

AGREEMENT FOR WATERWAY CLEANING AND ALGAL CONTROLS

THIS AGREEMENT for Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls (“Agreement”), made this ____ day of _____ 2024, is by and between the City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality (“City”), whose address is 101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 2100, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301-1016, and Aquatic Control Group Inc, a Florida corporation (“Contractor” or “Company”), whose principal address is 1501 NW 37th Street, Miami, Florida 33142, Phone: 305-546-4423, Email: aquaticplantmgt@gmail.com; (collectively, “Parties”).

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, Contractor agrees to provide waterway cleaning and algal controls (the “Work”), and the City and the Contractor covenant and agree as follows:

WITNESSETH:

I. DOCUMENTS

The following documents (collectively “Contract Documents”) are hereby incorporated into and made part of this Agreement:

- (1) Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 329 - Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls-Rebid, including any and all exhibits and addenda prepared by the City of Fort Lauderdale (“ITB” or “Exhibit A”).
- (2) The Contractor’s response to the ITB, dated July 8, 2024 (“Exhibit B”).

All Contract Documents may also be collectively referred to as the “Documents.” In the event of any conflict between or among the Documents or any ambiguity or missing specifications or instruction, the following priority is established:

- A. First, this Agreement dated _____, 2024 and any attachments.
- B. Second, Exhibit A.
- C. Third, Exhibit B.

II. SCOPE

The Contractor shall perform the Work under the general direction of the City as set forth in the Contract Documents.

Unless otherwise specified herein, the Contractor shall perform all Work identified in this Agreement. The Parties agree that the scope of services is a description of Contractor’s obligations and responsibilities, and is deemed to include preliminary considerations and prerequisites, and all labor, materials, equipment, and tasks which are such an inseparable part of the work described that exclusion would render performance by Contractor impractical, illogical, or unconscionable.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the City's Contract Administrator has no authority to make changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services to be provided under this Agreement. Any change orders to the Scope of Services or amendments to the Contract Documents must be authorized by the City Manager, or his designee, and approved by the City Commission whenever required in compliance with the Charter and Code of Ordinances for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

By signing this Agreement, the Contractor represents that it has thoroughly reviewed the documents incorporated into this Agreement by reference and that it accepts the description of the work and the conditions under which the Work is to be performed.

III. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on August 20, 2024, and shall end on August 19, 2027. The City reserves the right to extend this Agreement for two (2) additional one (1)-year terms, provided all terms, conditions and specifications contained herein remain the same, and the extension is mutually agreed to in writing and signed by both Parties. In the event the term of this Agreement extends beyond the end of any fiscal year of City, to wit, September 30th, the continuation of this Agreement beyond the end of the City's fiscal year shall be subject to and conditioned upon both the appropriation and the availability of funds.

IV. COMPENSATION

The Contractor agrees to provide the services and/or materials as specified in the Contract Documents at the cost specified in Exhibit B. It is acknowledged and agreed by Contractor that this amount is the maximum payable and constitutes a limitation upon City's obligation to compensate Contractor for Contractor's services related to this Agreement. This maximum amount, however, does not constitute a limitation of any sort upon Contractor's obligation to perform all items of work required by or which can be reasonably inferred from the Scope of Services. Except as otherwise provided in the solicitation, no amount shall be paid to Contractor to reimburse Contractor's expenses.

V. METHOD OF BILLING AND PAYMENT

Contractor may submit proper invoices for compensation no more often than monthly, but only after the services for which the invoices are submitted have been completed. An original invoice plus one copy are due within fifteen (15) days of the end of the month. Invoices shall designate the nature of the services performed and/or the goods provided.

City shall pay Contractor within forty-five (45) days of receipt of Contractor's proper invoice, as provided in the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act, as may be amended or revised.

To be deemed proper, all invoices must comply with the requirements set forth in this Agreement and must be submitted on the form and pursuant to instructions prescribed by the City's Contract Administrator. Payment may be withheld for failure of Contractor to comply with a term, condition, or requirement of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, City may withhold, in

whole or in part, payment to the extent necessary to protect itself from loss on account of inadequate or defective work that has not been remedied or resolved in a manner satisfactory to the City's Contract Administrator or failure to comply with this Agreement. The amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by City.

VI. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Indemnification

Contractor shall protect and defend at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to the City's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, fines, damages, settlements, judgments, claims, costs, charges, expenses, or liabilities, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of any act or omission by the Contractor or by any officer, employee, agent, invitee, subcontractor, or sublicensee of the Contractor. The provisions and obligations of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement. To the extent considered necessary by the City Manager, any sums due Contractor under this Agreement may be retained by City until all of City's claims for indemnification pursuant to this Agreement have been settled or otherwise resolved, and any amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by City.

B. Intellectual Property

Contractor shall protect and defend at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to the City's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City from and against any and all losses, penalties, fines, damages, settlements, judgments, claims, costs, charges, royalties, expenses, or liabilities, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of any infringement or allegation of infringement of any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right in connection with the Contractor's or the City's use of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, article, material, or device that is manufactured, provided, or used pursuant to this Agreement. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the Work.

C. Termination for Cause

The City may terminate this Agreement for cause if the Contractor has not corrected the breach within ten (10) days after written notice from the City identifying the breach. The City Manager may also terminate this Agreement upon such notice as the City Manager deems appropriate under the circumstances in the event the City Manager determines that termination is necessary to protect the public health or safety. The Parties agree that if the City erroneously, improperly, or unjustifiably terminates for cause, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience, which shall be effective thirty (30) days after such notice of termination for cause is provided.

This Agreement may be terminated for cause for reasons including, but not limited to, Contractor's repeated (whether negligent or intentional) submission for payment of false or incorrect bills or invoices, failure to perform the Work to the City's satisfaction; or failure to continuously perform the Work in a manner calculated to meet or accomplish the objectives as set forth in this Agreement.

D. Termination for Convenience

The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel this Agreement for convenience by giving written notice to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation. In the event this Agreement is terminated for convenience, Contractor shall be paid for any services performed to the City's satisfaction pursuant to the Agreement through the termination date specified in the written notice of termination. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it has received good, valuable, and sufficient consideration from City, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged by Contractor, for City's right to terminate this Agreement for convenience.

E. Cancellation for Unappropriated Funds

The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel this Agreement for unappropriated funds or unavailability of funds by giving written notice to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation. The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the Agreement into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise provided by law.

F. Insurance

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement and during any renewal or extension term of this Agreement, the Contractor, at the Contractor's sole expense, shall provide insurance of such types and with such terms and limits as noted below. Providing proof of and maintaining adequate insurance coverage are material obligations of the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide the City a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be from insurers authorized to write insurance policies in the State of Florida and that possess an A.M. Best rating of A-, VII or better. All insurance policies are subject to approval by the City's Risk Manager.

The coverages, limits, and endorsements required herein protect the interests of the City, and these coverages, limits, and endorsements may not be relied upon by the Contractor for assessing the extent or determining appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect the Contractor against any loss exposure, whether as a result of this Agreement or otherwise. The requirements contained herein, as well as the City's

review or acknowledgement, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the Contractor under this Agreement.

The following insurance policies and coverages are required: Commercial

General Liability

Coverage must be afforded under a Commercial General Liability policy with limits not less than:

- \$2,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury, Property Damage, and Personal and Advertising Injury
- \$2,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Products and Completed Operations

Policy must include coverage for contractual liability and independent contractors.

The City and the City's officers, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds with a CG 20 26 04 13 Additional Insured - Designated Person or Organization Endorsement or similar endorsement providing equal or broader Additional Insured Coverage with respect to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the City or the City's officers, employees, and volunteers.

Business Automobile Liability

Proof of coverage must be provided for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than the State of Florida required minimums unless a different amount is required by City Ordinance(s).

If Contractor does not own vehicles, Contractor shall maintain coverage for Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Coverage must be afforded per Chapter 440, Florida Statutes (2023). Any person or entity performing work for or on behalf of the City must provide Workers' Compensation insurance. Exceptions and exemptions will be allowed by the City's Risk Manager, if they are in accordance with Florida Statutes.

The Contractor waives, and the Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor's insurance carrier waives, all subrogation rights against the City and the City's officers, employees, and volunteers for all losses or damages. The City requires the policy to be endorsed with WC 00 03 13 Waiver of our Right to Recover from Others or equivalent.

The Contractor must be in compliance with all applicable State and federal workers' compensation laws, including the U.S. Longshore Harbor Workers' Act and the Jones Act, if applicable.

Insurance Certificate Requirements

- a. The Contractor shall provide the City with valid Certificates of Insurance (binders are unacceptable) no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of work contemplated in this Agreement.
- b. The Contractor shall provide to the City a Certificate of Insurance having a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10) days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium.
- c. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the certificate holder.
- d. In the event the Agreement term goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, the Contractor shall provide the City with an updated Certificate of Insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the insurance currently in effect. The City reserves the right to suspend the Agreement until this requirement is met.
- e. The Certificate of Insurance shall indicate whether coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the Certificate of Insurance must show a retroactive date, which shall be the effective date of the initial contract or prior.
- f. The City shall be named as an Additional Insured on all liability policies, with the exception of Workers' Compensation.
- g. The City shall be granted a Waiver of Subrogation on the Contractor's Workers' Compensation insurance policy.
- h. The title of the Agreement, Bid/Contract number, event dates, or other identifying reference must be listed on the Certificate of Insurance.

The Certificate Holder should read as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale
401 SE 21st Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

The Contractor has the sole responsibility for the payment of all insurance premiums and shall be fully and solely responsible for any costs or expenses as a result of a coverage deductible, co-insurance penalty, or self-insured retention; including any loss not covered because of the operation of such deductible, co-insurance penalty, self-insured retention, or coverage exclusion or limitation. Any costs for adding the City as an Additional Insured shall be at the Contractor's expense.

If the Contractor's primary insurance policy/policies do not meet the minimum requirements, as set forth in this Agreement, the Contractor may provide evidence of an Umbrella/Excess insurance policy to comply with this requirement.

The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as applied to the City and the City's officers, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self- insurance maintained by the City covering the City, the City's officers, employees, or volunteers shall be non-contributory.

Any exclusion or provision in the insurance maintained by the Contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this Agreement shall be unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

All required insurance policies must be maintained until the contract work has been accepted by the City, or until this Agreement is terminated, whichever is later. Any lapse in coverage shall be considered breach of contract. In addition, Contractor must provide to the City confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate should any policies expire prior to the expiration of this Agreement. The City reserves the right to review, at any time, coverage forms and limits of Contractor's insurance policies.

The Contractor shall provide notice of any and all claims, accidents, and any other occurrences associated with this Agreement shall be provided to the Contractor's insurance company or companies and the City's Risk Management office as soon as practical.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that any and all of the Contractor's independent contractors and subcontractors comply with these insurance requirements. All coverages for independent contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the applicable requirements stated herein. Any and all deficiencies are the responsibility of the Contractor.

G. Environmental, Health and Safety

Contractor shall place the highest priority on health and safety and shall maintain a safe working environment during performance of the Work. Contractor shall comply, and shall secure compliance by its employees, agents, and subcontractors, with all applicable environmental, health, safety and security laws and regulations, and performance conditions in this Agreement. Compliance with such requirements shall represent the minimum standard required of Contractor. Contractor shall be responsible for examining all requirements and determine whether additional or more stringent environmental, health, safety and security provisions are required for the Work. Contractor agrees to utilize protective devices as required by applicable laws, regulations, and any industry or Contractor's health and safety plans and regulations, and to pay the costs and expenses thereof, and warrants that all such persons shall be fit and qualified to carry out the Work.

H. Standard of Care

Contractor represents that it is qualified to perform the work, that Contractor and its

subcontractors possess current, valid state of Florida and/or local licenses to perform the Work, and that their services shall be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other qualified contractors under similar circumstances.

I. Rights in Documents and Work

Any and all reports, photographs, surveys, and other data and documents provided or created in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of City; and Contractor disclaims any copyright in such materials. In the event of and upon termination of this Agreement, any reports, photographs, surveys, and other data and documents prepared by Contractor, whether finished or unfinished, shall become the property of City and shall be delivered by Contractor to the City's Contract Administrator within seven (7) days of termination of this Agreement by either Party. Any compensation due to Contractor shall be withheld until Contractor delivers all documents to the City as provided herein.

J. Audit Right and Retention of Records

City shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of Contractor and Contractor's subcontractors that are related to this Agreement. Contractor shall keep, and Contractor shall cause Contractor's subcontractors to keep, such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to this Agreement. All books, records, and accounts of Contractor and Contractor's subcontractors shall be kept in written form, or in a form capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time, and upon request to do so, Contractor or Contractor's subcontractor, as applicable, shall make same available at no cost to City in written form.

Contractor and Contractor's subcontractors shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by City in Broward County, Florida, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for the required retention period of the Florida public records law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, if applicable, or, if the Florida Public Records Act is not applicable, for a minimum period of three (3) years after termination of this Agreement. 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 law is determined by City to be applicable to Contractor and Contractor's subcontractors' records, Contractor and Contractor's subcontractors shall comply with all requirements thereof; however, Contractor and Contractor's subcontractors shall violate no confidentiality or non-disclosure requirement of either federal or state law. Any incomplete or incorrect entry in such books, records, and accounts shall be a basis for City's disallowance and recovery of any payment upon such entry.

Contractor shall, by written contract, require Contractor's subcontractors to agree to the requirements and obligations of this Section.

The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the Agreement all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this Agreement.

K. Public Entity Crime Act

Contractor represents that the execution of this Agreement will not violate the Public Entity Crime Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, which essentially provides that a person or affiliate who is a contractor, consultant, or other provider and who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to City, may not submit a bid on a contract with City for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to City, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under an Agreement with City, and may not transact any business with City in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, for category two purchases for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this Section shall result in termination of this Agreement and recovery of all monies paid by City pursuant to this Agreement and may result in debarment from City's competitive procurement activities.

L. Independent Contractor

Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the supervision of the Contractor. In providing such services, neither Contractor nor Contractor's agents shall act as officers, employees, or agents of City. No partnership, joint venture, or other joint relationship is created hereby. The City does not extend to Contractor or Contractor's agents any authority of any kind to bind City in any respect whatsoever.

M. Inspection and Non-Waiver

Contractor shall permit the representatives of the City to inspect and observe the Work at all times.

The failure of the City to insist upon strict performance of any other terms of this Agreement or to exercise any rights conferred by this Agreement shall not be construed by Contractor as a waiver of the City's right to assert or rely on any such terms or rights on any future occasion or as a waiver of any other terms or rights.

N. Assignment and Performance

Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest herein shall be assigned, transferred,

or encumbered without the prior written consent of the other Party. In addition, Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the Work required by this Agreement, except as provided in the Schedule of Subcontractor Participation. City may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately, if there is any assignment, or attempted assignment, transfer, or encumbrance, by Contractor of this Agreement or any right or interest herein without City's prior written consent.

Contractor represents that each person who will render services pursuant to this Agreement is duly qualified to perform such services by all appropriate governmental authorities, where required, and that each such person is reasonably experienced and skilled in the area(s) for which he or she will render his or her services.

Contractor shall perform Contractor's duties, obligations, and services under this Agreement in a skillful and respectable manner. The quality of the Contractor's performance and all interim and final product(s) provided to or on behalf of the City shall be comparable to the best local and national standards.

In the event the Contractor engages any subcontractor in the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall ensure that all of Contractor's subcontractors perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Contractor shall be fully responsible for all of Contractor's subcontractors' performance, and liable for any of Contractor's subcontractors' non-performance and all of Contractor's subcontractors' acts and omissions. Contractor shall defend at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to City's approval or disapproval, and indemnify and hold City and City's officers, employees, and agents harmless from and against any claim, lawsuit, third party action, fine, penalty, settlement, or judgment, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, by or in favor of any of Contractor's subcontractors for payment for work performed for City by any of such subcontractors, and from and against any claim, lawsuit, third party action, fine, penalty, settlement, or judgment, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, occasioned by or arising out of any act or omission by any of Contractor's subcontractors or by any of Contractor's subcontractors' officers, agents, or employees. Contractor's use of subcontractors in connection with this Agreement shall be subject to City's prior written approval, which approval City may revoke at any time.

O. Conflicts

Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's 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 and care related to Contractor's performance under this Agreement.

Contractor further agrees that none of Contractor's officers or employees shall, during the term of this Agreement, serve as an expert witness against City in any legal or administrative proceeding in which he, she, or Contractor 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 City in connection with any such pending or threatened legal or administrative proceeding unless compelled by court process. The limitations of this section shall not preclude Contractor or any persons in any way from representing themselves, including giving expert testimony in support thereof, in any action or in any administrative or legal proceeding.

In the event Contractor is permitted pursuant to this Agreement to utilize subcontractors to perform any services required by this Agreement, Contractor agrees to require such subcontractors, by written contract, to comply with the provisions of this Section to the same extent as Contractor.

P. Schedule and Delays

Time is of the essence in this Agreement. By signing, Contractor affirms that it believes the schedule to be reasonable; provided, however, the Parties acknowledge that the schedule might be modified as the City directs.

Q. Materiality and Waiver of Breach

City and Contractor agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein was bargained for at arm's-length and is agreed to by the Parties in exchange for *quid pro quo*, that each is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and that each is, therefore, a material term hereof.

City's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement.

R. Compliance With Laws

Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

S. Severance

In the event a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the provisions not having been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable shall continue to be effective.

T. Limitation of Liability

The City desires to enter into this Agreement only if in so doing the City can place a

limit on the City's liability for any cause of action for money damages due to an alleged breach by the City of this Agreement, so that its liability for any such breach never exceeds the sum of \$1,000. Contractor hereby expresses its willingness to enter into this Agreement with Contractor's recovery from the City for any damage action for breach of contract or for any action or claim arising from this Agreement to be limited to a maximum amount of \$1,000 less the amount of all funds actually paid by the City to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

Accordingly, and notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Agreement, Contractor hereby agrees that the City shall not be liable to Contractor for damages in an amount in excess of \$1,000 which amount shall be reduced by the amount actually paid by the City to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement, for any action for breach of contract or for any action or claim arising out of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this paragraph or elsewhere in this Agreement is in any way intended to be a waiver of the limitation placed upon City's liability as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised.

U. Jurisdiction, Venue, Waiver, Waiver of Jury Trial

The Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the state of Florida. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. If any claims arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement must be litigated in federal court, the Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court or United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. **BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MIGHT HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUES RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. IF A PARTY FAILS TO WITHDRAW A REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL IN A LAWSUIT ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE BY THE OTHER PARTY OF VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PARTY MAKING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS OF THE OTHER PARTY IN CONTESTING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL, AND SUCH AMOUNTS SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COURT IN ADJUDICATING THE MOTION.**

V. Amendments

No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by the City's Mayor and/or City Manager, as determined by the City Charter and Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Contractor, or others delegated authority to or

otherwise authorized to execute same on their behalf.

W. Prior Agreements

This document represents the final and complete understanding of the Parties and incorporates or supersedes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein. The Parties agree that there is no commitment, agreement, or understanding concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that is not contained in this written document. Accordingly, the Parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representation or agreement, whether oral or written.

X. Payable Interest

Except as required and provided for by the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act, City shall not be liable for interest for any reason, whether as prejudgment interest or for any other purpose, and in furtherance thereof Contractor waives, rejects, disclaims and surrenders any and all entitlement it has or may have to receive interest in connection with a dispute or claim based on or related to this Agreement.

Y. Representation of Authority

Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a party hereto hereby represents and warrants that he or she is, on the date he or she signs this Agreement, duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate action to execute this Agreement on behalf of such party and does so with full legal authority.

Z. Uncontrollable Circumstances ("Force Majeure")

The City and Contractor will be excused from the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement when and to the extent that their performance is delayed or prevented by any circumstances beyond their control including, fire, flood, explosion, strikes or other labor disputes, act of God or public emergency, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, act or omission of any governmental authority, delay or failure or shortage of any type of transportation, equipment, or service from a public utility needed for their performance, provided that:

1. The non-performing party gives the other party prompt written notice describing the particulars of the Force Majeure including, but not limited to, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration, and continues to furnish timely reports with respect thereto during the period of the Force Majeure;
2. The excuse of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure;
3. No obligations of either party that arose before the Force Majeure causing the

excuse of performance are excused as a result of the Force Majeure; and

4. The non-performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform. Notwithstanding the above, performance shall not be excused under this Section for a period in excess of two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term. Economic hardship of the Contractor will not constitute Force Majeure. The term of the Agreement shall be extended by a period equal to that during which either Party's performance is suspended under this Section.

AA. Scrutinized Companies

The Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2023), and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. The City may terminate this Agreement at the City's option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

BB. Attorney Fees

If City or Contractor incurs any expense in enforcing the terms of this Agreement through litigation, the prevailing Party in that litigation shall be reimbursed for all such costs and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, and reasonable attorney fees incurred during litigation.

CC. Resolution of Disputes

Questions, claims, difficulties and disputes of whatever nature which may arise relative to the technical interpretation of the Contract Documents and fulfillment of this Agreement as to the character, quality, amount and value of any work done and materials furnished, or proposed to be done or furnished under, or by reason of, the Contract Documents which cannot be resolved by mutual agreement of City Project Manager and Contractor shall be submitted to the City Manager or his designee and Contractor's representative for resolution. Prior to any litigation being commenced, for any disputes which remain unresolved, within sixty (60) days after final completion of the Work, the Parties shall participate in mediation to address all unresolved disputes to a mediator agreed upon by the Parties. Should any objection not be resolved in mediation, the Parties retain all their legal rights and remedies provided under the laws of Florida. Failure by a Party to comply in strict accordance with the requirements of this Article, then said Party specifically waives all of its rights provided hereunder, including its rights and remedies under the laws of Florida.

All non-technical administrative disputes (such as billing and payment) shall be determined by Contract Administrator.

During the pendency of any dispute and after a determination thereof, Contractor and Contract Administrator shall act in good faith to mitigate any potential damages including utilization of construction schedule changes and alternate means of construction. During the pendency of any dispute arising under this Agreement, other than termination herein, Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule. The Work shall not be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements.

For any disputes which remain unsolved, within sixty (60) calendar days after Final Completion of the Work, the Parties shall participate in mediation to address all unresolved disputes. A 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 under applicable law. If a Party objecting to a determination, fails to comply in strict accordance with the requirements of this Article, said Party specifically waives all of its rights provided hereunder, including its rights and remedies under applicable law.

DD. Public Records

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES (2023), TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 1 EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD, SUITE 444, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301, PHONE: 954-828-5002, EMAIL: PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV.

Contractor shall comply with public records laws, and Contractor shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
3. 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 Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
4. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the

City upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

EE. Non-Discrimination

The Contractor shall not discriminate against its employees based on the employee's race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other protected classification as defined by applicable law.

1. The Contractor certifies and represents that the Contractor offers the same health benefits to the domestic partners of its employees as are offered its employees' spouses or offers its employees the cash equivalent of such health benefits because it is unable to provide health benefits to its employees' domestic partners, and that the Contractor will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (2023), as may be amended or revised, ("Section 2-187"), during the entire term of this Agreement.

2. The Contractor certifies and represents that it will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("Section 2-187").

3. The City may terminate this Agreement if the Contractor fails to comply with Section 2-187.

4. The City may retain all monies due or to become due until the Contractor complies with Section 2-187.

5. The Contractor may be subject to debarment or suspension proceedings. Such proceedings will be consistent with the procedures in Section 2-183 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

FF. E-Verify

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

1. The Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors, if any, to provide the Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of the subcontractor's affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and in accordance

with the public records requirements of this Agreement.

2. The City, the Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Subsection 448.09(1), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.

3. The City, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, but that the Contractor otherwise complied with Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, shall promptly notify Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor, and the Contractor shall comply with such order.

4. A contract terminated under Subparagraph 448.095(5)(c)1. or 2., Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this contract under Paragraph 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one year after the date on which the Agreement was terminated. The Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of termination of this Agreement.

5. Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts, if any, the requirements set forth in this Section, including this subparagraph, requiring any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, to include all of the requirements of this Section in their subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised.

GG. Notices

Whenever either party desires to give notice unto the other, it shall be given by written notice, sent certified by U.S. Mail, return receipt requested or via nationally recognized overnight courier addressed to the party to whom it is intended, at the places last specified, and the places for giving notice shall remain such until they are changed by written notice in compliance with this subsection. For the present, the parties designate the following as respective places for giving notice, to wit:

FOR CITY: City Manager
 City of Fort Lauderdale
 401 SE 21st Street
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

WITH A COPY: City Attorney
 City of Fort Lauderdale

1 East Broward Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

FOR CONTRACTOR:

Mark Brooks, President
Aquatic Control Group Inc
1501 NW 37th Street
Miami, Florida 33142
Phone: 305-546-4423
Email: aquaticplantmgt@gmail.com

HH. Anti-Human Trafficking

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the City with an affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of the Contractor under penalty of perjury attesting that the Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Contractor execute this Agreement as follows:

CITY

ATTEST:

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida
municipality

David R. Soloman, City Clerk

By: _____
Susan Grant
Acting City Manager

Date: _____

Approved as to Form and Correctness:
Thomas J. Ansbro, City Attorney

By: _____
Rhonda Montoya Hasan
Senior Assistant City Attorney

CONTRACTOR

WITNESSES:

AQUATIC CONTROL GROUP INC, a
Florida corporation

Signature

By: _____
Mark Brooks, President

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STATE OF _____:

COUNTY OF _____:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence
or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20__, by Mark Brooks as
President for AQUATIC CONTROL GROUP INC, a Florida corporation.

(Signature of Notary Public – State of _____)

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name
of Notary Public)

Personally Known ____ OR Produced Identification ____

Type of Identification Produced _____



Event # 329-0

Name: Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls - Rebid

Description: The City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (City) is seeking qualified, experienced, and licensed firm(s) to provide waterway cleaning and algal/vegetation controls for the City, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

Buyer: PLATKIN, LAURIE D.

Status: Pending Award

Event Type: IFB

Currency: USD

Sealed Bid: Yes

Respond To All Lines: Yes

Q & A Allowed: Yes

Number Of Amendments: 0

Display Bid Tabulation: Display When Event Awarded And Closed Or Canceled

Event Dates

Preview:

Q & A Open: 07/03/2024 05:30:00 PM

Open: 07/03/2024 05:00:00 PM

Q & A Close: 07/15/2024 05:00:00 PM

Close: 07/24/2024 02:00:00 PM

Dispute Close:

Questions

Question	Response Type	Attachment
Did you download, read, fill-in, and sign the required forms?	Yes No	Required Forms Packet.pdf

Attachments

Name	Attachment
329 - Solicitation	329-Waterway_CleaningAlgal_Controls_1.pdf
Attachment A	Attachment A.pdf
CoFL General Conditions	1. General Conditions - Rev 08-2023.pdf

Event # 329-0: Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls - Rebid

Contacts

Name	Phone Number	Email Address
LAURIE PLATKIN	US 954-828-5138	lplatkin@fortlauderdale.gov

Commodity Codes

Commodity Code	Description
020-46	Herbicide, Insecticide and Fungicide Applicators and Distrib
120-92	Vegetation Control and Removal Equipment, Water
120-96	Water Safety Equipment and Supplies (Not Otherwise Classifie
515-05	Aerators, Pluggers, and Spikers
913-68	Maintenance and Repair, Canal
926-42	Environmental Services (Not Otherwise Classified)
988-89	Weed and Vegetation Control (Including Aquatic Weed Control)

Line Details

Line 1: Monthly Canal Cleaning (12 months)

Description: Monthly Canal Cleaning (12 months)

Item: ANNUAL CLEANING (12 CYCLES) Monthly Canal Cleaning (12 months)

Commodity Code: 913-68 Maintenance and Repair, Canal

Quantity: 12.0000 **Unit of Measure:** EA

Require Response: Yes **Price Breaks Allowed:** No **Allow Alternate Responses:** No
Add On Charges Allowed: No

Line 2: Off Cycle Requests - Emergency Deployment

Description: Off Cycle Requests - Emergency Deployment

Item: SPECIAL PROJECT / SCHEDULED Off Cycle Requests - Emergency Deployment

Commodity Code: 926-42 Environmental Services (Not Otherwise Classified)

Quantity: 150.0000 **Unit of Measure:** HR

Require Response: Yes **Price Breaks Allowed:** No **Allow Alternate Responses:** No

Add On Charges Allowed: No

Line 3: Aerator System Deployment

Description: Aerator System Deployment

Item: AERATOR SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT Aerator System Deployment

Commodity Code: 515-05 Aerators, Pluggers, and Spikers

Quantity: 3.0000 **Unit of Measure:** EA

Require Response: Yes **Price Breaks Allowed:** No **Allow Alternate Responses:** No

Add On Charges Allowed: No

Line 4: Aerator System- Cost per day

Description: Aerator System- Cost per day

Item: AERATOR SYSTEM- COST PER DAY Aerator System- Cost per day

Commodity Code: 515-05 Aerators, Pluggers, and Spikers

Quantity: 60.0000 **Unit of Measure:** DA

Require Response: Yes **Price Breaks Allowed:** No **Allow Alternate Responses:** No

Event # 329-0: Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls - Rebid

Add On No
Charges
Allowed:

Line 5: Floating Boom (All costs per deployment)

Description: Floating Boom (All costs per deployment)

Item: FLOATING BOOM (ALL COSTS PER DEP Floating Boom (All costs per deployment)

Commodity Code: 120-96 Water Safety Equipment and Supplies (Not Otherwise Classifie

Quantity: 1,500.0000 **Unit of Measure:** LF

Require Response: Yes **Price Breaks Allowed:** No **Allow Alternate Responses:** No

Add On No
Charges
Allowed:

Line 6: Herbicidal Applications

Description: Herbicidal Applications

Item: HERBICIDAL APPLICATIONS Herbicidal Applications

Commodity Code: 020-46 Herbicide, Insecticide and Fungicide Applicators and Distrib

Quantity: 300.0000 **Unit of Measure:** MI

Require Response: Yes **Price Breaks Allowed:** No **Allow Alternate Responses:** No

Add On No
Charges
Allowed:

Line 7: Algaecide Applications

Description: Algaecide Applications

Item: ALGAECIDE APPLICATIONS Algaecide Applications

Commodity Code: 020-46 Herbicide, Insecticide and Fungicide Applicators and Distrib

Event # 329-0: Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls - Rebid

Quantity: 300.0000	Unit of Measure: MI	
Require Response: Yes	Price Breaks Allowed: No	Allow Alternate Responses: No
Add On Charges Allowed: No		

Line 8: Mechanical Weed Removal (All Costs)

Description: Mechanical Weed Removal (All Costs)

Item: MECHANICAL WEED REMOVAL Mechanical Weed Removal (All Costs)

Commodity Code: 988-89 Weed and Vegetation Control (Including Aquatic Weed Control)

Quantity: 250.0000	Unit of Measure: HR	
Require Response: Yes	Price Breaks Allowed: No	Allow Alternate Responses: No
Add On Charges Allowed: No		

Line 9: Algal Mechanical Removal (All Costs)

Description: Algal Mechanical Removal (All Costs)

Item: ALGAL MECHANICAL REMOVAL Algal Mechanical Removal (All Costs)

Commodity Code: 988-89 Weed and Vegetation Control (Including Aquatic Weed Control)

Quantity: 250.0000	Unit of Measure: HR	
Require Response: Yes	Price Breaks Allowed: No	Allow Alternate Responses: No
Add On Charges Allowed: No		

SECTION I – INTRODUCTION AND INFORMATION

1.1 Purpose

The City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida (City) is seeking qualified, experienced, and licensed firm(s) to provide waterway cleaning and algal/vegetation controls for the City, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

1.2 Point of Contact

For information concerning procedures for responding to this solicitation, contact Procurement Specialist Laurie Platkin at (954) 828-5138 or email at LPlatkin@fortlauderdale.gov. Such contact shall be for clarification purposes only.

For information concerning technical specifications, please utilize the question / answer feature provided by the [City's on-line strategic sourcing platform](#). Questions of a material nature must be received prior to the cut-off date specified in the ITB schedule. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or bidding procedures will only be transmitted by written addendum. Bidders please note: No part of your bid can be submitted via FAX. No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. Submission of a bid will be considered evidence that the Bidder has familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the work, and the equipment, materials, and labor required. The entire bid response must be submitted in accordance with all specifications contained in this solicitation. The questions and answers submitted in the [City's on-line strategic sourcing platform](#) shall become part of any contract that is created from this ITB.

1.3 Pre-bid Conference and Site Visit

There will not be a pre-bid conference or site visit for this ITB.

It will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to become familiar with the scope of the City's requirements and systems prior to submitting a bid. No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. Submission of a bid will be considered evidence that the Bidder has familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the work, equipment, materials, and labor required.

1.4 City's On-line Strategic Sourcing Platform

The City of Fort Lauderdale uses the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform to administer the competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to soliciting proposals, issuing addenda, posting results and issuing notification of an intended decision. There is no charge to register and download the ITB from the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform. Bidders are strongly encouraged to read the supplier tutorials available in the [City's on-line strategic sourcing platform](#) well in advance of their intention of submitting a proposal to ensure familiarity with the use of the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform. The City shall not be responsible for a Bidders inability to submit a Proposal by the end date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform.

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that their proposal is submitted electronically through the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform no later than the time and date specified in this solicitation. PAPER PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA the [City's on-line strategic sourcing platform](#).

1.5 Electronic Bid Openings/Proposal Closings

Please be advised that effective immediately, and until further notice, all Invitation to Bids, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, and other solicitations led by the City of Fort Lauderdale will be opened electronically via the [City's on-line strategic sourcing platform](#) at the date and time indicated on the solicitation. All openings will be held on the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform.

Anyone requesting assistance or having further inquiry in this matter must contact the Procurement Specialist indicated on the solicitation, via the Question-and-Answer forum on the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform before the Last Day for Questions indicated in the Solicitation.

END OF SECTION

SECTION II - SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 General Conditions

ITB General Conditions (Form G-107, Rev. 02/22) are included and made a part of this ITB.

2.2 Addenda, Changes, and Interpretations

It is the sole responsibility of each firm to notify the Buyer utilizing the question / answer feature provided by the [City's on-line strategic sourcing platform](#) and request modification or clarification of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error discovered in this competitive solicitation. Requests for clarification, modification, interpretation, or changes must be received prior to the Question and Answer (Q & A) Deadline. Requests received after this date may not be addressed. Questions and requests for information that would not materially affect the scope of services to be performed or the solicitation process will be answered within the question / answer feature provided by the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform and shall be for clarification purposes only. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or the solicitation process will only be transmitted by official written addendum issued by the City and uploaded to the City's on-line strategic sourcing platform as a separate addendum to the ITB. Under no circumstances shall an oral explanation given by any City official, officer, staff, or agent be binding upon the City and should be disregarded. All addenda are a part of the competitive solicitation documents, and each firm will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each to read and comprehend all addenda issued.

2.3 Changes and Alterations

Bidder may change or withdraw a Proposal at any time prior to Proposal submission deadline; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Modifications shall not be allowed following the Proposal deadline.

2.4 Bidder's Costs

The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Bidders in responding to this ITB.

2.5 Pricing/Delivery

All pricing should be identified on the Cost page provided in this ITB. No additional costs may be accepted, other than the costs stated on the Bid Submittal page. Failure to use the City's Bid Submittal page and provide costs as requested in this ITB may deem your bid non-responsive.

Contractor shall quote a firm, fixed price for all services stated in the ITB. All costs including travel shall be included in your proposal. The City shall not accept any additional costs including any travel associated with coming to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

2.6 Price Validity

Prices provided in this Invitation to bid (ITB) shall be valid for at least One-Hundred and Twenty (120) days from time of ITB opening unless otherwise extended and agreed upon by the City and Bidder. The City shall award contract within this time period or shall request to the recommended awarded vendor an extension to hold pricing, until products/services have been awarded.

2.7 Invoices/Payment

The City will accept invoices no more frequently than once per month. Each invoice shall fully detail the related costs and shall specify the status of the particular task or project as of the date of the invoice with regard to the accepted schedule for that task or project. Payment will be made within forty-five (45) days after receipt of an invoice acceptable to the City, in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act. If, at any time during the contract, the City shall

not approve or accept the Contractor's work product, and agreement cannot be reached between the City and the Contractor to resolve the problem to the City's satisfaction, the City shall negotiate with the Contractor on a payment for the work completed and usable to the City.

2.8 Related Expenses/Travel Expenses

All costs including travel are to be included in your bid. The City will not accept any additional costs.

2.9 Payment Method

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City has transitioned from traditional paper checks to payment by credit card via MasterCard or Visa. This allows you as a vendor of the City of Fort Lauderdale to receive your payment fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed. Payments will be made utilizing the City's P-Card (MasterCard or Visa). Accordingly, firms must presently have the ability to accept credit card payment or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a credit card before the commencement of a contract. See Contract Payment Method form attached.

2.10 Mistakes

The Bidder shall examine this ITB carefully. The submission of a bid shall be prima facie evidence that the Bidder has full knowledge of the scope, nature, and quality of the work to be performed; the detailed requirements of the specifications; and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Ignorance of the requirements will not relieve the Bidder from liability and obligations under the Contract.

2.11 Acceptance of Bids / Minor Irregularities

2.11.1 The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, part of bids, and to waive minor irregularities or variances to specifications contained in bids which do not make the bid conditional in nature and minor irregularities in the solicitation process. A minor irregularity shall be a variation from the solicitation that does not affect the price of the contract or does not give a bidder an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other bidders, does not adversely impact the interests of other firms, or does not affect the fundamental fairness of the solicitation process. The City also reserves the right to reissue an ITB.

2.11.2 The City reserves the right to disqualify Bidder during any phase of the competitive solicitation process and terminate for cause any resulting contract upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices on the part of the Bidder.

2.12 Modification of Services

2.12.1 While this contract is for services provided to the department referenced in this ITB, the City may require similar work for other City departments. Successful Bidder agrees to take on such work unless such work would not be considered reasonable or become an undue burden to the Successful Bidder.

2.12.2 The City reserves the right to delete any portion of the work at any time without cause, and if such right is exercised by the City, the total fee shall be reduced in the same ratio as the estimated cost of the work deleted bears to the estimated cost of the work originally planned. If work has already been accomplished and approved by the City on any portion of a contract resulting from this ITB, the Successful Bidder shall be paid for the work completed on the basis of the estimated percentage of completion of such portion to the total project cost.

2.12.3 The City may require additional items or services of a similar nature, but not specifically listed in the contract. The Successful Bidder agrees to provide such items or services and shall provide the City prices on such additional items or services. If the price(s) offered are not acceptable to the City, and the situation cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to procure those items or services from other vendors, or to cancel the contract upon giving the Successful Bidder thirty (30) days written notice.

2.12.4 If the Successful Bidder and the City agree on modifications or revisions to the task elements, after the City has approved work to begin on a particular task or project, and a budget has been established for that task or project, the Successful Bidder will submit a revised budget to the City for approval prior to proceeding with the work.

2.13 Non-Exclusive Contract

Bidder agrees and understands that the contract shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the City may, at any time, secure similar or identical services from another vendor at the City's sole option.

2.14 Sample Contract Agreement

A [sample of the formal agreement template](#), which may be required to be executed by the awarded vendor can be found at our website.

2.15 Responsiveness

In order to be considered responsive to the solicitation, the firm's proposal shall fully conform in all material respects to the solicitation and all its requirements, including all form and substance.

2.16 Responsibility

In order to be considered as a responsible firm, firm shall be fully capable to meet the requirements of the solicitation and subsequent contract, must possess the full capability, including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required, and must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.

2.17 Minimum Qualifications

2.17.1 To be eligible for award of a contract in response to this solicitation, the Bidder shall be in the business of waterway cleaning, waterway debris removal and algal and aquatic weed controls to include chemical and mechanical solutions and have served as project manager on similar projects and must possess sufficient financial support, equipment, and organization to ensure that it can satisfactorily perform the services if awarded a Contract.

2.17.2 Bidder must demonstrate that they, or the key staff assigned to the project, have successfully provided services with similar magnitude to those specified in the scope of services to at least one entity similar in size and complexity to the City of Fort Lauderdale or can demonstrate they have the experience with large scale private sector clients and the managerial and financial ability to successfully perform the work.

2.17.3 Firm or principals shall have no record of judgments, pending lawsuits against the City or criminal activities involving moral turpitude and not have any conflicts of interest that have not been waived by the City Commission.

2.17.4 Neither firm nor any principal, officer, or stockholder shall be in arrears or in default of any debt or contract involving the City, (as a party to a contract, or otherwise); nor have failed

to perform faithfully on any previous contract with the City.

2.18 Lobbying Activities

ALL CONTRACTORS PLEASE NOTE: Any contractor submitting a response to this solicitation must comply, if applicable, with [City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-11-42](#), and [Resolution No. 07-101, Lobbying Activities](#). Copies of Ordinance No. C-11-42 and Resolution No. 07-101 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, located at 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

2.19 Local Business Preference

2.19.1 Section 2-186, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, provides for a local business preference. In order to be considered for a local business preference, a Proposer must include the Local Business Preference Certification Statement of this ITB, as applicable to the local business preference class claimed at the time of Proposal submittal:

2.19.2 Upon formal request of the City, based on the application of a Local Business Preference the Proposer shall within ten (10) calendar days submit the following documentation to the Local Business Preference Class claimed:

- a. Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, or Broward County current year business tax receipt, and
- b. List of the names of all employees of the Proposer and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

2.19.3 Failure to comply at time of Proposal submittal shall result in the Proposer being found ineligible for the local business preference.

2.19.4 The complete local business preference ordinance may be found on the City's web site: [Click Here](#)

2.19.5 Definitions

- a. The term "Class A business" shall mean any business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the city, and shall maintain a staffing level for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- b. The term "Class B business" shall mean any business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the city, or shall maintain a staffing level for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- c. The term "Class C business" shall mean any business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of Broward County.

- d. The term "Class D business" shall mean any business that does not qualify as a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.

2.20 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Preference

2.20.1 Section 2-185, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, provides for a disadvantaged business preference. In order to be considered for a disadvantaged business preference, a Proposer must include a certification from a government agency, as applicable to the disadvantaged business preference class claimed at the time of Bid/Proposal submittal:

2.20.2 Upon formal request of the City, based on the application of a Disadvantaged Business Preference the Proposer shall within ten (10) calendar days submit the following documentation to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Preference Class claimed:

- a. Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, or the Tri-County (Broward, Dade, West Palm Beach) current year business tax receipt, or proof of active Sunbiz status and
- b. List of the names of all employees of the Proposer and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or the Tri-County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

2.20.3 Failure to comply at time of Proposal submittal shall result in the Proposer being found ineligible for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Preference business preference.

2.20.4 The complete disadvantaged business preference ordinance may be found on the City's web site: [Click Here](#)

2.20.5 Definitions

- a. The term "Disadvantaged Class 1 Enterprise" shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the city, and provides supporting documentation of its City of Fort Lauderdale business tax and disadvantaged certification as established in the city's Procurement Manual.
- b. The term "Disadvantaged Class 2 Enterprise" shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business within the limits of the city with full-time employees and provides supporting documentation of its City of Fort Lauderdale business tax and disadvantaged certification as established in the city's Procurement Manual.
- c. The term "Disadvantaged Class 3 Enterprise" shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the Tri-County area and provides supporting documentation of its City of Fort Lauderdale business tax and disadvantaged certification as established in the City's Procurement Manual.

- d. The term “Disadvantaged Class 4 Enterprise” shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that does not qualify as a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 business, but is located in the State of Florida and provides supporting documentation of its disadvantaged certification as established in the City’s Procurement Manual.

2.21 Protest Procedure

2.21.1 Any Proposer who is not recommended for award of a contract and who alleges a failure by the city to follow the city’s procurement ordinance or any applicable law, may follow the protest procedure as found in the city’s procurement ordinance within five (5) days after a notice of intent to award is posted on the city’s web site at the following link: [Click Here](#)

2.21.2 The complete protest ordinance may be found on the city’s web site at the following link: [Click Here](#)

2.22 Public Entity Crimes

Contractor represents that the execution of this Agreement will not violate the Public Entity Crime Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, which essentially provides that a person or affiliate who is a contractor, consultant, or other provider and who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to City, may not submit a bid on a contract with City for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to City, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under an Agreement with City, and may not transact any business with City in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, for category two purchases for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this Section shall result in termination of this Agreement and recovery of all monies paid by City pursuant to this Agreement and may result in debarment from City’s competitive procurement activities.

2.23 Subcontractors

2.23.1 If the Contractor proposes to use subcontractors in the course of providing these services to the City, this information shall be a part of the bid/proposal response. Such information shall be subject to review, acceptance, and approval of the City, prior to any contract award. The City reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any subcontractor candidate in its best interest and to require Contractor to replace subcontractor with one that meets City approval.

2.23.2 Contractor shall ensure that all of Contractor’s subcontractors perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. Contractor shall be fully responsible for all of Contractor’s subcontractors’ performance, and liable for any of Contractor’s subcontractors’ non-performance and all of Contractor’s subcontractors’ acts and omissions. Contractor shall defend, at Contractor’s expense, counsel being subject to the City’s approval or disapproval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City’s officers, employees, and agents from and against any claim, lawsuit, third-party action, or judgment, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, by or in favor of any Contractor’s subcontractors for payment for work performed for the City.

2.23.3 Contractor shall require all its subcontractors to provide the required insurance coverage as well as any other coverage that the contractor may consider necessary, and any deficiency in the coverage or policy limits of said subcontractors will be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

2.24 Bid Security - N/A

2.25 Payment and Performance Bond

2.25.1 The Proposer shall within fifteen (15) working days after notification of award, furnish to the City a Payment and Performance Bond, in the amount of the proposed price as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract. If the bond is on an annual coverage basis, renewal for each succeeding year shall be submitted to the City thirty (30) days prior to the termination date of the existing Payment and Performance Bond. The Performance Bond must be executed by a surety company or recognized standing to do business in the State of Florida and having a resident agent.

2.25.2 The Proposer must have a Financial Size Categories (FSC) rating of no less than "A-" by the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, or acceptance of insurance company that holds a valid Florida Certificate of Authority issued by the State of Florida, Department of Insurance, and are members of the Florida Guarantee Fund.

2.25.3 Acknowledgement and agreement is given by both parties that the amount herein set for the Payment and Performance Bond is not intended to be nor shall be deemed to be in the nature of liquidated damages nor is it intended to limit the liability of the Contractor to the City in the event of a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor.

2.26 Insurance Requirements

2.26.1 As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement and during any renewal or extension term of this Agreement, the Contractor, at its sole expense, shall provide insurance of such types and with such terms and limits as noted below. Providing proof of and maintaining adequate insurance coverage are material obligations of the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide the City a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in the State of Florida and possess an A.M. Best rating of A-, VII or better, subject to approval by the City's Risk Manager.

2.26.2 The coverages, limits, and endorsements required herein protect the interests of the City, and these coverages, limits, and/or endorsements shall in no way be relied upon by the Contractor for assessing the extent or determining appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect the Contractor against any loss exposures, whether as a result of this Agreement or otherwise. The requirements contained herein, as well as the City's review or acknowledgement, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the Contractor under this Agreement.

2.26.3 The following insurance policies and coverages are required:

Commercial General Liability

Coverage must be afforded under a Commercial General Liability policy with limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury, Property Damage, and Personal and Advertising Injury
- \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Products and Completed Operations

Policy must include coverage for contractual liability and independent contractors.

The City, a Florida municipal corporation, its officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as an additional insured with a CG 20 26 04 13 Additional Insured – Designated Person or Organization Endorsement or similar endorsement providing equal or broader Additional Insured Coverage with respect to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officials, employees, and volunteers.

Watercraft Liability (Protection and Indemnification)

Coverage must be afforded in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and must cover the utilization of watercraft, including Bodily Injury and Property Damage arising out of ownership, maintenance, or use of any watercraft, including owned, non-owned, and hired.

Coverage may be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy, or in the form of a separate policy covering Watercraft Liability or Protection and Indemnity for Bodily Injury and Property Damage.

Pollution and Remediation Legal Liability (Hazardous Materials)

For the purpose of this section, the term “hazardous materials” includes all materials and substances that are designated or defined as hazardous by Florida or federal law or by the rules or regulations of Florida or any federal agency. If work being performed involves hazardous materials, Contractor shall procure and maintain any or all of the following coverages (which will be specifically addressed upon review of exposure):

Contractors Pollution Liability Coverage

For sudden and gradual occurrences and in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per claim arising out of this Agreement, including but not limited to, all hazardous materials identified under the Agreement.

Business Automobile Liability

Coverage must be afforded for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

If Contractor does not own vehicles, Contractor shall maintain coverage for Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Coverage must be afforded per Chapter 440, Florida Statutes (2023). Any person or entity performing work for or on behalf of the City must provide Workers' Compensation insurance. Exceptions and exemptions will be allowed by the City's Risk Manager, if they are in accordance with Florida Statute.

Contractor waives, and Contractor shall ensure that Contractor's insurance carrier waives, all subrogation rights against the City, its officials, employees, and volunteers for all losses or damages. The City requires the policy to be endorsed with WC 00 03 13 Waiver of our Right to Recover from Others or equivalent.

Contractor must be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal workers' compensation laws, including the U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and the Jones Act, if applicable.

2.26.4 Insurance Certificate Requirements

- a. The Contractor shall provide the City with valid Certificates of Insurance (binders are unacceptable) no later than ten (10) days prior to the start of work contemplated in this Agreement.
- b. The Contractor shall provide to the City a Certificate of Insurance having a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10) days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium.
- c. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the certificate holder.
- d. In the event the Agreement term or any surviving obligation of the Contractor following expiration or early termination of the Agreement goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, the Contractor shall provide the City with an updated Certificate of Insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the insurance currently in effect. The City reserves the right to suspend the Agreement until this requirement is met.
- e. The Certificate of Insurance shall indicate whether coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the Certificate of Insurance must show a retroactive date, which shall be the effective date of the initial contract or prior.
- f. The City shall be named as an Additional Insured on all liability policies, with the exception of Workers' Compensation.
- g. The City shall be granted a Waiver of Subrogation on the Contractor's Workers' Compensation insurance policy.
- h. The title of the Agreement, Bid/Proposal/Contract number, event dates, or other identifying reference must be listed on the Certificate of Insurance.

The Certificate Holder should read as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale
401 SE 21st Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

- 2.26.5** The Contractor has the sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and shall be fully and solely responsible for any costs or expenses as a result of a coverage deductible, co-insurance penalty, or self-insured retention; including any loss not covered because of the operation of such deductible, co-insurance penalty, self-insured retention, or coverage exclusion or limitation. Any costs for adding the City as an Additional Insured shall be at the Contractor's expense.
- 2.26.6** If the Contractor's primary insurance policy/policies do not meet the minimum requirements, as set forth in this Agreement, the Contractor may provide evidence of an Umbrella/Excess insurance policy to comply with this requirement.
- 2.26.7** The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the City, a Florida municipal corporation, its officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, a Florida municipal corporation, its officials, employees, or volunteers shall be non-contributory.

2.26.8 Any exclusion or provision in any insurance policy maintained by the Contractor that excludes coverage required in this Agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

2.26.9 All required insurance policies must be maintained until the contract work has been accepted by the City, or until this Agreement is terminated, whichever is later. Any lapse in coverage shall be considered breach of contract. In addition, Contractor must provide to the City confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate should any policies expire prior to the expiration of this Agreement. The City reserves the right to review, at any time, coverage forms and limits of Contractor's insurance policies.

2.26.10 The Contractor shall provide notice of any and all claims, accidents, and any other occurrences associated with this Agreement shall be provided to the Contractor's insurance company or companies and the City's Risk Management office as soon as practical.

2.26.11 It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that any and all of the Contractor's independent contractors and subcontractors comply with these insurance requirements. All coverages for independent contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the applicable requirements stated herein. Any and all deficiencies are the responsibility of the Contractor.

2.27 Insurance – Sub-Contractors

Contractor shall require all its Sub-Contractors to provide the aforementioned coverage as well as any other coverage that the Contractor may consider necessary, and any deficiency in the coverage or policy limits of said Sub-Contractors will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

2.28 Insurance for Collection of Credit Card Payments - N/A

2.29 Award of Contract

A Contract (the "Agreement") may be awarded by the City Commission. The City reserves the right to execute or not execute, as applicable, a contract with the Proposer(s) that is determined to be in the City's best interests. The City reserves the right to award a contract to more than one Proposer, at the sole and absolute discretion of the City.

IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT OR DISCREPANCY BETWEEN BID/PROPOSAL PRICE(S) SUBMITTED BY BIDDER/PROPOSER ELECTRONICALLY INTO THE CITY'S ON-LINE STRATEGIC SOURCING PLATFORM UNIT PRICE FIELD(S), ANY OTHER FORMS OR ATTACHMENTS (WHETHER PART OF THE CITY'S SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS OR DOCUMENTS CREATED AND UPLOADED BY THE BIDDER/PROPOSER), OR ANOTHER SECTION/FIELD OF THE SYSTEM, THE ONLINE UNIT PRICE(S) INPUTTED ELECTRONICALLY INTO THE SYSTEM BY BIDDER/PROPOSER SHALL GOVERN.

2.30 Damage to Public or Private Property

Extreme care shall be taken to safeguard all existing facilities, site amenities, irrigation systems, vehicles, etc. on or around the job site. Damage to public and/or private property shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be repaired and/or replaced at no additional cost to the City.

2.31 Safety

The Contractor(s) shall adhere to the Florida Department of Transportation's Uniform manual on Traffic Control for construction and maintenance work zones when working on or near a roadway. It will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to make themselves and their employees fully aware of these provisions, especially those applicable to safety.

2.32 Uncontrollable Circumstances ("Force Majeure")

The City and Contractor will be excused from the performance of their respective obligations under this agreement when and to the extent that their performance is delayed or prevented by any circumstances beyond their control including, fire, flood, explosion, strikes or other labor disputes, act of God or public emergency, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, act or omission of any governmental authority, delay or failure or shortage of any type of transportation, equipment, or service from a public utility needed for their performance, provided that:

2.32.1 The non-performing party gives the other party prompt written notice describing the particulars of the Force Majeure including, but not limited to, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration, and continues to furnish timely reports with respect thereto during the period of the Force Majeure;

2.32.2 The excuse of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure;

2.32.3 No obligations of either party that arose before the Force Majeure causing the excuse of performance are excused as a result of the Force Majeure; and

2.32.4 The non-performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform. Notwithstanding the above, performance shall not be excused under this Section for a period in excess of two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term. Economic hardship of the Contractor will not constitute Force Majeure. The term of the agreement shall be extended by a period equal to that during which either party's performance is suspended under this Section.

2.33 Canadian Companies

In the event Contractor is a corporation organized under the laws of any province of Canada or is a Canadian federal corporation, the City may enforce in the United States of America or in Canada or in both countries a judgment entered against the Contractor. The Contractor waives any and all defenses to the City's enforcement in Canada, of a judgment entered by a court in the United States of America. All monetary amounts set forth in this Contract are in United States dollars.

2.34 News Releases/Publicity

News releases, publicity releases, or advertisements relating to this contract, or the tasks or projects associated with the project shall not be made without prior City approval.

2.35 Approved Equal or Alternative Product Bids - N/A

2.36 Contract Period

The initial contract term shall commence upon date of award by the City, _____, or July 1, 2024, whichever is later, and shall expire three (3) years from that date. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for two (2), additional one (1) year terms, providing all terms, conditions and specifications remain the same, both parties agree to the extension, and such extension is approved by the City.

In the event services are scheduled to end because of the expiration of this contract, the Contractor shall continue the service upon the request of the City as authorized by the awarding authority. The extension period shall not extend for more than 270 days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Contractor shall be compensated for the service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.

2.37 Cost Adjustments

Prices quoted shall be firm for the initial contract term of three (3) years. No cost increases shall be accepted in this initial contract term. Please consider this when providing pricing for this Invitation to Bid.

Thereafter, any extensions which may be approved by the City shall be subject to the following: costs for any extension terms shall be subject to an adjustment only if increases or decreases occur in the industry. Such adjustment shall be based on the latest yearly percentage increase in the All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor and shall not exceed five percent (5%).

The yearly increase or decrease in the CPI shall be that latest Index published and available for the calendar year ending 12/31, prior to the end of the contract year then in effect, as compared to the index for the comparable month, one-year prior.

Any requested adjustment shall be fully documented and submitted to the City at least ninety (90) days prior to the contract anniversary date. Any approved cost adjustments shall become effective on the beginning date of the approved contract extension.

The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, or considered to be excessive, or if decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the Contract will be considered cancelled on the scheduled expiration date.

2.38 Service Test Period

If the Contractor has not previously performed the services to the City, the City reserves the right to require a test period to determine if the Contractor can perform in accordance with the requirements of the contract, and to the City's satisfaction. Such test period can be from thirty to ninety days, and will be conducted under all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the contract. This trial period will then become part of the initial contract period.

A performance evaluation will be conducted prior to the end of the test period and that evaluation will be the basis for the City's decision to continue with the Contractor or to select another Contractor (if applicable).

2.39 Contract Coordinator

The City may designate a Contract Coordinator whose principal duties shall be:

- Liaison with Contractor.
- Coordinate and approve all work under the contract.
- Resolve any disputes.
- Assure consistency and quality of Contractor's performance.
- Schedule and conduct Contractor performance evaluations and document findings.
- Review and approve for payment all invoices for work performed or items delivered.

2.40 Contractor Performance Reviews and Ratings

The City Contract Coordinator may develop a Contractor performance evaluation report. This report shall be used to periodically review and rate the Contractor's performance under the contract with performance rating as follows:

Excellent	Far exceeds requirements.
Good	Exceeds requirements.
Fair	Just meets requirements.
Poor	Does not meet all requirements and contractor is subject to penalty provisions under the contract.
Non-compliance	Either continued poor performance after notice or a performance level that does not meet a significant portion of the requirements. This rating makes the Contractor subject to the default or cancellation for cause provisions of the contract.

The report shall also list all discrepancies found during the review period. The Contractor shall be provided with a copy of the report and may respond in writing if he takes exception to the report or wishes to comment on the report. Contractor performance reviews and subsequent reports will be used in determining the suitability of contract extension.

2.41 Substitution of Personnel

It is the intention of the City that the Contractor's personnel proposed for the contract will be available for the contract term. In the event the Contractor wishes to substitute personnel, he shall propose personnel of equal or higher qualifications and all replacement personnel are subject to City approval. In the event substitute personnel are not satisfactory to the City and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to cancel the Contract for cause. See Section 5.09 General Conditions.

2.42 Ownership of Work

The City shall have full ownership and the right to copyright, otherwise limit, reproduce, modify, sell, or use all the work or product produced under this contract without payment of any royalties or fees to the Contractor above the agreed hourly rates and related costs.

2.43 Condition of Trade-In Equipment – N/A

2.44 Conditions of Trade-In Shipment and Purchase Payment – N/A

2.45 Verification of Employment Status

Any Contractor/Consultant assigned to perform responsibilities under its contract with a State agency is required to utilize the US Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system (per Executive Order Number 11-02) to verify the employment eligibility of: (a) all persons employed during the contract term by the Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida; and (b) all persons (including subcontractors) assigned by the Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the State agency.

E-VERIFY Affirmation Statement must be completed and submitted with Proposer's response to this ITB.

2.46 Service Organization Controls – N/A

2.47 Warranties of Usage

Any estimated quantities listed are for information and tabulation purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities needed is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise

2.48 Rules and Submittals of Bids

The signer of the bid must declare that the only person(s), company or parties interested in the bid as principals are named therein; that the bid is made without collusion with any other person(s), company or parties submitting a bid; that it is in all respects fair and in good faith, without collusion or fraud; and that the signer of the bid has full authority to bind the principal bidder.

2.49 Bid Tabulations/Intent to Award

Notice of Intent to Award Contract/Bid, resulting from the City's Formal solicitation process may be found at: [Click Here](#). Tabulations of receipt of those parties responding to a formal solicitation may be found at: [Click Here](#). Any interested party may call the Procurement Services Division at 954-828-5933, or email ProcurementSupport@fortlauderdale.gov, for more information.

2.50 Public Records

All bids will become the property of the City. The Bidder's response to the ITB is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 (2023) ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material submitted in connection with this ITB and any resulting Contract to be executed for this ITB, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes (2023). Any language contained in the Bidder's response to the ITB purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Bidder's response to the ITB, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Bidder submits any documents or other information to the City which the Bidder claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Bidder shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Bidder must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Bidder's response to the ITB constitutes a Trade Secret. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the Bidder agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city and the city's officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the city's treatment of records as public records. In the event of Contract award, all documentation produced as part of the Contract shall become the exclusive property of the City.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV, 954-828-5002, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ONE EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD, SUITE 444, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301.

Contractor shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the City in order to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.

3. 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 this contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
4. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of this Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

2.51 PCI (Payment Card Industry) Compliance – N/A

END OF SECTION

SECTION III - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.1 Project Definition and Objective

The City of Fort Lauderdale seeks a qualified firm to provide regular cleaning services for all specified waterways within the City of Fort Lauderdale (refer to Attachment A- Waterways Maintenance Routes and Boat Marinas). Vendor shall be responsible for providing all labor, equipment and materials required for the collection, removal, and disposal of debris from all designated waterways within the City of Fort Lauderdale, in accordance with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), EPA, and all other Federal, State and Local Regulations, latest edition. The debris to be removed can be floating, submerged or within vegetation or docks adjacent to a waterbody, and may include items such as trees, floating docks, pilings and fish and animal carcasses. Vessels and equipment must be capable of accessing and removing debris from wide bodies of water, narrow canals, canal ends and other areas of concern.

3.2 Equipment and Staffing

3.2.1 Contractor shall furnish all labor and equipment to perform the required services:

3.2.2 A minimum of two (2) skiff, pontoon or other vessels of similar size and nature, for the removal and transport of debris for subsequent disposal, from designated waterways within the City of Fort Lauderdale as listed in Attachment A- Waterways Maintenance Routes and Boat Marinas. Vessel dimensions must be able to accommodate certain height limitations as a result of low passing bridges, especially during a high tide event and able to navigate in both shallow and narrow waterways at low tide and canal ends and basins. City reserves the right provide Contractor with signage indicating Contractor is performing work on behalf of the City.

3.2.3 A sufficient number of land vehicles to unload and then transport debris to an appropriate disposal site authorized by the City. The Contractor shall provide the specific equipment and personnel available that will be utilized to perform the waterway cleaning operations.

3.3 Herbicidal/Algacidal Applications and Mechanical Weed Control

3.3.1 Contractor shall apply herbicides/algacides safe for aquatic applications where needed upon request.

3.3.2 Contractor shall ensure that care is taken to apply only to City-owned property and application activities do not impact adjoining property. Contractor shall place City-provided signage at all major roadways while treatment is taking place to notify the public of such activities.

3.3.3 Contractor must have a valid commercial pesticide applicator license from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services with Categories (5A) Aquatic pest control and (21) Natural areas weed management, to perform any herbicide/algacide application. Only chemicals, weed control products or other testing materials which have been approved by the federal or state authorities shall be used. Glyphosate may not be used.

3.3.4 Mechanical removal includes removal of cyanobacterial mats, specifically skimming with fine mesh net to remove the mats. This may be done from land, by boat or both.

3.3.5 Aquatic weed control, including mechanical and herbicidal/algacidal applications, may be requested in other water bodies throughout the City.

3.3.6 All Contractors must receive regulatory approval, if applicable, prior to work beginning. Mobilization must be within 8 hours of request from City unless otherwise approved by contract administrator.

3.3.7 Herbicidal applications and mechanical weed control will be performed on an “as-needed” basis and authorized in writing by the contract administrator. Such services may be requested any time throughout the term of this agreement and are to be performed within 8 hours of City’s request, unless otherwise authorized and approved by the City. Such services shall be billed by mile and inclusive of all costs including but not limited to labor, equipment, herbicides, etc. Contractor shall bill a minimum of 1 mile with additional application measured in quarter-mile (.25 mile) increments thereafter.

3.4 Aerators and Floating Booms (Emergency/Temporary Use)

3.4.1 Deployment of boom within 4 hours of City request

3.4.2 Deployment of aerator within 24 hours

3.4.3 Unit pricing as an ‘aerator system’ which includes but not limited to (aerator, tubing, compressor, fuel, manifolds, and any additional equipment to run the system).

3.5 Transportation and Disposal

3.5.1 The Contractor shall transport debris to shoreline access points either designated or approved by the City.

3.5.2 At the unloading location, the debris shall be unloaded directly from the boats to Contractor provided trucks to transport to any site authorized by the City of Fort Lauderdale.

3.5.3 The Contractor shall not place debris directly on the ground, shoreline, or any parking lot. The Contractor shall clean the area used for transfer of debris after every transfer.

3.5.4 The Contractor may utilize alternate access sites for the transfer of debris. However, such proposed access sites must be authorized in advance in writing by the City and any cost associated with the use of alternative access sites shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

3.5.5 If the contractor utilizes an alternate access site that is owned by the City for transfer of material from the waterways to the disposal site, the Contractor shall restore the site to preexisting conditions upon completion of Contract term.

3.5.6 Any costs associated with the use of alternate shoreline access sites or final disposal areas shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

3.6 Disposal Costs

3.6.1 The City shall pay for all disposal costs.

3.6.2 The City retains rights to the value of all materials collected for rebate/material value purposes.

3.6.3 Contractor shall supply the City with a list of vehicle numbers in order to establish and validate disposal accounts.

- 3.6.4 Each week, the Contractor shall submit a daily log sheet containing copies of disposal (dump) tickets to track disposal charges in a format acceptable to the City.
- 3.6.5 Weight tickets are required for the City to track, reconcile and pay disposal fees.
- 3.6.6 The Contractor shall turn in all disposal tickets each week. Missing tickets must be replaced.
- 3.6.7 The Contractor shall pay all costs associated for duplicate scale house weight tickets.
- 3.6.8 After notifying the Contractor to replace missing tickets within 5 days, the City may order duplicates from the disposal facility and cost(s) shall be deducted from the Contractor's monthly invoice.
- 3.6.9 City reserves the right to charge administrative overhead if the problem becomes continuous and repetitive.

3.7 Work Schedule (Waterway Cleaning)

- 3.7.1 The Contractor shall be familiar with the project locations and existing conditions.
- 3.7.2 The Contractor shall maintain a continual cleanup process, based on a work plan not to exceed four (4) weeks to complete the cleaning of all specified navigable waterways within the City of Fort Lauderdale (refer to Attachment A - Waterways Maintenance Routes and Boat Marinas).
- 3.7.3 The Contractor shall perform twelve (12) cleanings per year spread evenly to provide consistent cleaning throughout the year in areas not indicated as "region of high concentration of debris" on Attachment A.
- 3.7.4 Areas indicated as "regions of high concentration of debris" on Attachment A should be serviced no less than every other week (minimum 26 cycles per year).
- 3.7.5 It is anticipated that there may also be unscheduled or occasional debris collection required.
- 3.7.6 The City may modify weekly work based on the amount of debris, observations, calls from the public and other factors including but not limited to special events in the City. Work hours shall conform to all applicable codes and ordinances and should be the least disruptive as possible for homeowners and boat traffic.
- 3.7.7 The Contractor shall provide a full detailed operations plan describing how it will complete desired outcomes set out in this solicitation to include but not limited to schedules, equipment, staffing, and customer service plan.
- 3.7.8 The City must approve all work schedules including any changes to work schedules.

3.8 Hours and Days of Service- Waterway Cleaning

- 3.8.1 Work shall be performed from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Saturday, unless otherwise approved by Contract Administrator in writing.

3.9 Rates - Waterway Cleaning

3.9.1 The Contractor will provide a rate per complete cycle including “regions of high concentration of debris”.

3.9.2 The number of cycles may be increased or decreased at the request of the City.

3.9.3 The contractor will also provide an hourly rate for additional work or debris removal related to special requests, deployment for “fish kill” events or on days the contractor is not working.

3.9.4 All rates shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, transportation, fuel, debris transport for disposal, reporting or any other costs associated with performing the services as specified herein.

3.10 Monitoring and Tracking- Waterway Cleaning

3.10.1 Contractor shall allow City staff the ability to ride along with crew and observe the waterway cleanup operations and to identify specific locations for waterway cleaning.

3.10.2 The Contractor shall submit GPS software reporting or provide designated City staff software access for tracking the locations of where equipment is being operated.

3.11 Customer Service

3.11.1 The City takes great pride in, and is committed to, providing a high level of customer service to our City residents.

3.11.2 All Contractors are expected and required to meet this high-quality standard.

3.11.3 The City’s Customer Service Center will provide information to and receive calls from City customers.

3.11.4 A Customer Service Representative will contact the Contract Administrator who will forward any complaints or requests to the Contractor for resolution.

3.11.5 The Contractor will make every effort to respond within 24 hours or by 10am Monday morning in the event the call is received on a Saturday or Sunday.

3.11.6 The Contractor will respond to the Contract Administrator in writing within 48-hours to provide a full response, including photo documentation if required, to close out the work request.

3.12 Employee Identification

3.12.1 Employees shall wear a uniform consisting of a Contractor shirt and cap along with a Contractor-issued safety vest for identification.

3.13 Additional Work

3.13.1 The City may require additional taskwork of a similar nature, but not specifically listed in the contract.

3.13.2 If the Contractor agrees to provide such services, the pricing on such additional work shall be based on pricing submitted on the bid sheet.

3.14 Reporting Deliverables- Waterway Cleaning

3.14.1 Contractor shall submit regular reports of Contractor's activity to the City Project Manager as follows:

3.14.2 Weekly

- A.** Reports on the waterways cleaned and the waterways identified as clear of debris.
- B.** Report of total weight of debris removed from the waterways using the disposal tickets as evidence, as well as suggesting areas of concern for scheduling future work.
- C.** Contractor shall provide a map with the location of the areas cleaned.
- D.** Reports are due within two (2) business days of the following week.

3.14.3 Monthly

- A.** Contractor shall provide summary reports identifying the total weight of debris removed
- B.** Identify the areas of concern and provide photographic and video documentation of the conditions of the waterways before and after debris removal.
- C.** At a minimum, work shall be documented by use of video and photographs showing the debris removed for by day and will be included with the monthly report.
- D.** Reports and documentation are due within five (5) business days of the last day of each monthly reporting period.

3.14.4 Annually

- A.** At the end of the contract period and for subsequent renewal periods, the Contractor shall provide an operational recommendation report to the City. The report at a minimum is to include minimum recommended frequency for the City to continue waterway cleaning, identify the debris areas with the highest volumes and any other items of relevance. Contractor will also provide an annual report of the total weight of debris removed, based on the monthly reports with a summary analysis.
- B.** Reports are due within five (5) business days of the last day of the contract period term.

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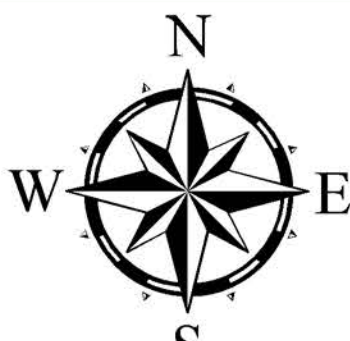
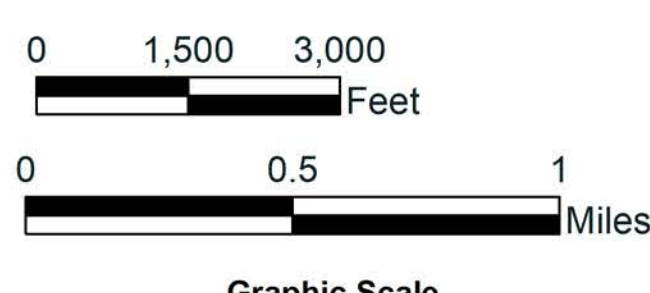
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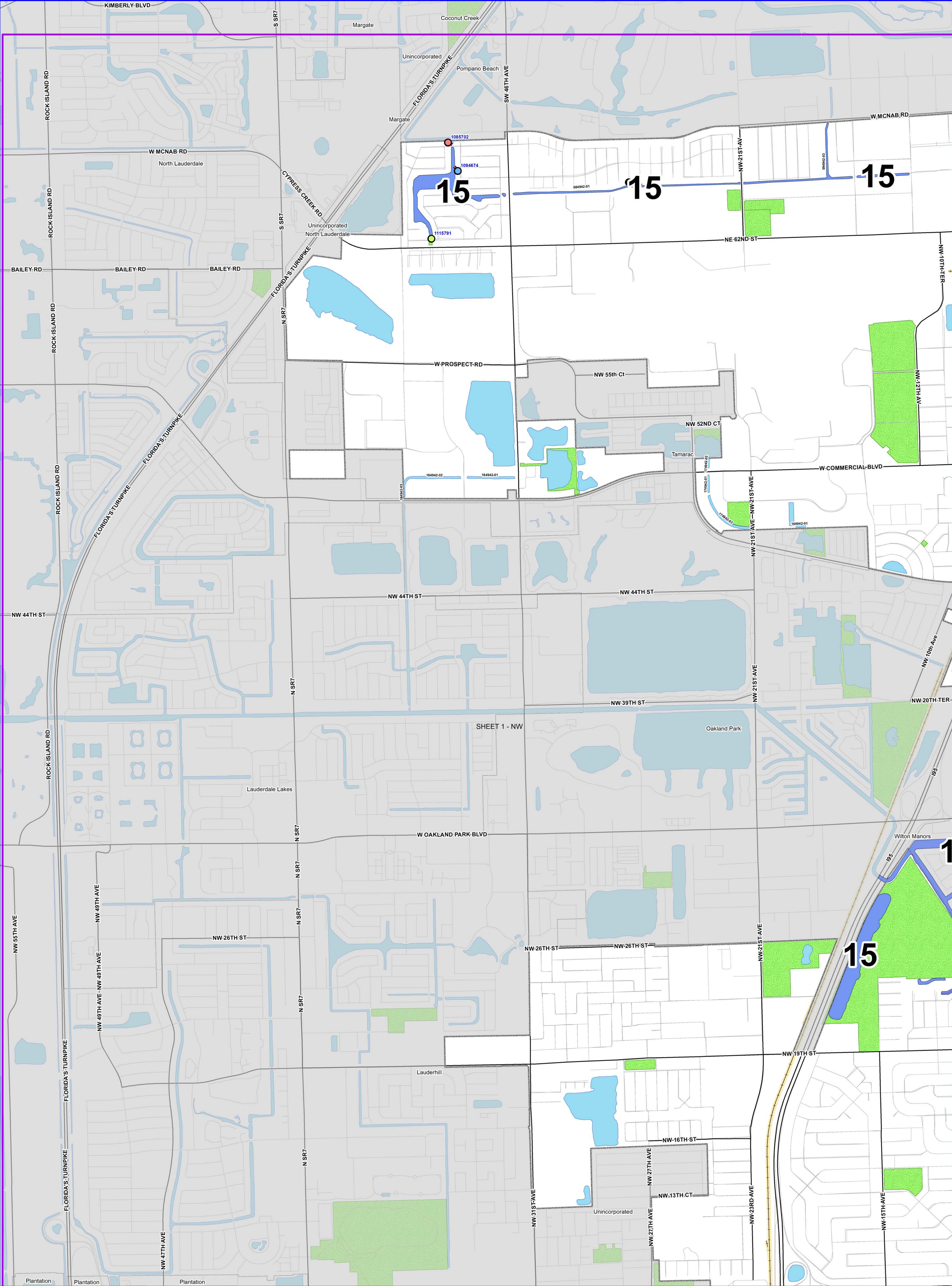
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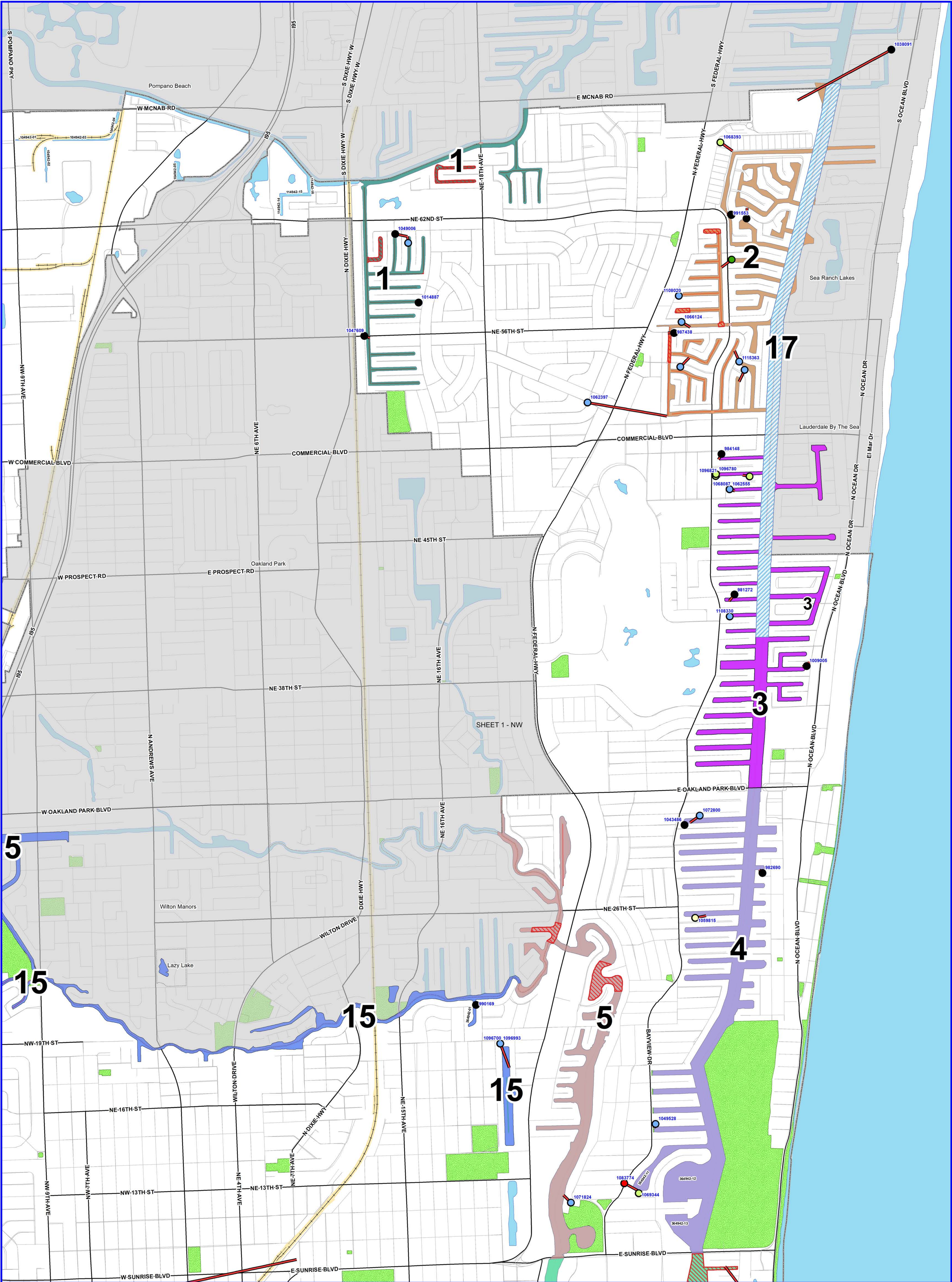
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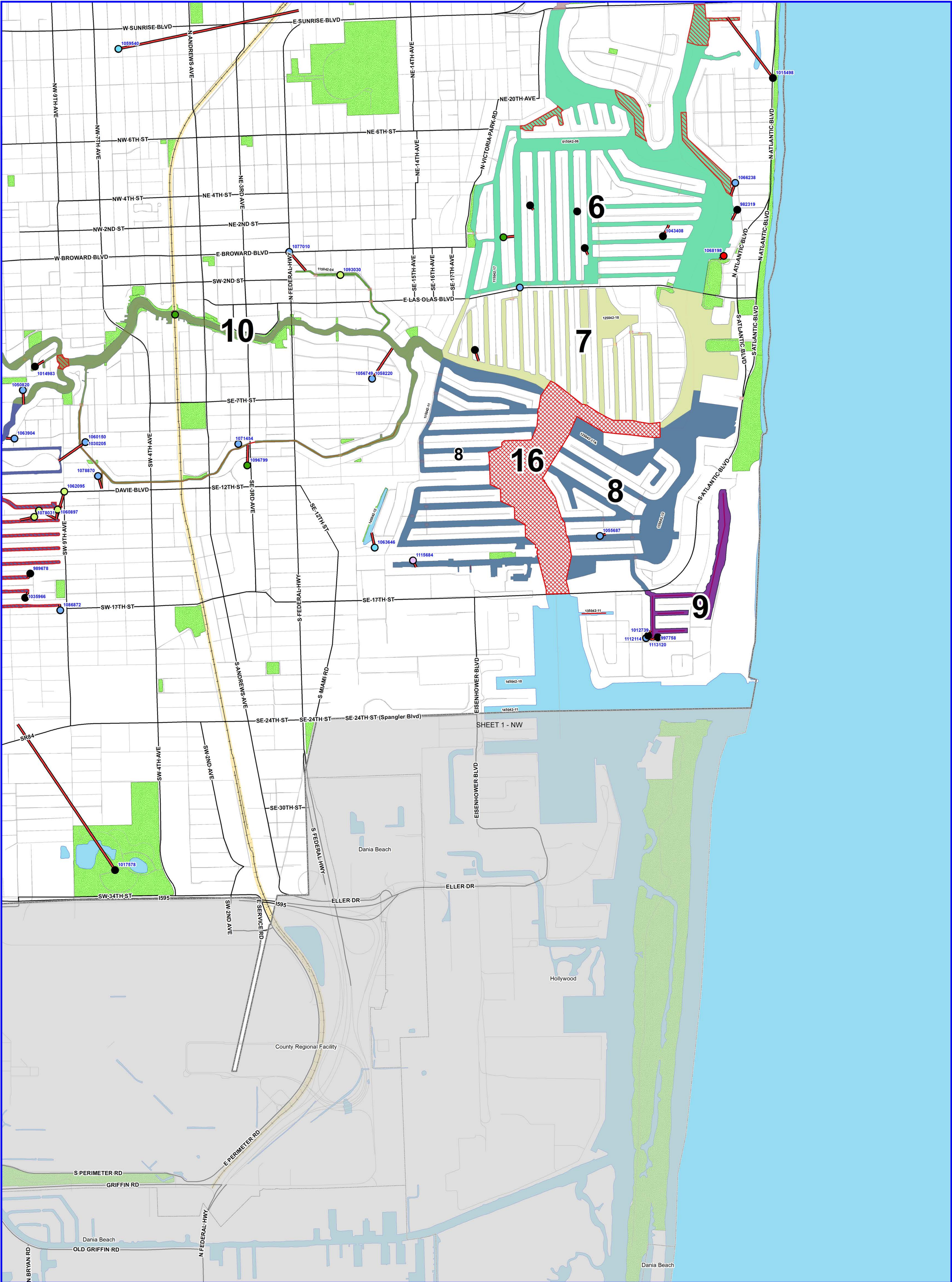
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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These instructions and conditions are standard for all contracts for commodities or services issued through the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Division. The City may delete, supersede, or modify any of these standard instructions for a particular contract by indicating such change in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, Instructions, Proposal Pages, Addenda, and Legal Advertisement. In this general conditions document, Invitation to Bid (ITB), Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and Request for Proposal (RFP) are interchangeable.

PART I BIDDER PROPOSAL PAGE(S) CONDITIONS:

- 1.01 BIDDER ADDRESS:** The City maintains automated vendor address lists that have been generated for each specific Commodity Class item through our bid issuing service, BidSync. Notices of Invitations to Bid (ITB'S) are sent by e-mail to the selection of bidders who have fully registered with BidSync or faxed (if applicable) to every vendor on those lists, who may then view the bid documents online. Bidders who have been informed of a bid's availability in any other manner are responsible for registering with BidSync in order to view the bid documents. There is no fee for doing so. If you wish bid notifications be provided to another e-mail address or fax, please contact BidSync. If you wish purchase orders sent to a different address, please so indicate in your bid response. If you wish payments sent to a different address, please so indicate on your invoice.
- 1.02 DELIVERY:** Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this ITB. The City reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the Bidder and accepted by the City.
- 1.03 PACKING SLIPS:** It will be the responsibility of the awarded Contractor, to attach all packing slips to the OUTSIDE of each shipment. Packing slips must provide a detailed description of what is to be received and reference the City of Fort Lauderdale purchase order number that is associated with the shipment. Failure to provide a detailed packing slip attached to the outside of shipment may result in refusal of shipment at Contractor's expense.
- 1.04 PAYMENT TERMS AND CASH DISCOUNTS:** Payment terms, unless otherwise stated in this ITB, will be considered to be net 45 days after the date of satisfactory delivery at the place of acceptance and receipt of correct invoice at the office specified, whichever occurs last. Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payment but they will not be considered in determination of award. If a Bidder offers a discount, it is understood that the discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery, at the place of acceptance, and receipt of correct invoice, at the office specified, whichever occurs last.
- 1.05 TOTAL BID DISCOUNT:** If Bidder offers a discount for award of all items listed in the bid, such discount shall be deducted from the total of the firm net unit prices bid and shall be considered in tabulation and award of bid.
- 1.06 BIDS FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Bidder warrants, by virtue of bidding, that the bid and the prices quoted in the bid will be firm for acceptance by the City for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise stated in the ITB.
- 1.07 VARIANCES:** For purposes of bid evaluation, Bidder's must indicate any variances, no matter how slight, from ITB General Conditions, Special Conditions, Specifications or Addenda in the space provided in the ITB. No variations or exceptions by a Bidder will be considered or deemed a part of the bid submitted unless such variances or exceptions are listed in the bid and referenced in the space provided on the bidder proposal pages. If variances are not stated, or referenced as required, it will be assumed that the product or service fully complies with the City's terms, conditions, and specifications.
- By receiving a bid, City does not necessarily accept any variances contained in the bid. All variances submitted are subject to review and approval by the City. If any bid contains material variances that, in the City's sole opinion, make that bid conditional in nature, the City reserves the right to reject the bid or part of the bid that is declared by the City as conditional.
- 1.08 NO BIDS:** If you do not intend to bid please indicate the reason, such as insufficient time to respond, do not offer product or service, unable to meet specifications, schedule would not permit, or any other reason, in the space provided in this ITB. Failure to bid or return no bid comments prior to the bid due and opening date and time, indicated in this ITB, may result in your firm being deleted from our Bidder's registration list for the Commodity Class Item requested in this ITB.
- 1.09 MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION AND BUSINESS DEFINITIONS:** The City of Fort Lauderdale wants to increase the participation of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in its procurement activities. If your firm qualifies in accordance with the below definitions please indicate in the space provided in this ITB.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) "A Minority Business" is a business enterprise that is owned or controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons. Such disadvantage may arise from cultural, racial, chronic economic circumstances or background or other similar cause. Such persons include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

The term "Minority Business Enterprise" means a business at least 51 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, minority group members are citizens of the United States who include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) a "Women Owned or Controlled Business" is a business enterprise at least 51 percent of which is owned by females or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by females.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) "Small Business" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity formed for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated, has either fewer than 100 employees or less than \$1,000,000 in annual gross receipts.

BLACK, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

WHITE, which includes persons whose origins are Anglo-Saxon and Europeans and persons of Indo-European decent including Pakistani and East Indian.

HISPANIC, which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

NATIVE AMERICAN, which includes persons whose origins are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians.

ASIAN AMERICAN, which includes persons having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

- 1.10 MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:** It is the desire of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the City does not have any preference or set

aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms. Proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishments and intended actions in this area. If proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties have to be identified in the proposal. If a proposer is considered for award, he or she will be asked to meet with City staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation can be formalized and included in the subsequent contract.

1.11 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES: As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, subject to *Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Prasad*, 876 F.Supp.2d 1305 (S.D. Fla. 2012), *affirmed*, *Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation*, 715 F.3d 1268 (11th Cir. 2013), with regard to the "Cuba Amendment," the Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, as provided in section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised. As a condition precedent to any contract for goods or services of any amount and as a condition precedent to the renewal of any contract for goods or services of any amount, the Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2022), and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. The City may terminate this Agreement at the City's option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, as defined in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised.

1.12 DEBARRED OR SUSPENDED BIDDERS OR PROPOSERS

The bidder or proposer certifies, by submission of a response to this solicitation, that neither it nor its principals and subcontractors are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency.

Part II DEFINITIONS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

2.01 BIDDING DEFINITIONS The City will use the following definitions in its general conditions, special conditions, technical specifications, instructions to bidders, addenda and any other document used in the bidding process:

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) The solicitation document used for soliciting competitive sealed bids for goods or services.

INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE (ITN) All solicitation documents, regardless of medium, whether attached to or incorporated by reference in solicitations for responses from firms that invite proposals from interested and qualified firms so the city may enter into negotiations with the firm(s) determined most capable of providing the required goods or services.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) A solicitation method used for soliciting competitive sealed proposals to determine the best value among proposals for goods or services for which price may not be the prevailing factor in award of the contract, or the scope of work, specifications or contract terms and conditions may be difficult to define. Such solicitation will consider the qualifications of the proposers along with evaluation of each proposal using identified and generally weighted evaluation criteria. RFPs may include price criteria whenever feasible, at the discretion of the city.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) A solicitation method used for requesting statements of qualifications in order to determine the most qualified proposer for professional services.

BID – a price and terms quote received in response to an ITB.

PROPOSAL – a proposal received in response to an RFP.

BIDDER – Person or firm submitting a Bid.

PROPOSER – Person or firm submitting a Proposal.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER – A firm who has submitted a bid, offer, quote, or response which conforms in all material respects to the competitive solicitation document and all of its requirements.

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER – A firm who is fully capable of meeting all requirements of the solicitation and subsequent contract. The respondent must possess the full capability, including financial and technical, ability, business judgment, experience, qualifications, facilities, equipment, integrity, capability, and reliability, in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and assure good faith performance as determined by the city.

FIRST RANKED PROPOSER – That Proposer, responding to a City RFP, whose Proposal is deemed by the City, the most advantageous to the City after applying the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP.

SELLER – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order or Contract to provide goods or services to the City.

CONTRACTOR – Any firm having a contract with the city. Also referred to as a "Vendor".

CONTRACT – All types of agreements, including purchase orders, for procurement of supplies, services, and construction, regardless of what these agreements may be called.

CONSULTANT – A firm providing professional services for the city.

2.02 SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Any and all Special Conditions contained in this ITB that may be in variance or conflict with these General Conditions shall have precedence over these General Conditions. If no changes or deletions to General Conditions are made in the Special Conditions, then the General Conditions shall prevail in their entirety,

PART III BIDDING AND AWARD PROCEDURES:

3.01 SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF BIDS: To receive consideration, bids must be received prior to the bid opening date and time. Unless otherwise specified, Bidders should use the proposal forms provided by the City. These forms may be duplicated, but failure to use the forms may cause the bid to be rejected. Any erasures or corrections on the bid must be made in ink and initialed by Bidder in ink. All information submitted by the Bidder shall be printed, typewritten or filled in with pen and ink. Bids shall be signed in ink. Separate bids must be submitted for each ITB issued by the City in separate sealed envelopes properly marked. When a particular ITB or RFP requires multiple copies of bids or proposals they may be included in a single envelope or package properly sealed and identified. Only send bids via facsimile transmission (FAX) if the ITB specifically states that bids sent via FAX will be considered. If such a statement is not included in the ITB, bids sent via FAX will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the Procurement Office, or other designated area, in the presence of Bidders, the public, and City staff. Bidders and the public are invited and encouraged to attend bid openings. Bids will be tabulated and made available for review by Bidder's and the public in accordance with applicable regulations.

3.02 MODEL NUMBER CORRECTIONS: If the model number for the make specified in this ITB is incorrect, or no longer available and replaced with an updated model with new specifications, the Bidder shall enter the correct model number on the bidder proposal page. In the case of an updated model with new specifications, Bidder shall provide adequate information to allow the City to determine if the model bid meets the City's requirements.

3.03 PRICES QUOTED: Deduct trade discounts and quote firm net prices. Give both unit price and extended total. In the case of a discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price quoted will govern. All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears

freight charges, Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims), unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions. Each item must be bid separately. No attempt shall be made to tie any item or items contained in the ITB with any other business with the City.

- 3.04 TAXES:** The City of Fort Lauderdale is exempt from Federal Excise and Florida Sales taxes on direct purchase of tangible property. Exemption number for EIN is 59-6000319, and State Sales tax exemption number is 85-8013875578C-1.
- 3.05 WARRANTIES OF USAGE:** Any quantities listed in this ITB as estimated or projected are provided for tabulation and information purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.
- 3.06 APPROVED EQUAL:** When the technical specifications call for a brand name, manufacturer, make, model, or vendor catalog number with acceptance of APPROVED EQUAL, it shall be for the purpose of establishing a level of quality and features desired and acceptable to the City. In such cases, the City will be receptive to any unit that would be considered by qualified City personnel as an approved equal. In that the specified make and model represent a level of quality and features desired by the City, the Bidder must state clearly in the bid any variance from those specifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to provide adequate information, in the bid, to enable the City to ensure that the bid meets the required criteria. If adequate information is not submitted with the bid, it may be rejected. The City will be the sole judge in determining if the item bid qualifies as an approved equal.
- 3.07 MINIMUM AND MANDATORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:** The technical specifications may include items that are considered minimum, mandatory, or required. If any Bidder is unable to meet or exceed these items, and feels that the technical specifications are overly restrictive, the bidder must notify the Procurement Services Division immediately. Such notification must be received by the Procurement Services Division prior to the deadline contained in the ITB, for questions of a material nature, or prior to five (5) days before bid due and open date, whichever occurs first. If no such notification is received prior to that deadline, the City will consider the technical specifications to be acceptable to all bidders.
- 3.08 MISTAKES:** Bidders are cautioned to examine all terms, conditions, specifications, drawings, exhibits, addenda, delivery instructions and special conditions pertaining to the ITB. Failure of the Bidder to examine all pertinent documents shall not entitle the bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed in the contract.
- 3.09 SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples or inspection of product may be requested to determine suitability. Unless otherwise specified in Special Conditions, samples shall be requested after the date of bid opening, and if requested should be received by the City within seven (7) working days of request. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request of the Bidder, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at Bidder's expense. When required, the City may request full demonstrations of units prior to award. When such demonstrations are requested, the Bidder shall respond promptly and arrange a demonstration at a convenient location. Failure to provide samples or demonstrations as specified by the City may result in rejection of a bid.
- 3.10 LIFE CYCLE COSTING:** If so specified in the ITB, the City may elect to evaluate equipment proposed on the basis of total cost of ownership. In using Life Cycle Costing, factors such as the following may be considered: estimated useful life, maintenance costs, cost of supplies, labor intensity, energy usage, environmental impact, and residual value. The City reserves the right to use those or other applicable criteria, in its sole opinion that will most accurately estimate total cost of use and ownership.
- 3.11 BIDDING ITEMS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT:** In addressing environmental concerns, the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages Bidders to submit bids or alternate bids containing items with recycled content. When submitting bids containing items with recycled content, Bidder shall provide documentation adequate for the City to verify the recycled content. The City prefers packaging consisting of materials that are degradable or able to be recycled. When specifically stated in the ITB, the City may give preference to bids containing items manufactured with recycled material or packaging that is able to be recycled.
- 3.12 USE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTS:** The City reserves the right to reject any part or all of any bids received and utilize other available governmental contracts, if such action is in its best interest.
- 3.13 QUALIFICATIONS/INSPECTION:** Bids will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities, equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or to take any other action necessary to determine Bidder's ability to perform. The Procurement Director reserves the right to reject bids where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform.
- 3.14 BID SURETY:** If Special Conditions require a bid security, it shall be submitted in the amount stated. A bid security can be in the form of a bid bond or cashier's check. Bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after opening of bids. Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder after acceptance of the performance bond, if required; acceptance of insurance coverage, if required; and full execution of contract documents, if required; or conditions as stated in Special Conditions.
- 3.15 PUBLIC RECORDS/TRADE SECRETS/COPYRIGHT:** The Proposer's response to the RFP is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this RFP and the Contract to be executed for this RFP, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the RFP, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP constitutes a Trade Secret. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of records as public records. In addition, the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of records as exempt from disclosure or confidential. Proposals bearing copyright symbols or otherwise purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part may be rejected. The proposer authorizes the City to publish, copy, and reproduce any and all documents submitted to the City bearing copyright symbols or otherwise purporting to be subject to copyright protection.

EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED.

3.16 PROHIBITION OF INTEREST: No contract will be awarded to a bidding firm who has City elected officials, officers or employees affiliated with it, unless the bidding firm has fully complied with current Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances relating to this issue. Bidders must disclose any such affiliation. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder and removal of the Bidder from the City's bidder lists and prohibition from engaging in any business with the City.

3.17 RESERVATIONS FOR AWARD AND REJECTION OF BIDS: The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, part of bids, and to waive minor irregularities or variations to specifications contained in bids, and minor irregularities in the bidding process. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on a split order basis, lump sum basis, individual item basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB and whose bid is considered to best serve the City's interest. In determining the responsiveness of the offer and the responsibility of the Bidder, the following shall be considered when applicable: the ability, capacity and skill of the Bidder to perform as required; whether the Bidder can perform promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference; the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Bidder; the quality of past performance by the Bidder; the previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with related laws and ordinances; the sufficiency of the Bidder's financial resources; the availability, quality and adaptability of the Bidder's supplies or services to the required use; the ability of the Bidder to provide future maintenance, service or parts; the number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

If the ITB provides for a contract trial period, the City reserves the right, in the event the selected bidder does not perform satisfactorily, to award a trial period to the next ranked bidder or to award a contract to the next ranked bidder, if that bidder has successfully provided services to the City in the past. This procedure to continue until a bidder is selected or the contract is re-bid, at the sole option of the City.

3.18 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicable provisions of all federal, state, county laws, and local ordinances, rules and regulations, shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

3.19 BID PROTEST PROCEDURE: Any proposer or bidder who is not recommended for award of a contract and who alleges a failure by the city to follow the city's procurement ordinance or any applicable law may protest to the chief procurement officer, by delivering a letter of protest to the director of finance within five (5) days after a notice of intent to award is posted on the city's web site at the following url: <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/finance/procurement-services/notices-of-intent-to-award>

The complete protest ordinance may be found on the city's web site at the following url:
https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeid=coor_ch2ad_artvfi_div2pr_s2-182direpr

PART IV BONDS AND INSURANCE

4.01 PERFORMANCE BOND: If a performance bond is required in Special Conditions, the Contractor shall within fifteen (15) working days after notification of award, furnish to the City a Performance Bond, payable to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the face amount specified in Special Conditions as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract. If the bond is on an annual coverage basis, renewal for each succeeding year shall be submitted to the City thirty (30) days prior to the termination date of the existing Performance Bond. The Performance Bond must be executed by a surety company of recognized standing, authorized to do business in the State of Florida and having a resident agent.

Acknowledgement and agreement is given by both parties that the amount herein set for the Performance Bond is not intended to be nor shall be deemed to be in the nature of liquidated damages nor is it intended to limit the liability of the Contractor to the City in the event of a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor.

4.02 INSURANCE: The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance as required by City or specified in Special Conditions.

The Contractor shall provide to the Procurement Services Division original certificates of coverage and receive notification of approval of those certificates by the City's Risk Manager prior to engaging in any activities under this contract. The Contractor's insurance is subject to the approval of the City's Risk Manager. The certificates must list the City as an **ADDITIONAL INSURED for General Liability Insurance** and shall have no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or material change. Further modification of the insurance requirements may be made at the sole discretion of the City's Risk Manager if circumstances change or adequate protection of the City is not presented. Bidder, by submitting the bid, agrees to abide by such modifications.

PART V PURCHASE ORDER AND CONTRACT TERMS:

5.01 COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS, LATE DELIVERIES/PENALTIES: Items offered may be tested for compliance with bid specifications. Items delivered which do not conform to bid specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense. Any violation resulting in contract termination for cause or delivery of items not conforming to specifications, or late delivery may also result in:

- Bidder's name being removed from the City's bidder's mailing list for a specified period and Bidder will not be recommended for any award during that period.
- All City Departments being advised to refrain from doing business with the Bidder.
- All other remedies in law or equity.

5.02 ACCEPTANCE, CONDITION, AND PACKAGING: The material delivered in response to ITB award shall remain the property of the Seller until a physical inspection is made and the material accepted to the satisfaction of the City. The material must comply fully with the terms of the ITB, be of the required quality, new, and the latest model. All containers shall be suitable for storage and shipment by common carrier, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging. The City will not accept substitutes of any kind. Any substitutes or material not meeting specifications will be returned at the Bidder's expense. Payment will be made only after City receipt and acceptance of materials or services.

5.03 SAFETY STANDARDS: All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of the Occupation Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended.

- 5.04 ASBESTOS STATEMENT:** All material supplied must be 100% asbestos free. Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies that if awarded any portion of the ITB the bidder will supply only material or equipment that is 100% asbestos free.
- 5.05 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** If the Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this ITB, the bidder may, if the bidder has sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ITB and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. delivered to the requesting agency.
- 5.06 VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS PROCEDURE:** No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Contractor as a result of any discussions with any City employee. Only those communications which are in writing from an authorized City representative may be considered. Only written communications from Contractors, which are assigned by a person designated as authorized to bind the Contractor, will be recognized by the City as duly authorized expressions on behalf of Contractors.
- 5.07 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Proposer shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security, health insurance, employee benefits, procurement policies unless otherwise stated in this ITB, and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this contract shall be those of the Contractor.
- 5.08 INDEMNITY/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** Contractor shall protect and defend at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to the City's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, fines, damages, settlements, judgments, claims, costs, charges, expenses, or liabilities, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of any act or omission by the Contractor or by any officer, employee, agent, invitee, subcontractor, or sublicensee of the Contractor. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, suits, or other actions relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in materials or workmanship, actual or alleged violations of any applicable statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court shall be included in the indemnity hereunder.
- 5.09 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the provisions of this Agreement, the City may upon written notice to the Contractor terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, or with such part or parts of the Agreement as to which there has been default, and may hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused to the City by reason of such default and termination. In the event of such termination, any completed services performed by the Contractor under this Agreement shall, at the option of the City, become the City's property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive equitable compensation for any work completed to the satisfaction of the City. The Contractor, however, shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by reason of any breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and the City may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor can be determined.
- 5.10 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City reserves the right, in the City's best interest as determined by the City, to cancel any contract by giving written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.
- 5.11 CANCELLATION FOR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS:** The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- 5.12 RECORDS/AUDIT:** The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City Auditor or the City Auditor's designee, during normal business hours and in Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach Counties, all books of account, reports, and records relating to this contract. The Contractor shall retain all books of account, reports, and records relating to this contract for the duration of the contract and for three years after the final payment under this Agreement, until all pending audits, investigations or litigation matters relating to the contract are closed, or until expiration of the records retention period prescribed by Florida law or the records retention schedules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Florida Department of State, whichever is later.
- 5.13 PERMITS, TAXES, LICENSES:** The successful Contractor shall, at his/her/its own expense, obtain all necessary permits, pay all licenses, fees and taxes, required to comply with all local ordinances, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to business to be carried out under this contract.
- 5.14 LAWS/ORDINANCES:** The Contractor shall observe and comply with all Federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances rules and regulations that would apply to this contract.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: The Contractor shall not, in any of its activities, including employment, discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, creed, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, or any other protected classification as defined by applicable law.

1. The Contractor certifies and represents that the Contractor will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (2019), as may be amended or revised, ("Section 2-187"), during the entire term of this Agreement.
2. The failure of the Contractor to comply with Section 2-187 shall be deemed to be a material breach of this Agreement, entitling the City to pursue any remedy stated below or any remedy provided under applicable law.
3. The City may terminate this Agreement if the Contractor fails to comply with Section 2-187.
4. The City may retain all monies due or to become due until the Contractor complies with Section 2-187.
5. The Contractor may be subject to debarment or suspension proceedings. Such proceedings will be consistent with the procedures in section 2-183 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- 5.15 UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** If during a contract term where costs to the City are to remain firm or adjustments are restricted by a percentage or CPI cap, unusual circumstances that could not have been foreseen by either party of the contract occur, and those circumstances significantly affect the Contractor's cost in providing the required prior items or services, then the Contractor may request adjustments to the costs to the City to reflect the changed circumstances. The circumstances must be beyond the control of the Contractor, and the requested adjustments must be fully documented. The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, increases are considered to be excessive, or decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City will reserve the following options:

1. The contract can be canceled by the City upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor with no penalty to the City or Contractor. The Contractor shall fill all City requirements submitted to the Contractor until the termination date contained in the notice.
2. The City requires the Contractor to continue to provide the items and services at the firm fixed (non-adjusted) cost until the termination of the contract term then in effect.
3. If the City, in its interest and in its sole opinion, determines that the Contractor in a capricious manner attempted to use this section of the contract to relieve Contractor of a legitimate obligation under the contract, and no unusual circumstances had occurred, the City reserves the right to take any and all action under law or equity. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, declaring the Contractor in default and disqualifying Contractor from receiving any business from the City for a stated period of time.

If the City does agree to adjusted costs, these adjusted costs shall not be invoiced to the City until the Contractor receives notice in writing signed by a person authorized to bind the City in such matters.

- 5.16 ELIGIBILITY:** If applicable, the Contractor must first register with the Florida Department of State in accordance with Florida Statutes, prior to entering into a contract with the City.
- 5.17 PATENTS AND ROYALTIES:** The Contractor, without exception, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's employees, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against liability of any nature and kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including their use by the City. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include any and all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.
- 5.18 ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not transfer or assign the performance required by this ITB without the prior written consent of the City. Any award issued pursuant to this ITB, and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the City Commission or the City Manager or City Manager's designee, depending on original award approval.
- 5.19 GOVERNING LAW; VENUE:** The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any lawsuit by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of the Contract, and for any other legal proceeding, shall be in the courts in and for Broward County, Florida, or in the event of federal jurisdiction, in the Southern District of Florida.
- 5.20 PUBLIC RECORDS:**

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV, 954-828-5002, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301.

Contractor shall comply with public records laws, and Contractor shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2019), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
4. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the 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 City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

All references shall include owner, address, contact name, phone number, email and the contract value. References shall not include the City of Fort Lauderdale. A minimum of three (3) references shall be provided:

1. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Contract Value: _____ Year: _____

2. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Contract Value: _____ Year: _____

3. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Contract Value: _____ Year: _____

4. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Contract Value: _____ Year: _____

5. Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Contract Value: _____ Year: _____

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

By signing this offer, the vendor/contractor certifies that this offer is made independently and *free* from collusion. Vendor shall disclose below any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement.

Any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement.

For purposes hereof, a person has a material interest if they directly or indirectly own more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity, or if they otherwise stand to personally gain if the contract is awarded to this vendor.

In accordance with City of Fort Lauderdale, FL Policy and Standards Manual, 6.10.8.3,

3.3. City employees may not contract with the City through any corporation or business entity in which they or their immediate family members hold a controlling financial interest (e.g., ownership of five (5) percent or more).

3.4. Immediate family members (spouse, parents, and children) are also prohibited from contracting with the City subject to the same general rules.

Failure of a vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the City Procurement Code.

NAME

RELATIONSHIPS

In the event the vendor does not indicate any names, the City shall interpret this to mean that the vendor has indicated that no such relationships exist.

Authorized Signature

Title

Name (Printed)

Date

**CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT**

The completed and signed form should be returned with the Contractor's submittal. If not provided with submittal, the Contractor must submit within three business days of City's request. Contractor may be deemed non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

Pursuant to City Ordinance Sec. 2-17(a)(i)(ii), bidders must certify compliance with the Non-Discrimination provision of the ordinance.

- A. Contractors doing business with the City shall not discriminate against their employees based on the employee's race, color, religion, gender (including identity or expression), marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other protected classification as defined by applicable law.

Contracts. Every Contract exceeding \$100,000, or otherwise exempt from this section shall contain language that obligates the Contractor to comply with the applicable provisions of this section.

The Contract shall include provisions for the following:

- (i) The Contractor certifies and represents that it will comply with this section during the entire term of the contract.
- (ii) The failure of the Contractor to comply with this section shall be deemed to be a material breach of the contract, entitling the City to pursue any remedy stated below or any remedy provided under applicable law.

Authorized Signature

Print Name and Title

Date

CONTRACT PAYMENT METHOD

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City has transitioned from traditional paper checks to credit card payments via MasterCard or Visa as part of this program.

This allows you as a vendor of the City of Fort Lauderdale to receive your payments fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed.

In accordance with the contract, payments on this contract will be made utilizing the City's P-Card (MasterCard or Visa). Accordingly, bidders must presently have the ability to accept the credit card or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a card before the start of the contract term, or contract award by the City.

All costs associated with the Contractor's participation in this purchasing program shall be borne by the Contractor. The City reserves the right to revise this program as necessary.

By signing below, you agree with these terms.

Please indicate which credit card payment you prefer:

_____ MasterCard

_____ Visa

Company Name

Name (Printed)

Signature

Title

Date



LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

Section 2-199.2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, (Ordinance No. C-12-04), provides for a local business preference.

In order to be considered for a local business preference, a bidder must include the Local Business Preference Certification Statement of this ITB, as applicable to the local business preference class claimed **at the time of bid submittal**.

Upon formal request of the City, based on the application of a Local Business Preference the Bidder shall, within ten (10) calendar days, submit the following documentation to the Local Business Preference Class claimed:

A) Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, **or** Broward County current year business tax receipt, **and**

B) List of the names of all employees of the bidder and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

Failure to comply at time of bid submittal shall result in the bidder being found ineligible for the local business preference.

THE COMPLETE LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE ORDINANCE MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTVFI_DIV2PR_S2-186LOBUPRPR

Definitions: The term "Business" shall mean a person, firm, corporation or other business entity which is duly licensed and authorized to engage in a particular work in the State of Florida. Business shall be broken down into four (4) types of classes:

1. Class A Business – shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City **and** shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
2. Class B Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City **or** shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
3. Class C Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone **and** staffed with full-time employees within the limits of Broward County.
4. Class D Business – shall mean any Business that does not qualify as either a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.

LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The Business identified below certifies that it qualifies for the local business price preference classification as indicated herein, and further certifies and agrees that it will re-affirm its local preference classification annually no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the anniversary of the date of a contract awarded pursuant to this ITB. Violation of the foregoing provision may result in contract termination.

- (1) _____
Business Name
- is a **Class A** Business as defined in City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the City of Fort Lauderdale current year Business Tax Receipt and a complete list of full-time employees and evidence of their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.
- (2) _____
Business Name
- is a **Class B** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the Business Tax Receipt or a complete list of full-time employees and evidence of their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.
- (3) _____
Business Name
- is a **Class C** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the Broward County Business Tax Receipt shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.
- (4) _____
Business Name
- requests a **Conditional Class A** classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.
- (5) _____
Business Name
- requests a **Conditional Class B** classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.
- (6) _____
Business Name
- is considered a **Class D** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186 and does not qualify for Local Preference consideration.

BIDDER'S COMPANY: _____

AUTHORIZED COMPANY PERSON: _____
PRINT NAME SIGNATURE DATE



DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PREFERENCE

Section 2-185, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, provides for a disadvantaged business preference.

In order to be considered for a DBE Preference, a bidder must include a certification from a government agency, as applicable to the DBE Preference class claimed **at the time of bid submittal**.

Upon formal request of the City, based on the application of a DBE Preference the Bidder shall, within ten (10) calendar days, submit the following documentation to the DBE Class claimed:

A) Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, **or** Broward County current year business tax receipt, **or** State of Florida active registration **and/or**

B) List of the names of all employees of the bidder and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

Failure to comply at time of bid submittal shall result in the bidder being found ineligible for the disadvantaged business preference.

THE COMPLETE DBE PREFERENCE ORDINANCE MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=56883>

Definitions

- a. The term "disadvantaged class 1 enterprise" shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the city, and provides supporting documentation of its City of Fort Lauderdale business tax and disadvantaged certification as established in the City's Procurement Manual. The term "Class B business" shall mean any business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the city, or shall maintain a staffing level for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- b. The term "disadvantaged class 2 enterprise" shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business within the limits of the city with a full-time employees and provides supporting documentation of its City of Fort Lauderdale business tax and disadvantaged certification as established in the City's Procurement Manual. The term "Class D business" shall mean any business that does not qualify as a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.
- c. The term "disadvantaged class 3 enterprise" shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a CAM #21-0053 Exhibit 1 Page 6 of 10 non-residential zone, staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the Tri-County area and provides supporting documentation of its City of Fort Lauderdale business tax and disadvantaged certification as established in the City's Procurement Manual.
- d. The term "disadvantaged class 4 enterprise" shall mean any disadvantaged business enterprise that does not qualify as a Class A, Class B, or Class C business, but is located in the State of Florida and provides supporting documentation of its disadvantaged certification as established in the City's Procurement Manual.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The Business identified below certifies that it qualifies for the disadvantaged business enterprise price preference classification as indicated herein, and further certifies and agrees that it will re-affirm its preference classification annually no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the anniversary of the date of a contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Violation of the foregoing provision may result in contract termination.

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Business Name

(2) is a disadvantaged class 2 enterprise as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance Section 2-185 disadvantaged business enterprise that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business within the limits of the city with a full-time employee(s) and provides supporting documentation of its City of Fort Lauderdale business tax and disadvantaged certification as established in the City's Procurement Manual. The term "Class D business" shall mean any business that does not qualify as a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.

Business Name

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Business Name

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Business Name

(5) is not considered a Disadvantaged Enterprise Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance Sec.2-185 and does not qualify for DBE Preference consideration.

Business Name

BIDDER'S COMPANY: _____

AUTHORIZED COMPANY PERSON: _____
PRINT NAME SIGNATURE DATE

E-VERIFY AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

RFP/Bid /Contract No: _____

Project Description: _____

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Authorized Company Person's Signature: _____

Authorized Company Person's Title: _____

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Name: _____ Title: _____ Entity: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SECTION

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, as _____ for _____, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public Signature: _____

(Notary Seal)

Print Name: _____

My commission expires: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ FAX No.: _____ Email: _____

Delivery: Calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order (**section 1.02 of General Conditions**): _____

Total Bid Discount (**section 1.05 of General Conditions**): _____

Check box if your firm qualifies for DBE (**section 1.09 of General Conditions**): ☐

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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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The below signatory hereby agrees to furnish the following article(s) or services at the price(s) and terms stated subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications addenda, legal advertisement, and conditions contained in the bid/proposal. I have read all attachments including the specifications and fully understand what is required. By submitting this signed proposal, I will accept a contract if approved by the City and such acceptance covers all terms, conditions, and specifications of this bid/proposal. The below signatory also hereby agrees, by virtue of submitting or attempting to submit a response, that in no event shall the City's liability for respondent's direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages, expenses, or lost profits arising out of this competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to public advertisement, bid conferences, site visits, evaluations, oral presentations, or award proceedings exceed the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). This limitation shall not apply to claims arising under any provision of indemnification or the City's protest ordinance contained in this competitive solicitation.

Submitted by:

Name (printed)

Signature

Date

Title

329 - Q & A

No.	Question	Answer
1	I was looking for previous bid tabs for the City of Fort Lauderdale IB Event #329 Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls. I went to the bid results tab under procurement services, but couldn't find anything similar. Has this bid	<p>See link below.</p> <p>https://fortlauderdale.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6737169&GUID=ACCC1C1B-E0E0-49C1-ABF4-53BE38BFF1DE</p>
2	The bid package states that “the initial contract term shall commence upon date of award by the City, _____, or July 1, 2024, whichever is later, and shall expire three (3) years from that date. Is the July 1st date still valid?	<p>No, July 1st has passed. The contract will commence upon date of award by the City.</p>
3	It’s unclear the “unit measure” for items to be quoted. Please confirm if what the City requires to quote are the line items on the file attached, including questions added for some of the lines:	<p>See attached sheet for responses to your attached questions.</p>

Question 2 Q&A

1. Line 1: Quote each monthly canal cleaning. *Provide price per month.*
2. Line 2: Quote 150 hours for off cycle request – Emergency deployments.
 - a. Is there a maximum number of deployments and/or locations per year, and how many days per year? *No*
 - b. For what period are these 150 hours: for the three years contract period, etc.? *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*
3. Line 3: Quote 3 deployments of aerator system.
 - a. For what period are these 3 deployments: for the three years contract period, etc.? *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*
4. Line 4: Quote 60 days of aerator system (8 hours each day).
 - a. For what period are these 60 days: for the three years contract period, etc.? *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*
5. Line 5: Quote 1,500 feet of floating boom deployment.
 - a. How many deployments and how many locations per year, and how many days per year? *Unknown*
 - b. For what period are these 1,500 feet: for the three years contract period, etc.? *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*
6. Line 6: Quote 300 miles of herbicidal applications.
 - a. For what period are these 300 miles: for the three years contract period, etc.? *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*
7. Line 7: Quote 300 miles of algaecide applications.
 - a. For what period are these 300 miles: for the three years contract period, etc.? *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*
8. Line 8: Quote 250 hours of mechanical weed removal.
 - a. How many deployments and how many locations per year? *Unknown*
 - b. For what period are these 250 hours: for the three years contract period, etc.? *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*
9. Line 9: Quote 250 hours of algal mechanical removal.
 - a. How many deployments and how many locations per year? *Unknown*
 - b. For what period are these 250 hours: for the three years contract period, etc. *Quantity provided is estimated annually.*

Line Responses For Event # 329-0

Company: 10

Event #: 329-0

Event Name: Waterway Cleaning
and Algal Controls -
Rebid

Supplier Group: COFL

Supplier: 494

Supplier Name: Aquatic Control
Group

Supplier Contact: 1

Supplier Contact Name: robert muriedas

Line Responses

Line #	Item	Description	Vendor Item	Vendor Description	Line Quantity	Response Quantity	Unit Measure	Unit Price	No Charge	No Bid	No Bid Reason	Response Exists	Questions Exist	Is Awarded
* 1	ANNUAL CLEANING (12 CYCLES)	Monthly Canal Cleaning (12 months)	ANNUAL CLEANING 12 CYCLES	Monthly canal cleaning	12.0000	12.0000	EA	59,125.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 2	SPECIAL PROJECT / SCHEDULE D	Off Cycle Requests - Emergency Deployment	OFF CYCLE REQUEST- EMERGENCY DEPO	Off Cycle Requests - Emergency Deployment	150.0000	150.0000	HR	200.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 3	AERATOR SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT	Aerator System Deployment	AERATOR SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT	Aerator system deployment	3.0000	3.0000	EA	1,500.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 4	AERATOR SYSTEM-COST PER DAY	Aerator System-Cost per day	AERATOR SYSTEM-COST PER DAY	cost per day	60.0000	60.0000	DA	2,500.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 5	FLOATING BOOM (ALL COSTS PER DEP)	Floating Boom (All costs per deployment)	TYPE 1 FLOATING BOOM	yellow dot booms Type 1	1,500.0000	1,500.0000	LF	12.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 6	HERBICIDAL APPLICATIONS	Herbicidal Applications	HERBICIDAL APPLICATIONS	weed control	300.0000	300.0000	MI	325.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 7	ALGAECIDE APPLICATIONS	Algaecide Applications	ALGAECIDE APPLICATION	Aquatic herbicide	300.0000	300.0000	MI	325.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 8	MECHANICAL WEED REMOVAL	Mechanical Weed Removal (All Costs)	MECHANICAL WEED CONTROL	aquatic harvester	250.0000	200.0000	HR	200.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No
* 9	ALGAL MECHANICAL REMOVAL	Algal Mechanical Removal (All Costs)	ALGAL MECHANICAL WEED REMOVAL	algal mechanical removal	250.0000	250.0000	HR	350.000000	No	No		Yes	No	No

REFERENCES

All references shall include owner, address, contact name, phone number, email and the contract value. References shall not include the City of Fort Lauderdale. A minimum of three (3) references shall be provided:

1. **Company Name:** Miami Dade Avation
Address: 4200 nw 36 street
Contact Name: Shannon Lee
Phone #: 305-869-8579
Email Address: shlee@flymia.com
Contract Value: 3,363,970.00 Year: 5
2. **Company Name:** Village of Palmetto Bay
Address: 9495 SW 180 St
Contact Name: Dioniso Torres
Phone #: 305-969-5011
Email Address: dtorres@palmettobay-fl.gov
Contract Value: 46,000.00 Year: 3+2
3. **Company Name:** City of Palm Bay
Address: 1050 Malabar Road
Contact Name: David Lecour
Phone #: 321-522-8521
Email Address: david.lecour@palmbay.org
Contract Value: 540,000.00 Year: 2024
4. **Company Name:** St. Lucie County
Address: 3071 Oleander Ave, Fort Perice Fl
Contact Name: Shannon Merias
Phone #: 772-462-1813
Email Address: mierass@stlucieco.org
Contract Value: 640,000 Year: 21-24
5. **Company Name:** City of Miami
Address: 444 SW 2 ave
Contact Name: Elirosa Estevez
Phone #: 3054841256
Email Address: eestevez@miamigov.com
Contract Value: 790,000 Year: 24



NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

By signing this offer, the vendor/contractor certifies that this offer is made independently and free from collusion. Vendor shall disclose below any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement.

Any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement.

For purposes hereof, a person has a material interest if they directly or indirectly own more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity, or if they otherwise stand to personally gain if the contract is awarded to this vendor.

In accordance with City of Fort Lauderdale, FL Policy and Standards Manual, 6.10.8.3,

3.3. City employees may not contract with the City through any corporation or business entity in which they or their immediate family members hold a controlling financial interest (e.g., ownership of five (5) percent or more).

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Failure of a vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the City Procurement Code.

NAME

RELATIONSHIPS

NONE

In the event the vendor does not indicate any names, the City shall interpret this to mean that the vendor has indicated that no such relationships exist.

Authorized Signature

Mark Brooks

Name (Printed)

President

Title

07/08/2024

Date

Rev 09-2022



**CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH
NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT**

The completed and signed form should be returned with the Contractor's submittal. If not provided with submittal, the Contractor must submit within three business days of City's request. Contractor may be deemed non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Brooks".

Authorized Signature

Mark Brooks President

Print Name and Title

07/08/2024

Date



CONTRACT PAYMENT METHOD

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City has transitioned from traditional paper checks to credit card payments via MasterCard or Visa as part of this program.

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By signing below, you agree with these terms.

Please indicate which credit card payment you prefer:

☒ MasterCard

☒ Visa

Aquatic Control Group Inc
Company Name

Mark Brooks
Name (Printed)


Signature

President
Title

07/08/2024
Date

E-VERIFY AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

RFP/Bid /Contract No: City of Fort Lauderdale Waterway Cleaning and Algal Controls ITB Event #329

Project Description: Canal waterway cleaning and alge controls

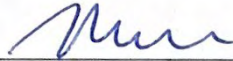
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Authorized Company Person's Title: Presidesnt

Date: 07/08/2024

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Name: Mark Brooks Title: President Entity: Aquatic Control group

Signature: [Signature] Date: 07/08/2024

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STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Manatee

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 08 day of July, 2024, by Mark Brooks, as

President for Aquatic Control group, who is

personally known to me or who has produced Personally Known as identification.

Notary Public Signature: [Signature]

(Notary Seal)

Print Name: Jorge L Salazar

My commission expires: _____



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Company: (Legal Registration) AQUATIC PLANT MGMT GROUP EIN (Optional): 82-1946936

Address: 1501 NW 37th St

City: Miami State: FL Zip: 33142

Telephone No.: 305-546-4423 FAX No.: _____ Email: aquaticplantmgt@gmail.com

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Submitted by:

Mark Brooks

Name (printed)

07/08/2024

Date


Signature

President

Title

revised 09-2022

Equipment List

2022 Super Track 190 Equivalent to CAT 908 loader

Equipped with Cmac Mulching head.

Sand bucket 1.5 Cubic Yard as per MFG specifications

2024 Bobcat e88

Equipped with bucket with Ditching bucket attached 10.88 Cubic Feet

Brown Raptor mulching head

2023 John Deer 331G

Equipped with Fecon Mulching head

80" Steel Bucket 20.1 Cubic Feet

2020 Bobcat E50 Amphibious excavator

Equipped with 30" digging bucket 5.9 Cubic Feet

Brown Raptor Mulching Head

2022 Bandit XPC19T

Track Chipper

Additional support equipment

Dodge 3500 service truck

Dodge 3500 pick-up truck

Chevy 1500 Pick-up truck

Mack tractor with Landoll 930 trailer

Various chain Saws, ropes, chains, rake, brooms and blower

Aerator



Turbidity Curtains with Aerator



Crane 1



Grapple 1



Grapple 2



Grapple Barge



Harvester



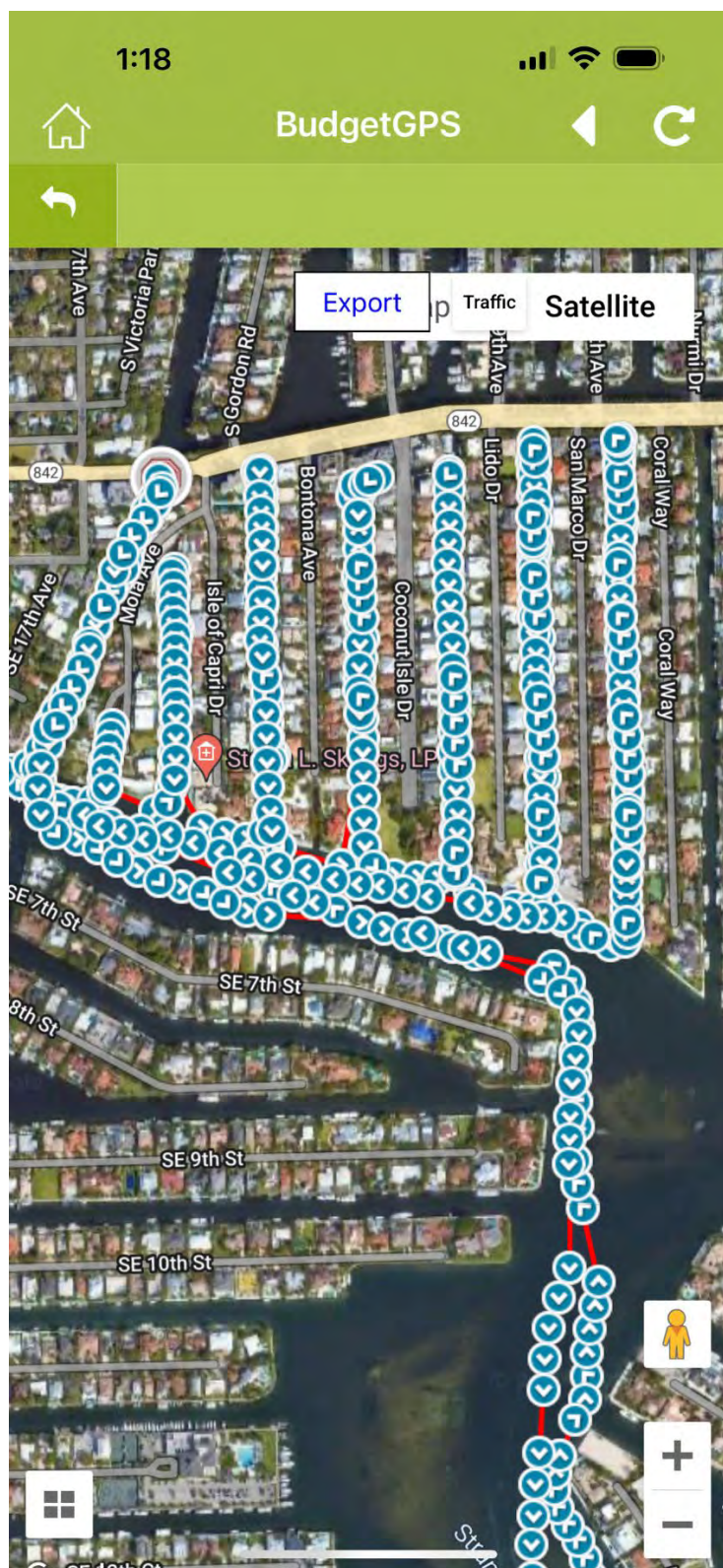
Litter Collection



Debris 2



GPS Tracking





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Kendall-Tamiami Executive
Opa-locka Executive

September 8, 2021

Aquatic Control Group, Inc.
2343 NW 7th Ave
Miami, FL 33127

RE: Letter of Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

Aquatic Control Group, Inc. has been providing canal maintenance work at Miami International Airport and three of its satellite airports since October 2020 under contract FB-01370, Canal Maintenance Services (MDAD). ACG has provided exemplary services since day one. They have been extremely responsive, and our canals are being maintained impeccably. The canals were recently reviewed as part of an ISO 14001 audit of MDAD Maintenance. The auditors stated that they had never seen the canals in such good shape after more than ten years of audits.

Judging by our experience with Aquatic Control Group, Inc., the firm is highly recommended by this Department.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (305) 876-7380.

Sincerely,

Michael Bedell
Landscape Architect 3
Facilities Maintenance, GA Airports

Delivering Excellence Every Day

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Consumer Services**

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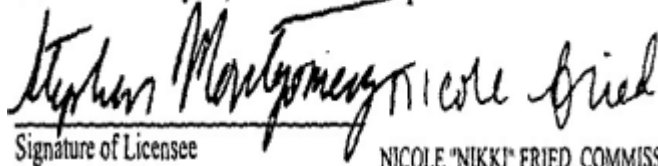
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