the TOWN hereby expressly waive any rights either party may have to a trial by jury in any civil litigation related to, or arising out of THIS Contract.**

**Section 24: Gender**

Wherever the context shall so require, all words herein in the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine, and all words herein in the feminine gender shall be deemed to include the masculine. All singular words shall include the plural, and all plural words shall include the singular.

**Section 25: Time is of the Essence**

Time is of the essence for all of Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

**Section 26: Days**

The terms “days” as referenced in this Contract shall mean consecutive calendar days.

**Section 27: Written Mutual Agreement**

This Contract is binding upon the parties hereto, their successors and assigns, and replaces and supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between the parties hereto, whether written or oral, which are merged herein.

**Section 28: No Amendment or Waiver**

This Contract may not be changed, altered or modified, except by an instrument in writing signed by all parties hereto, with the same formality and of equal dignity as the execution of this Contract prior to the initiation of any Work reflecting such change.

**Section 29: Severability**

In the event any term or provision of this Contract shall be determined by appropriate judicial authority to be illegal or otherwise invalid, such provision shall be given its nearest legal meaning so as to remain in full force and effect, or be deemed severed from the Contract so as not to affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Contract. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Contract shall be determined by appropriate judicial authority to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in any respect, the validity of the remaining provisions of this Contract shall be in no way affected, prejudiced, or disturbed thereby.

**Section 30: Resolution of Disputes; Florida Statutes, Chapter 558 Not Applicable**

To prevent litigation, it is agreed by the parties hereto that the Town Administrator shall solely decide all questions, claims, difficulties and disputes of, whatever nature, which may arise relative to this Contract, including, but not limited to, Contractor’s fulfillment of its obligations under this Contract as to the character, quality, amount and value of any Work done or proposed, to be done or furnished, under or by reason of, the Contract. Further, to the extent required or permitted by the agreement between the Town and its professional for this Project, the professional shall have access to the Work, the right to conduct testing or inspections, to reject non-conforming work, and to review pay applications. The Town Administrator’s decision shall be reduced to writing, and a copy furnished to Contractor within a reasonable time following submission to the Town of the question, claim, difficulty or dispute as referenced above. The Town Administrator’s decision shall be final and conclusive.

During the pendency of any dispute and after a determination thereof, Contractor and the Town shall act in good faith to mitigate any potential damages.

Any party objecting to a dispute determination must notify the other party in writing within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the written determination. The notice must state the basis of the objection, any adjustment claimed, and reason the party believes it entitled to an adjustment as a result of the determination. Within sixty (60) calendar days thereafter, the parties shall participate in mediation to address all objections to any dispute determination. Neither party shall commence

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litigation prior to the expiration of the sixty (60) day mediation period. The mediator shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties. Should any objection not be resolved in mediation, the parties retain all their legal rights and remedies provided under State law. A PARTY SPECIFICALLY WAIVES ALL OF ITS RIGHTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLAIMS FOR PRICE ADJUSTMENTS, PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ITS RIGHTS AND REMEDIES UNDER STATE LAW, IF SAID PARTY FAILS TO COMPLY IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. Contractor and the Town hereby waive any rights to a trial by jury.

**Section 31: Notice**

Whenever either party desires to give notice unto the other, such notice must be in writing by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission prior to 5:00 p.m. on the date of transmission (e.d.t. or e.s.t. as applicable), or via overnight express courier service. For the present, the parties designate the following individuals as the respective parties and places for giving of notice:

If to the Town:

Town of Southwest Ranches  
Town Administrator  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330

With a copy to:

Keith M. Poliakoff, Esq.  
Government Law Group, PLLC  
200 South Andrews Avenue  
Suite 601  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

If to Contractor:

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**Section 32: Miscellaneous**

- A. Ownership of Documents.** Unless otherwise provided by law, any and all reports, surveys, and other data and documents provided or created in connection with this Contract by Contractor and all persons or entities employed or otherwise retained by Contractor are and shall remain the property of the Town. In the event of termination of this Contract for any reason, any reports, photographs, surveys and other data and documents prepared by Contractor, whether finished or unfinished, shall become the property of the Town and shall be delivered by Contractor to the Town Administrator within seven (7) days of termination of this Contract for any reason. Any compensation due to Contractor shall be withheld until all documents are received by the Town as provided herein.

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- B. Audit and Inspection Rights and Retention of Records.** The Town shall have the right to audit the books, records and accounts of Contractor that are related to this Contract. Contractor shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to this Contract.

Contractor shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by the Town, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Contract for the required retention period of the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), if applicable, or, if the Florida Public Records Act is not applicable, for a minimum period of three (3) years after expiration or earlier termination of this Contract, unless Contractor is notified in writing by the Town of the need to extend the retention period. Such retention of such records and documents shall be at Contractor's sole expense. If any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period or three (3) years, whichever is longer, the books, records, and accounts shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. If the Florida Public Records Act is determined by the Town to be applicable to Contractor's records, Contractor shall comply with all requirements thereof.

However, no confidentiality or non-disclosure requirement of either federal or state law shall be violated by Contractor. Any incomplete or incorrect entry in such books, records, and accounts shall be a basis for the Town's disallowance and recovery of any payment upon such entry. In addition, Contractor shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor Contractors and allow successor Contractors to receive working papers relating to matters of continuing significance. In addition, Contractor shall provide a complete copy of all working papers to the Town, prior to final payment by the Town under this Contract.

- C. Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor of the Town under this Contract. Services provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to the supervision of Contractor. In providing such services, neither Contractor nor its agents shall act as officers, employees or agents of the Town. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security and health insurance, employee benefits, purchasing policies and other similar administrative procedures applicable to the Work and services rendered under this Contract shall be exclusively and solely those of Contractor. This Contract shall not constitute or make the Town and Contractor a partnership or joint venture.

- D. Conflicts.** Neither Contractor nor its employees shall have or hold any continuing or frequently recurring employment or contractual relationship that is substantially antagonistic or incompatible with Contractor's loyal and conscientious exercise of judgment related to its performance under this Contract. Contractor agrees that none of its officers or employees shall, during the term of this Contract, serve as an expert witness against the Town in any legal or administrative proceeding in which he or she is not a party, unless compelled by court process. Further, Contractor agrees that such persons shall not give sworn testimony or issue a report or writing, as an expression of his or her expert opinion, which is adverse or prejudicial to the interests of the Town in connection with any such pending or threatened legal or administrative proceeding. The limitations of this

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section shall not preclude Contractor or any other persons from representing themselves in any action or in any administrative or legal proceeding.

In the event Contractor is permitted to utilize subcontractors to perform any services required by this Contract, Contractor agrees to prohibit such subcontractors, by written contract, from having any conflicts within the meaning of this Section.

- E. Contingency Fee.** Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract. For a breach or violation of this provision, the Town shall have the right to terminate this Contract without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the Contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.
- F. Materiality and Waiver of Breach.** The Town and Contractor agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Contract and, therefore, is a material term hereof. The Town's failure to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Contract. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Contract.
- G. Joint Preparation.** The Town and Contractor both acknowledge that they have sought and received whatever competent advice and legal counsel as was necessary for them to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein and that the preparation of this Contract has been their joint effort. The language agreed to herein express their mutual intent and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.
- H. Drug-Free Workplace.** Contractor shall maintain a drug-free workplace.
- I. Headings.** Headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of this Contract.
- J. Binding Authority.** Each person signing this Contract on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Contract on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Contract.
- K. Truth-in-Negotiation Certificate.** Signature of this Contract by Contractor shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation of this Contract are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have made and executed this Contract on the respective dates under each signature: \_\_\_\_\_ and the TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, signing by and through its Mayor duly authorized to execute same by Council action on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

**WITNESSES:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Andrew D. Berns,  
Town Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keith M. Poliakoff, Town Attorney