### **INVITATION FOR BIDS #Y14-1098-DG**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, henceforth referred to as the County is accepting sealed bids for:

### LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT THE SOUTH WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY TERM CONTRACT

Sealed bid offers in an **original** and **three** (3) **copies** for furnishing the above will be accepted up to 2:00 PM (local time), Tuesday, August 26, 2014, in the Procurement Division, Internal Operations Centre II, 400 E. South Street, 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL 32801.

Copies of the bid documents may be obtained from the Orange County Procurement Division at the above address. Copies may be requested by phoning (407) 836-5635 or by download from the Internet at:

http://apps.ocfl.net/orangebids/bidopen.asp

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014, 2:00 PM, located at Orange County South Water Reclamation Facility, 4760 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, Florida 32819. Attendance is not mandatory but is encouraged.

Johnny M. Richardson, CPPO, CFCM Manager, Procurement Division

# NOTICE TO BIDDERS

To ensure that your bid is responsive, you are urged to request clarification or guidance on any issues involving this solicitation before submission of your response. Your pointof-contact for this solicitation is Dorothy Gordon, Senior Purchasing Agent at <u>Dorothy.Gordon@ocfl.net</u>.

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### 1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

These specifications constitute the complete set of requirements and bid forms. The bid response page(s), and all forms listed on the bid response page(s) shall be completed, signed, and sealed in an envelope bearing the bid number on the outside and mailed or presented to the Procurement Division on or before the specified time and date. Failure to comply with the preceding requirements shall result in the rejection of the bid.

Bids submitted by e-mail, telephone or fax shall not be accepted. An emailed or a faxed bid shall be rejected as non-responsive regardless of where it is received.

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that their bid reaches the Procurement Division. All bids, unless otherwise specified, must be delivered to the following address no later than the time and date specified in the solicitation:

Procurement Division Internal Operations Centre II 400 E. South Street, 2nd Floor Orlando, FL 32801

Bidders are cautioned that they are responsible for delivery to the specific location cited above. Therefore, if your bid is delivered by an express mail carrier or by any other means, it is your responsibility to ensure delivery to the above address. This office will not be responsible for deliveries made to any place other than the specified address.

The County shall not be responsible for delays caused by any occurrence. The time/date stamp clock located in the Procurement Division shall serve as the official authority to determine lateness of any bid. The bid time shall be scrupulously observed. Under no circumstances shall bids delivered after the time specified be considered. Late bids will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The decision to refuse to consider a bid that was received beyond the date/time established in the solicitation shall not be the basis for a protest pursuant to the Orange County Code (Procurement Ordinance).

All bids must be typewritten or filled in with pen and ink, and must be signed in ink by an officer or employee having authority to bind the company or firm. Errors, corrections, or changes on any document must be initialed by the signatory of the bid.

Bidders shall not be allowed to modify their bids after the opening time and date. Bid files may be examined during normal working hours, thirty (30) days after bid opening or upon recommendation for award, whichever occurs first. Bidders desiring to view these documents are urged to schedule an appointment. For information concerning this bid, please contact the Procurement Division at the address listed above or by calling 407-836-5635. Please specify the bid number for which you are inquiring.

### 2. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION

All questions or concerns regarding this Invitation for Bids shall be submitted by email to <u>Dorothy.Gordon@ocfl.net</u>, no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday, August 20, 2014 to the attention of Dorothy Gordon, Procurement Division, referencing the IFB number. When required the Procurement Division shall issue an addendum to the Invitation for Bids. The addendum shall be available on the Internet for access by potential Bidders. Bidders are instructed not to contact the initiating division directly. No oral interpretation of this Invitation for Bids shall be considered binding. The County shall be bound by information and statements only when such statements are written and executed under the authority of the Manager, Procurement Division.

This provision exists solely for the convenience and administrative efficiency of Orange County. No Bidder or other third party gains any rights by virtue of this provision or the application thereof, nor shall any Bidder or third party have any standing to sue or cause of action arising there from.

# 3. FEDERAL AND STATE TAX

The County is exempt from Federal and State Sales and Use Taxes for tangible personal property (Certificate of Registry for tax transactions under Chapter 32, Internal Revenue Code and Florida Sales/Use Tax Exemption Certificate). The Manager, Procurement Division will sign an exemption certificate submitted by the Contractor.

Contractors doing business with the County shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor shall any Contractor be authorized to use the County's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

### 4. ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION/CANCELLATION

The County reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all bids and to make the award to that bidder who, in the opinion of the County, will be in the best interest of and/or the most advantageous to the County. The County also reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who has previously failed in the proper performance of an award or to deliver on time contracts of a similar nature or who, in the County's opinion, is not in a position to perform properly under this award. The County reserves the right to inspect all facilities of bidders in order to make a determination as to the foregoing. The County reserves the right to waive any irregularities and technicalities and may, at its discretion, request a rebid. Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as determined by the County. The County reserves the right, and the Manager, Procurement Division has absolute and sole discretion, to cancel a solicitation at any time prior to approval of the award by the Board of County Commissioners when such approval is required. The decision to cancel a solicitation cannot be the basis for a protest pursuant to the Orange County Code.

# 5. <u>NO BID</u>

Where more than one item is listed, any items not bid upon shall be indicated as "NO BID".

# 6. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>

The award is subject to provisions of applicable State Statutes and County Ordinances. All bidders must disclose with their bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of Orange County. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of ten percent (10%) or more in the Bidder's firm or any of its branches. Should the Contractor permanently or temporarily hire any County employee who is, or has been, directly involved with the Contractor prior to or during performance of the resulting contract, the contract shall be subject to immediate termination by the County.

# 7. <u>LEGAL REQUIREMENTS</u>

All applicable Federal and State laws and County ordinances, that in any manner affect the items covered herein apply. Lack of knowledge by the Bidder shall in no way be a cause for relief from responsibility.

- A. Contractors doing business with the County are prohibited from discriminating against any employees, applicant, or client because of race, religion, color, disability, national origin, gender, or age with regard to but not limited to the following: employment practices, rates of pay or other compensation methods, and training selection.
- B. Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE) indicates a business entity of which 51% or more is owned and operated by a minority. In this instance, minority group members are citizens of the United States or lawfully admitted permanent residents who are Black, Hispanic, Women, Native American, Asian-Pacific, Asian-Indian. Businesses wishing to participate in the County procurement process as an M/WBE are required to complete a certification application to attain recognition as such. You may contact the Procurement Division or the Business Development Division for information and assistance.

### 8. <u>MISTAKES</u>

In the event of extension error(s), the unit price will prevail and the Bidder's total offer will be corrected accordingly. In the event of addition errors, the extended totals will prevail and the Bidder's total will be corrected accordingly.

Bidders must check their bid where applicable. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk. Bids having erasures or corrections must be initialed in ink by the Bidder.

### 9. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The obligations of the County under this award are subject to the availability of funds lawfully appropriated for its purpose by the State of Florida and the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, or other specified funding source for this procurement.

### 10. <u>EEO STATEMENT</u>

It is hereby declared that equal opportunity and nondiscrimination shall be the County's policy intended to assure equal opportunities to every person, regardless of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and gender expression/identity, color, age, disability or national origin, in securing or holding employment in a field of work or labor for which the person is qualified, as provided by Section 17-314 of the Orange County Code and the County Administrative Regulations.

Further, the Contractor shall abide by the following provisions:

- A. The Contractor shall represent that the Contractor has adopted and maintains a policy of nondiscrimination as defined by applicable County ordinance throughout the term of this contract.
- B. The Contractor shall allow reasonable access to all business and employment records for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the non-discrimination provision of the contract.

The provisions of the prime contract shall be incorporate by the Contractor into the contracts of any applicable subcontractors.

### 11. BID TABULATION AND RESULTS

Bid tabulations shall be available thirty (30) days after opening on the Orange County website at: <u>http://apps.ocfl.net/orangebids/bidresults/results.asp</u>, or upon notice of intended action, whichever is sooner.

### 12. BID FORMS

All bids must be submitted on the County's standard Bid Response Form. Bids on Bidder's quotation forms shall not be accepted.

### 13. FLORIDA PREFERENCE

In the event this Invitation for Bids is to acquire personal property and the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted in response to this Invitation for Bids, is by a bidder whose principal place of business is in a state other than Florida

and such state or political subdivision thereof grants a preference for the purchase of personal property to a person whose principal place of business is in said state, then Orange County Florida may award a preference to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder having a principal place of business within the State of Florida. Such preference shall be equal to the preference granted by the state in which the lowest responsive and responsive and responsive and responsive and responsive and responsible bidder having a principal place of business. This section shall not apply to transportation projects in which Federal aid funds are used.

Any bidder whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state in the letting of any or all public contracts. Reference Florida Statutes 287.084.

# 14. <u>RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE</u>

In the event the lowest responsive and responsible bid submitted in response to any Invitation for Bids is by a bidder whose principal place of business is in a county other than Orange County, and such county grants a bid preference for purchases to a bidder whose principal place of business is in such a county, then Orange County may award a preference to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder having a principal place of business within Orange County Florida. Such preference shall be equal to the preference granted by the county in which the lowest responsive and responsible bidder has its principal place of business.

### 15. POSTING OF RECOMMENDED AWARD AND PROTESTS

The recommended award will be posted for review by interested parties at the Procurement Division and at:

<u>http://apps.ocfl.net/OrangeBids/AwardsRec/default.asp</u> prior to submission through the appropriate approval process and will remain posted for a period of five (5) full business days.

# Orange County Lobbyist Regulations General Information <u>http://www.orangecountyfl.net/OpenGovernment/LobbingAtOrangeCounty.aspx</u>

A lobbying blackout period shall commence upon issuance of the solicitation until the Board selects the Contractor. For procurements that do not require Board approval, the blackout period commences upon solicitation issuance and concludes upon contract award.

The Board of County Commissioners may void any contract where the County Mayor, one or more County Commissioners, or a County staff person has been lobbied in violation of the black-out period restrictions of Ordinance No. 2002-15.

# Orange County Protest Procedures <u>http://www.orangecountyfl.net/VendorServices/VendorProtestProced</u> <u>ures.aspx</u>

Failure to file a protest with the Manager, Procurement Division by 5:00 PM on the fifth full business day after posting, shall constitute a waiver of bid protest proceedings.

# 16. BID AND RELATED COSTS

By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that any and all costs associated with the preparation of the bid will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder. The Bidder also agrees that the County shall bear no responsibility for any costs associated with the preparation of the bid including but not limited to any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from the solicitation process.

# 17. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

This Invitation for Bids shall be included and incorporated in the final contract or purchase order. The order of contract precedence will be the contract (purchase order), bid document, and response. Any and all legal actions associated with this Invitation for Bids and/or the resultant contract (purchase order) shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any litigation involving this contract shall be the Ninth Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida.

# 18. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME

Section 287.133(3)(d), Florida Statutes, provides that the Florida Department of Management Services shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of those who have been disqualified from participating in the public contracting process under this section.

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/business\_operations/state\_purchasing/ven dor\_information/convicted\_suspended\_discriminatory\_complaints\_vendor\_ lists/convicted\_vendor\_list

A person or affiliate who has been placed on The Convicted Vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime shall not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, shall not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, shall not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with a public entity, and shall not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statute Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on The Convicted Vendor List.

### 19. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The Drug-Free Workplace Form is attached and shall be completed and submitted with your bid.

Failure to submit this form prior to award of the bid shall result in rejection/disqualification of your bid. Failure to certify the firm has a drug-free workplace in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 shall result in rejection/disqualification of your bid.

### 20. <u>SUBCONTRACTING</u>

Bidders subcontracting any portion of the work shall state name and address of subcontractor and the name of the person to be contacted on the attached <u>"Schedule of Subcontractors Form</u>".

### 21. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM</u>

Bidder shall complete the Conflict of Interest Form attached hereto and submit it with their bid.

### 22. ETHICS COMPLIANCE

The following forms are included in this solicitation and shall be completed and submitted as indicated below:

- A. **Orange County Specific Project Expenditure Report** -The purpose of this form is to document any expenses incurred by a lobbyist for the purposes described in **Section 2-351, Orange County Code.** This form shall be completed and submitted with all bid responses to an Orange County solicitation. Any questions concerning this form shall be addressed to the purchasing agent identified in the applicable solicitation.
- B. **Relationship Disclosure Form** The purpose of this form is to document any relationships between a bidder to an Orange County solicitation and the Mayor or any other member of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners. This form shall be completed and submitted with the applicable bid to an Orange County solicitation.

No contract award shall be made unless these forms have been completed and submitted with the bid. Any questions concerning these forms shall be addressed to the purchasing agent identified in this solicitation. Also, a listing of the most frequently asked questions concerning these forms is attached to each for your information.

### 23. SUBMISSION OF BID

The bid must be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

### **ORANGE COUNTY PROCUREMENT DIVISION**

Internal Operations Centre II 400 E. South Street, 2nd Floor Orlando, Florida 32801

### Bidders must indicate on the sealed envelope the following:

- A. Invitation for Bids Number
- B. Hour and Date of Opening

# C. Name of Bidder

Bids received after the time, date, and/or at the location specified, due to failure to identify the envelope with the above information shall be rejected.

# 24. <u>COPIES</u>

Copies of documents, records, materials, and/or reproductions requests will be charged in accordance with Orange County's fee schedule. Copyrighted materials may be inspected, but cannot be copied or reproduced per Federal law.

# 25. PROPRIETARY/RESTRICTIVE SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES

If a prospective bidder considers the scope of work/services contained herein to be proprietary or restrictive in nature, thus potentially resulting in reduced competition, they are urged to contact the Procurement Division <u>prior</u> to bid opening. Specifications which are unrelated to performance will be considered for deletion via addendum to this Invitation for Bids.

# 26. ASSISTANCE WITH SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES

Any prospective bidder who assisted the County in developing or writing the scope of work/services contained herein are requested to so note such on the bid response page.

### 27. PAYMENT TERMS/DISCOUNTS

The County's payment terms are in accordance with Florida Statute 218, Local Government Prompt Payment Act. Cash discounts for prompt payment shall not be considered in determining the lowest net cost for bid evaluation purposes.

### 28. PATENTS AND ROYALTIES

Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall be solely responsible for obtaining the right to use any patented or copyrighted materials in the performance of the contract resulting from this Invitation for Bids.

The Contractor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the County and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or supplied by the Contractor. In the event of any claim against the County of copyright or patent infringement, the County shall promptly provide written notification to the Contractor. If such a claim is made, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to promptly purchase for the County any infringing products or services or procure a license, at no cost to the County, which will allow continued use of the service or product. If none of the alternatives are reasonably available, the County agrees to return the article on request to the Contractor and receive reimbursement, if any, as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

### 29. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officials, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, judgments, demands, liabilities, damages, cost and expenses including attorney's fees of any kind or nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of the Contractor or its subcontractors, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; excepting those acts or omissions arising out of the sole negligence of the County.

### 30. CLARIFICATIONS

It is the Bidder's responsibility to become familiar with and fully informed regarding the terms, conditions and specifications of this Invitation for Bids. Lack of understanding and/or misinterpretation of any portions of this Invitation for Bids shall not be cause for withdrawal of your bid after opening or for subsequent protest of award. Bidder's must contact the Procurement Division, at the phone number on the bid cover sheet **prior** to bid opening, should clarification be required.

Modification or alteration of the documents contained in the solicitation or contract shall only be valid if mutually agreed to in writing by the Bidder and the County.

### 31. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

By submission of this bid, the Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

- A. The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, collusion, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.
- B. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other Bidder or to any competitor; and,
- C. No attempt has been made or shall be made by the Bidder to induce any other person or bidder to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

# 32. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The County and the Contractor each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party of this Contract and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the County nor the Contractor shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the County which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the County and the Contractor.

# 33. PRICING/AUDIT

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system, which enables ready identification of Contractor's cost of goods and use of funds. Such accounting system shall also include adequate records and documents to justify all prices for all items invoiced as well as all charges, expenses and costs incurred in providing the services for at least five (5) years after completion of this contract. The County or its designee shall have access to such books, records, subcontract(s), financial operations, and documents of the Contractor or its subcontractors, as required to comply with this section for the purpose of inspection or audit anytime during normal business hours at the Contractor's subcontractors used to procure services under the contract with the County. Contractor shall ensure the County has these same rights with subcontractors and suppliers.

### 34. <u>EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTRACTOR</u>

All work under this contract shall be performed in a professional and skillful manner. The County may require, in writing, that the Contractor, remove from this contract any employee the County deems incompetent, careless, or otherwise objectionable.

### 35. TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

All Orange County operations under the Board of County Commissioners shall be tobacco free. This policy shall apply to parking lots, parks, break areas and worksites. It is also applicable to Contractors and their personnel during contract performance on County owned property. Tobacco is defined as tobacco products including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, pipes, chewing tobacco and snuff. Failure to abide by this policy may result in civil penalties levied under Chapter 386, Florida Statutes and/or contract enforcement remedies.

# 36. CONTRACT CLAIMS

"Claim" as used in this provision means a written demand or written assertion by one of the contracting parties seeking as a matter of right, the payment of a certain sum of money, the adjustment or interpretation of contract terms, or other relief arising under or relating to this contract.

Claims made by a Contractor against the County, relating to a particular contract shall be submitted to the Manager, Procurement Division in writing clearly labeled "Contract Claim" requesting a final decision. The Contractor also shall provide with the claim a certification as follows: "I certify that the claim is made in good faith; that the supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the County is liable; and that I am duly authorized to certify the claim on behalf of the Contractor."

# Failure to document a claim in this manner shall render the claim null and void. No claim shall be accepted after final payment of the contract.

The decision of the Manager, Procurement Division shall be issued in writing and furnished to the Contractor. The decision shall state the reasons for the decision reached. The Manager, Procurement Division shall render the final decision within sixty (60) days after receipt of Contractor's written request for a final decision. The Manager, Procurement Division decision shall be final and conclusive.

The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal or action arising under the contract and shall comply with any final decision rendered by the Manager, Procurement Division.

### 37. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Prior to the employment of any person under this contract, the Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system 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 Orange County. For more information on this process, please refer to United States Citizenship and Immigration Service site at: http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis.

# Only those employees determined eligible to work within the United States shall be employed under this contract.

By submission of a bid in response to this solicitation, the Contractor affirms that all employees in the above categories shall undergo e-verification before placement on this contract. The Contractor shall commit to comply with this requirement by completing the E-Verification certification, attached to this solicitation.

# 38. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (Public Records Law), and except as many be provided by other applicable State or Federal Law, all proposers should be aware that Invitation for Bids and the responses thereto are in the public domain. Bidders must identify specifically any information contained in their response which they consider confidential and/or proprietary and which they believe to be exempt from disclosure, **citing specifically the applicable exempting law**. If a Bidder fails to cite the applicable exempting law, we will treat the information as public.

### 1. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

All interested parties are invited to attend a Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference on Monday, August 11, 2014, 2:00PM located at Orange County South Water Reclamation Facility, 4760 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, Florida 32819.

At that time, the County's representative will be available to answer questions relative to this Invitation for Bids. Any suggested modifications may be presented in writing to, or discussed with, the County's representative(s) at this meeting and may be considered by said representative(s) as possible amendments to the Invitation for Bids.

### 2. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

This bid shall be awarded to a responsible, responsive bidder, qualified by experience to provide the work specified. The bidder will submit the following information with his bid:

- A. List and brief description of similar work satisfactorily completed with location, dates of contract, names, addresses and telephone numbers of owners by completing the reference sheets.
- B. List of equipment and facilities available to do the work.
- C. List of personnel, by name and title, contemplated to perform the work.
- D. List of qualified irrigation technicians capable of manually operating an irrigation system.

# Failure to submit the above requested information may be cause for rejection of your bid.

The determination on whether a bidder is responsible or not shall be at the sole discretion of the County. Although the County may request the submission of a minimum number of contracts similar to the requirements of this solicitation with certain minimum dimensions, quantities, dollar values, etc., the County's determination of a bidder's responsibility shall not be solely based on the number of similar procurements the bidder provides but the entirety of the bidder's qualifications.

### 3. BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

A bid shall constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date or until the date of award. In the event that an award is not made by the County within ninety (90) days from the bid opening date, the Bidder may withdraw their bid or provide a written extension of their bid.

### 4. <u>AWARD</u>

Award shall be made on an "All-or-None Total Bid" basis to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

### 5. <u>PERFORMANCE</u>

**Timely performance is of the essence in the award of this Invitation for Bids.** Performance shall be no later than **thirty (30)** calendar days from receipt of delivery order. Bids which fail to meet this requirement shall be rejected.

It is hereby understood and mutually agreed to by and between parties hereto that the time of performance is an essential condition of this contract.

Should the Contractor neglect, fail or refuse to provide the services within the time herein specified, then said Contractor does hereby agree as part of the consideration for the awarding of this contract, to pay Orange County the sum extended by the County to contract for like services approved by the Procurement Division for the period from the required scheduled commencement date until performance of services covered in the Invitation for Bids is completed.

The Contractor shall, within  $\underline{two}$  (2) calendar days from the beginning of such delay, notify the Manager, Procurement Division in writing of the cause(s) of the delay.

### 6. <u>TERMINATION</u>

### A. <u>Termination for Default:</u>

The County may, by written notice to the Contractor terminate this contract for default in whole or in part (delivery orders, if applicable) if the Contractor fails to:

- 1. Provide services that comply with the scope of work/services herein or fails to meet the County's performance standards
- 2. Perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension.
- 3. Make progress so as to endanger performance of this contract
- 4. Perform any of the other provisions of this contract.

Prior to termination for default, the County shall provide adequate written notice to the Contractor through the Manager, Procurement Division, affording the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) calendar days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of the Contractor in accordance with the County's Procurement Ordinance. The Contractor and its sureties (if any) shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Contractor's default of the contract. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the County in completing contract performance.

In the event of termination by the County for any cause, the Contractor shall have, in no event, any claim against the County for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of a Termination Notice and except as otherwise directed by the County the Contractor shall:

- 1. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
- 2. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work
- 3. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work as directed by the County.
- 4. Continue and complete all parts of that work that have not been terminated.

If the Contractor's failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor the contract shall not be terminated for default. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or the public enemy, (2) acts of a government in its sovereign capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) strikes and (7) unusually severe weather.

### B. <u>Termination for Convenience:</u>

The County, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the County's interest. If this contract is terminated, the County shall be liable only for services rendered and accepted. The County Notice of Termination shall provide the Contractor thirty (30) calendar days prior notice before it becomes effective. <u>A termination for convenience may apply to individual delivery orders, purchase orders or to the contract in its entirety.</u>

# 7. <u>PAYMENT</u>

Partial payments for the value of services rendered and accepted may be requested by the submission of a properly executed invoice, with supporting documents if required. Payment shall be made in accordance with Florida Statute 218, Local Government Prompt Payment Act. Payment for accepted services shall be accomplished by submission of an invoice, in duplicate, to:

Orange County Utilities Department Water Reclamation Facility 8100 Presidents Drive, Suite A Orlando, Florida 32809 Phone (407) 836-6845

In the event additional County Departments or other public entities utilize this contract, invoices are to be sent directly to the Department or entity placing the order.

### 8. <u>DEBRIS</u>

Contractor shall be responsible for the prompt removal of all debris which is a result of this contractual service.

### 9. SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

The Contractor shall at all times:

- A. Initiate, maintain and supervise all safety precautions and programs in connection with its services or performance of its operations under this contract.
- B. Take all reasonable precautions to prevent injury to employees, including County employees and all other persons affected by their operations.
- C. Take all reasonable precautions to prevent damage or loss to property of Orange County, or of other Contractors, consultants or agencies and shall be held responsible for replacing or repairing any such loss or damage.
- D. Comply with all ordinances, rules, regulations, standards and lawful orders from authority bearing on the safety of persons or property or their protection from damage, injury or loss. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)
  - National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH)
  - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
  - American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
- E. The Contractor shall also comply with the guidelines set forth in the Orange County Safety & Health Manual. The manual can be accessed online at the address listed below:

http://www.ocfl.net/VendorServices/OrangeCountySafetyandHealthManual.aspx

### 10. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor shall maintain on a primary basis and at its sole expense, at all times throughout the duration of this contract the following types of insurance coverage with limits and on forms (including endorsements) as described herein. These requirements, as well as the County's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by Contractor is not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by Contractor under this contract.

The Contractor shall require and ensure that each of its sub-contractors providing services hereunder (if any) procures and maintains until the completion of their respective services, insurance of the types and to the limits specified herein.

Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein shall be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and shall possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of A- Class VIII or better.

### (Note: State licenses can be checked via <u>www.floir.com/companysearch/</u> and A.M. Best Ratings are available at <u>www.ambest.com</u>)

Required Coverage:

- A. Workers' Compensation The Contractor shall maintain coverage for its employees with statutory workers' compensation limits, and no less than \$100,000 each incident of bodily injury or disease for Employers' Liability. Said coverage shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County. Elective exemptions as defined in Florida Statute 440 shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Any Contractor using an employee leasing company shall complete the Leased Employee Affidavit (Exhibit A).
- B. Commercial General Liability The Contractor shall maintain coverage issued on the most recent version of the ISO form as filed for use in Florida or its equivalent, with a limit of liability of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence. Contractor further agrees coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding or limiting Product/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Separation of Insured. The General Aggregate limit shall either apply separately to this contract or shall be at least twice the required occurrence limit.
- C. Business Automobile Liability The Contractor shall maintain coverage for all owned; non-owned and hired vehicles issued on **the most recent version of the ISO form as filed for use in Florida or its equivalent**, with limits of not less than \$500,000 per accident. In the event the Contractor does not own automobiles the 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.

D. Pollution Liability – The Contractor shall maintain pollution liability coverage for pesticide and herbicide application with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

The County uses Ebix BPO to manage its insurance certificates and related documentation. Upon insurance expiration, Ebix BPO staff will notify the Contractor to request updated insurance certificate(s) and endorsement(s). The Contractor agrees that should a valid Insurance Certification be on file with Ebix, this contract will be added to that certification.

When a self-insured retention or deductible exceeds \$100,000 the County reserves the right to request a copy of Contractor's most recent annual report or audited financial statement. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis the Contractor agrees to maintain a retroactive date prior to or equal to the effective date of this contract. In the event the policy is canceled, non-renewed, switched to occurrence form, or any other event which triggers the right to purchase a Supplemental Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this contract the Contractor shall purchase the SERP with a minimum reporting period of not less than two years. Purchase of the SERP shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to provide replacement coverage.

By entering into this contract, Contractor shall provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County for the workers' compensation and a waiver of transfer of rights of recovery in favor of the County for general liability policies as required herein. When required by the insurer or should a policy condition not permit the Contractor to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then Contractor shall notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Subrogation or a Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery Against Others endorsement.

Contractor agrees to endorse the County as an Additional Insured with a CG 20 26 Additional Insured – Designated Person or Organization endorsement, or its equivalent to all commercial general liability policies. The additional insured shall be listed in the name of Orange County Board of County Commissioners.

# Any request for an exception to these insurance requirements shall be submitted in writing to the County for approval.

Prior to execution and commencement of any operations/services provided under this contract the Contractor shall provide the County with current certificates of insurance evidencing all required coverage. In addition to the certificate(s) of insurance the Contractor shall also provide a blanket (Exhibit B) or specific (Exhibit C) Additional Insured Endorsement and all Waiver of Subrogation (Exhibit D) or Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery (Exhibit E) endorsements for each policy as required above. For continuing service contracts renewal certificates shall be submitted upon request by either the County or its certificate management representative. The certificates shall clearly indicate that the Contractor has obtained insurance of the type, amount and classification as required for strict compliance with this insurance section. No material change or cancellation of the insurance shall be effective without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County. Certificates shall specifically reference the respective contract number.

The certificate holder shall read:

Orange County Board of County Commissioners Attn: Procurement Division 400 E. South Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Orlando, Florida 32801

### 11. CONTRACT TERM/RENEWAL

- A. The contract resulting from this Invitation for Bids shall commence effective upon issuance of a term contract by the County and extend for a period of twelve (12) months. The contract may be renewed for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties. If any such renewal results in changes in the terms and conditions, such changes shall be reduced to writing as an amendment to this contract and such amendment shall be executed by both parties. Renewal of the contract shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the Board of County Commissioners.
- B. The initiating County department(s) shall issue delivery/purchase orders against the term contract on an "as needed" basis.
- C. If the quantity of a unit priced item in this contract is an estimated quantity and the actual quantities ordered are more than 50% above the estimated quantity, the County shall enter into negotiations with the Contractor for a lower unit price which shall be incorporated into the contract. Failure of the Contractor to agree to a reduced unit price may result in the termination of the contract and re-solicitation of the requirement.
- D. Any order issued during the effective period of this contract, but not completed within that period, shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order. The contract shall govern the Contractor's and the County's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the extent as if the order were completed during the contract performance period.

### 12. PRICE ESCALATION/DE-ESCALATION (CPI)

The County may allow a price escalation provision within this award.

The original contract prices shall be firm for the entirety of the initial (1 year) contract period. A price escalation/de-escalation will be considered at the time of contract renewal and at 1-year intervals thereafter, provided the Contractor notifies the County, in writing, of the pending price escalation/de-escalation a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the contract renewal date.

Price adjustments shall be based on the latest version of the Consumers Price Index (CPI-U) for All Urban Consumers, All Items, U.S. City Average, non-seasonal, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This information is available at <u>www.bls.gov</u>.

Price adjustment shall be calculated by applying the simple percentage model to the CPI data. This method is defined as subtracting the base period index value (at the time of initial award) from the index value at time of calculation (latest version of the CPI published as of the date of request for price adjustment), divided by the base period index value to identify percentage of change, then multiplying the percentage of change by 100 to identify the percentage change. Formula is as follows:

Current Index – Base Index / Base Index = % of Change

### % of Change x 100 = **Percentage Change**

### **CPI-U Calculation Example:**

CPI for current period	232.945
Less CPI for base period	229.815
Equals index point change	3.130
Divided by base period CPI	229.815
Equals	0.0136
Result multiplied by 100	0.0136 x 100
Equals percent change	1.4%

A price increase may be requested only at each time interval specified above, using the methodology outlined in this section. To request a price increase, Contractor shall submit a letter stating the percentage amount of the requested increase and adjusted price to the Orange County Procurement Division. The letter shall include the complete calculation utilizing the formula above, and a copy of the CPI-U index table used in the calculation. The maximum allowable increase shall not exceed 4%, unless authorized by the Manager, Procurement Division. If approved, the price adjustment shall become effective on the contract renewal date. All price adjustments must be accepted by the Manager, Procurement Division and shall be memorialized by written amendment to this contract. No retroactive contract price adjustments will be allowed.

Should the CPI-U for All Urban Consumers, All Items, U.S City Average, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics decrease during the term of the contract, or any renewals, the Contractor shall notify the Orange County Procurement Division of price decreases in the method outlined above. If approved, the price adjustment shall become effective on the contract renewal date.

If the Contractor fails to pass the decrease on to the County, the County reserves the right to place the Contractor in default, cancel the award, and remove the Contractor from the County Vendor List for a period of time deemed suitable by the County. In the event of this occurrence, the County further reserves the right to utilize any options as stated herein.

# 13. <u>BID PREFERENCE</u>

In accordance with the Minority Women Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Ordinance, award of a contract resulting from this Invitation for Bids may be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Orange County certified MWBE bidder provided that the bid does not exceed the overall lowest responsive and responsible bidder by the following percentages for the bid amounts listed:

- A. 8% Bids Up To \$100,000
- B. 7% Bids Greater Than \$100,000 to \$500,000
- C. 6% Bids Greater Than \$500,000 to \$750,000
- D. 5% Bids Greater Than \$750,000 to \$2,000,000
- E. 4% Bids Greater Than \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000
- F. 3% Bids Greater Than \$5,000,000

In accordance with the Service Disabled Veteran Business Ordinance, award of a contract resulting from this Invitation for Bids may be made to the lowest responsive and responsible registered Service Disabled Veteran bidder provided that the bid does not exceed the overall lowest responsive and responsible bidder by the following percentages for the bid amounts listed:

- A. 8% Bids Up To \$100,000
- B. 7% Bids Greater Than \$100,000 to \$500,000
- C. 6% Bids Greater Than \$500,000 to \$750,000
- D. 5% Bids Greater Than \$750,000 to \$2,000,000
- E. 4% Bids Greater Than \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000
- F. 3% Bids Greater Than \$5,000,000

In the event of a tie between an M/WBE and an SDV with all else being equal, the award shall be made to the firm with the lowest business net worth.

### 14. CHANGES - SERVICE CONTRACTS

The County may at any time by issuance of an executed change order make changes within the general scope of the contract in any of the following areas:

- A. Description of services to be performed.
- B. Time of Performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.).
- C. Place of performance of the services.

If additional work or other changes are required in the areas described above, a price proposal shall be required from the Contractor. Upon negotiation of the proposal, execution and receipt of the change order, the Contractor shall commence performance of the work as specified.

The Contractor shall not commence the performance of additional work or other changes not covered by this contract without an executed change order issued by the Procurement Division. If the Contractor performs additional work beyond the specific requirements of this contract without an executed change order, it shall be at their own risk. The County assumes no responsibility for any additional costs for work not specifically authorized by an executed change order.

# 15. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

The following attachment(s) is/are attached to, and made a part of this Invitation for Bids:

- A. Attachment A Map of entire site, except as noted on Attachment D.
- B. Attachment B Map of additional area outside fence line.
- C. Attachment C Map of approximate area under irrigation.
- D. Attachment D Map of entire site, except as noted on Attachment A.

# 16. <u>CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCY/HURRICANE OR DISASTER - TERM</u> <u>CONTRACTS</u>

It is hereby made a part of this Invitation for Bids that before, during and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, flood, or other acts of God that Orange County shall require a "first priority" basis for services. It is vital and imperative that the majority of citizens are protected from any emergency situation which threatens public health and safety, as determined by the County. Contractor agrees to provide services to the County or other governmental entities as opposed to a private citizen, on a first priority basis. The County expects to pay contractual prices for all services required during an emergency situation. Contractor shall furnish a twenty-four (24) hour phone number in the event of such an emergency.

# 17. <u>REFERENCES</u>

A contact person shall be someone who has personal knowledge of the Bidder's performance for the specific requirement listed. Contact person shall have been informed that they are being used as a reference and that the County may be calling them. More than one person can be listed but all shall have knowledge of the project. The reference shall be the owner or a representative of the owner. Contractors who provided services under the referenced project (contract) shall not be accepted as references. **DO NOT** list principals or officers who shall not be able to answer specific questions regarding the project. Failure of references listed to respond to the County's inquiries may negatively impact the responsibility of the Bidder.

# 18. <u>REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT</u>

This is a Requirements Contract and the County's intent is to order from the Contractor all of the services specified in the contract's price schedule that are required to be purchased by the County. If the County urgently requires delivery of services before the earliest date that delivery may be required under this contract, and if the Contractor will not accept an order providing for accelerated delivery, the County may acquire the services from another source.

The County's requirements in this contract are estimated and there is no commitment by the County to order any specified amount. If the estimated quantities are not achieved, this shall not be the basis for an equitable adjustment.

If the Manager, Procurement Division determines that the Contractor's performance is less than satisfactory, the County may order the services from other sources until the deficient performance has been cured or the contract terminated.

### I. Scope of Services:

Provide all materials, supplies, equipment, labor and supervision to perform all grounds maintenance services as described herein on the entire premises of <u>ORANGE COUNTY UTILITIES (OCU)</u>, <u>SOUTH WATER RECLAMATION</u> <u>FACILITY</u>, at 4760 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, Florida, 32819. Reference the attached map and drawings.

This facility consists of approximately ninety acres (90) to be maintained. Approximately fifty five (55) acres are irrigated by effluent irrigation (Reuse Water) system. The remaining acreage is not irrigated at all. The contractor shall be responsible for operation and maintaining the irrigation system as specified.

Special Note: Facility construction through 2016 will reduce mowing in some areas for undetermined periods. This will require the Landscaper to consult Construction representatives from time to time for valve/line locations and/or attend meetings for construction to add, repair or to schedule downtime of the irrigation system when requested by the Owners representative.

### II. Owner's Designated Representative:

The Owner's representative is <u>John J. Haak, Acting Utilities Supervisor at 407-254-7726.</u> After contract award, questions regarding these specifications should be directed to him. A change of the Owners representative will be processed through the Purchasing and Contracts agent assigned to this contract.

The Owners representative may conduct weekly or monthly site performance inspections with the contractor's representative. Deficiencies shall be promptly cured to the extent of strict compliance with these specifications.

This is a performance base contract. The lack of inspections by the County or any error or omission in these specifications shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to perform landscape management services in accordance with generally accepted industry standards.

### III. General Conditions:

- A. Contractor shall maintain sole responsibility for the actions of its employees.
- B. All personnel provided by the Contractor, shall be competent, experienced, courteous, properly dressed and skilled in lawn, plant and grounds maintenance.
- C. Contractor shall identify a person with whom the County's Contract Administrator may consult regarding contract performance.

- D. The Contractor's supervisor/lead shall identify the number of personnel to be working at the facility to the appropriate OCU personnel on duty at the SCADA Control office located in the Maintenance Building prior to beginning work and upon leaving the facility. The SCADA Control office phone number is (407) 254-7732.
- E. Unless waived by the County's Representative, the following **Performance Reports** shall be provided by the Contractor to the County's Representative by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month including observations of abnormal conditions and all maintenance performed for the previous month:
  - 1. Fertilization, including dates of applications, totals and rates of application and product brand names;
  - 2. Pest control, including dates of applications, totals and rates of application and product brand names;
  - 3. Irrigation (if inspection, programming and monitoring is required by the Contractor under this contract), including date and result of each inspection initial timer settings, and any changes to the initial settings.
- F. Unless waived by the Owner's representative, the following **Monthly Progress Report** shall be provided by the Contractor to the Owner's representative by the last day of each month of all maintenance to be performed in the upcoming month:
  - 1. To include monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual maintenance per this contract.

### IV. Safety:

- A. All materials and performance of work shall meet all Federal, State and local safety laws currently in effect.
- B. Material Safety Data Sheets shall be submitted to the Owner's representative upon demand for all chemicals intended for use in the performance of these services. All chemicals shall carry an EPA approval number.
- C. Contractor shall provide and ensure the wearing of necessary protective clothing, masks, eye protection, etc. as required by any applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, and/or manufacturer's instruction.
- D. All equipment used in the performance of these services shall be properly maintained and is subject to inspection by the County upon demand. Any equipment deemed faulty, inoperable, unsafe or improper for its intended purpose shall be removed from the County's premises. Safety features of equipment (shields, kill switches, etc.) shall be used at all times.

- E. The Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of their employees and of the general public. Maintenance work shall be scheduled to provide the least inconvenience to building occupants and passers-by.
- F. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for compliance with all sections of Chapter 482, Florida Statutes regarding pest control services including proper licensure whether by the Contractor.
- G. Contractor is responsible for training his/her staff in the correct use and the application of reclaimed wastewater for irrigation. Documentation of training with employee signatures and when applicable sub-contractors employees shall be submitted to the Owner's representative within a reasonable time when requested.
- H. Contractor and staff representatives, shall comply with all verbal request and established procedures concerning Orange County Anti-Terrorists Contingency Plans, Emergency Evacuation Plan and other applicable safety sensitive policies.

### V. Minimum Standards of Performance:

The following represent the minimum standards to which the contractor shall maintain the grounds included in the contract.

### GENERAL

- A. The grounds shall at all times be clean, neat and apparently well tended.
- B. At no time shall leaves, trash, clippings or other debris be allowed to accumulate to the point of distracting from the appearance and safety of the area.
- C. All small organic trash, including leaves, grass clippings from mowing and edging operations, shall be removed from all roadways, sidewalks, entryways, steps and plaza and parking lots.
- D. Weed eaters shall not be used to trim around trees or other plants.
- E. Maintenance shall be conducted no less than one time per week except as noted.
- F. All areas shall be inspected weekly for detection of disease, insects, improper irrigation and other problems and shall be properly treated to correct any observed problems upon discovery. Owner's representative shall be notified of problems encountered and the corrective action taken.
- G. Fire ant/mounds shall be treated as they occur in the landscape. An appropriate insecticide shall be used to eradicate.

- H. A preventive pest (insect, disease, weed, etc.) control program specific to known local pests shall be developed and on approval by owner's representative, implemented. The program shall include all turf areas, shrubs, trees (including palms) animals, etc. There are approximately 55 acres of area that will require pesticide application.
- I. All edges shall be dressed every two weeks or as often as necessary to maintain clean edges around all plant beds, curbs, sidewalks, streets, trees, plants and buildings. Parking lots shall be kept free of trash, including glass, fallen limbs and other debris.
- J. If, in the opinion of the Owner's representative, any plant or lawn area dies or becomes weak or unsightly due to negligence or improper maintenance procedures on the part of the contractor, the contractor shall be responsible for replacement to the satisfaction of the Owner' representative.
- K. The contractor shall not be responsible for acts of God such as freeze damage or heavy storms that would create unusual cleanup, pruning or replacements in excess of the normal scope of grounds maintenance service.
- L. Any errors or omissions in this document shall be brought to the attention of the Owner's representative. Failure to notify shall not relieve the contractor of responsibility.
- M. Contractor shall clean up all incidental trash and debris in lawn, parking lots and garden areas.

# VI. Landscape Maintenance Services:

### A. <u>TURF AREAS:</u>

- 1. Mowing height for St Augustine turf shall be 3-4 inches. Bahia turf mowing height shall be 3 inches.
- 2. Turf shall be mown not less than once per week from March 1 through October 31, and not less than every two weeks from November 1 through February 28 and/or as often as necessary to proper mowing height.
- 3. It is unnecessary to remove grass clippings, unless they are accumulated in amounts as to be unsightly to the landscape, except as noted in Item 5 of this section.
- 4. Mower blades shall be maintained to the degree of sharpness required to produce a clean cut on turf areas.

- 5. Mowing around the North and South ABW filtering system to within 15 feet shall be performed with a bagging mower. Clippings or other debris shall not be permitted to enter the filtering system. Contractor shall be responsible for equipment and/or labor repair cost, if in the opinion of the Owner's representative the Contractor/employees neglected to follow this requirement.
- 6. Landscape repairs, excluding irrigation, that become necessary, through no fault of the Contractor, shall be made promptly by the Contractor upon receipt of a separate Delivery Order. The County representative will request from the Contractor a quotation which shall include a detailed scope of work and a fixed price which shall be in accordance with the hourly rates provided on the Bid Response Form. Parts shall be billed separately at Contractor's cost provided on the Bid Response Form. A copy of the Contractor's supplier receipt for the parts shall be attached to the invoice.
- 7. Once per month, all storm water gratings shall be inspected. All grass clippings and debris blocking the proper function of the storm water drain grating shall be removed. All road way entries to storm water drains shall be kept clean and free of grass and debris.

# B. TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUND COVERS:

- 1. All planting beds, ground covers and mulched areas shall be maintained free of weeds, trash fallen limbs and dead vegetation on a continual basis.
- 2. All plants shall be maintained to a well-shaped appearance, according to each species' natural growth habit. Flowering shrubs shall be pruned in the proper season to allow full flowering potential for the following flower season. Grouped plantings shall be allowed to form masses appropriate to the species.
- 3. Contractor shall maintain all trees on site to a minimum clearance of 15 feet from grade, except over roadways where the minimum clearance shall be 15 feet above roadway. Sucker growth and dead material shall be removed from all trees and shrubs within 25 feet.
- 4. All palms trees shall be pruned a minimum of once a year; seedpods shall also be removed when they occur on the palms.
- 5. Maintain a 3 to 4 foot cutback between buildings and tree limbs. No tree limbs shall be allowed to over hang a building structure, regardless of the height of the structure. No tree limbs shall obstruct facility lighting, regardless of the height of lightpost. Contractor shall make quarterly inspection of buildings and remove tree limbs per this specification, beginning the first full month of contract issuance.

- 6. The North decretive wall: maintain a 3 to 4 foot distance between top of wall and tree limbs. Tree limbs within that distance on or over the wall shall be promptly removed.
- 7. If, through no fault of the maintenance contractor, any major tree surgery or tree removal becomes necessary said major tree surgery or tree removal shall be at owner's expense.
- 8. Herbicide may be used to edge around trees. The trees shall not, however, be sprayed with herbicide.

### C. TRIMMING AND EDGING:

- 1. Trimming and edging shall be performed around all paved areas, including curbs, sidewalks and streets, as well as around plant beds, trees, plants and buildings at the time of mowing. Trimming around plants and trees shall be by appropriate chemical application.
- 2. Weed sprout growth in sidewalks, curbs, road ways, parking lots and footers around structures shall be removed. Can be chemically controlled, if chemical used is not detrimental to the materials in these areas.
- 3. Fence lines shall be chemically treated to eliminate unwanted vegetation. Growth that cannot be controlled by chemical application shall be removed.

### D. IRRIGATION:

- 1. Unless agreed upon by the Owner's representative, all irrigation shall be programmed for application after 4:00 pm and before 6:30 am and shall be monitored to ensure that the functions of the site are not disrupted by irrigation operations or inspections.
- 2. Application shall be accomplished so that plants and turf areas are watered deeply and infrequently. Contractor shall verify proper irrigation coverage and proper water relationships weekly to avoid prolonged dry/wet conditions.
- 3. Contractor shall have a qualified irrigation technician capable of manually operating the system. Contractor shall verify proper irrigation coverage and proper water relationships weekly.
- 4. Contractor shall fully inspect the entire irrigating system a minimum of once every two weeks to ensure all components are functioning properly and shall report to Owner's representative the findings of each inspection.
- 5. Contractor shall repair or replace all broken, damaged or missing (i.e. vandalism) sprinkler heads, all irrigation lines, all timers, valves and controllers.

- 6. Repairs shall be completed in a timely manner; emergency repairs shall be complete in a 24-hour period.
- 7. Repairs:
  - A. Repairs that become necessary through no fault of the Contractor shall be made promptly by the Contractor upon receipt of a separate Delivery order. The County representative shall request from the Contractor a quotation which shall include detailed scope of work and a fixed price which shall be in accordance with the hourly rate provided on the Bid Response Form. Parts shall be billed separately at Contractor's cost. A copy of the Contractor's supplier receipt for the parts shall be attached to the invoice.
  - B. Contractor shall be responsible for repair to or replacements required of all broken, damaged, or missing sprinkler heads irrigation lines, timers, valves and controllers to a maximum cost equal to 15% of the monthly landscape management price. Any such repairs or replacements required over and above such limit shall be the Contractor's responsibility only upon determination and agreement by both parties that the damage was caused by the Contractor. Otherwise, it will be at the County's expense.
  - C. Repairs shall be complete within twenty-four (24) hours. The Owners representative will make the decision if the repair is of an emergency status. The Contractor shall be responsible for efficient and timely repair per these specifications.
- 8. Soil moisture test shall be provided at the request of the Owner's representative.
- E. <u>MULCH:</u>
  - 1. All mulches shall be maintained at 2" to 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" thickness. Mulch shall be maintained at a loose consistency and shall not become matted or compacted.
  - 2. Decorative color of mulch shall be maintained, but Contractor shall not apply more than 3 complete applications of mulch each year beginning in the first full month of contract issuance.
  - 3. All mulch shall be cypress chips unless otherwise specified.
  - 4. Mulch shall not be applied within 2" of plant trunks or stems, mulch shall not be placed on top of any part of any plant.

# F. <u>FERTILIZATION:</u>

- 1. Contractor shall apply according to manufacturer's specifications or recommendation 15-5-15, 40% slow release or better, with iron and manganese, to all turf areas each spring, summer and fall. Apply at the rate of 1.5 lbs., actual nitrogen per 1000 square feet. If turf becomes deficient between applications, contractor shall apply additional applications for correction at no additional cost.
- 2. A pre-emergence herbicide shall be applied in the spring and fall to all turf areas. Post emergence applications shall be made in between to control weed pests.
- 3. Contractor shall apply according to manufacturer's specifications or recommendations 8-10-10, with all minor elements, 50% slow release azalea/camellia fertilizer at the rate of 1.0 lbs., per 1000 square feet on all azaleas and acid loving plants. 13-3-13, with all minor elements, 50% slow release shall be applied to remaining shrubs and trees. Shrubs and trees shall be fertilized each spring, summer and fall.
- 4. All palms shall be fertilized a formulation made specifically for palms and 50% slow release. Additional nutrients shall be applied to any plant material, including trees, palms, etc., when deficiencies occur at no additional charge.
- 5. All fertilizers shall be applied to dry surfaces and thoroughly watered-in immediately following application.
- 6. Supplemental applications of appropriate plant foods shall be applied as necessary.
- 7. Contractor may submit alternate or supplemental fertilization programs to Owner's representative for approval.

# G. <u>PEST CONTROL</u>:

Upon award, the Contractor shall provide a written program(s) to control all insect, weed and pest (as defined by Chapter 482, F.S.) problems. If necessary, separate programs shall be provided for each area where pertinent, i.e. mole cricket (September or October application) and other pest control on Bermuda grass areas, bahia grass areas and St. Augustine grass areas. If such program(s) does not eliminate pests, a new program(s) shall be provided at no additional cost to the County. In addition, any damage caused by pests during the implementation of the pest control program shall be immediately corrected at the Contractor's expense. Submission of such pest control program shall not imply, directly or indirectly, the County's approval or disapproval of the program. Such program shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- 1. Appropriate herbicides and insecticides shall be applied at the time of each fertilization cycle.
- 2. In addition, Contractor shall inspect the entire property, including turf areas, shrubs, trees (including palms), mulch and annuals on a weekly basis for any pest infestation. All infestations, including disease, weeds, fire ants or other pests, shall be treated immediately. The County representative shall be informed of infestations discovered and treatments applied.
- 3. Grass shall be kept weed, insect and disease free at all times. The appropriate pesticides shall be applied at all times to keep a clean, weed-free appearance.

# H. <u>LANDSCAPE:</u>

- 1. All planting beds, ground covers and mulched areas shall be maintained free of weeds, trash, fallen limbs and dead vegetation.
- 2. All plants shall be maintained to a well-shaped appearance, according to each species' natural growth habit. Flowering shrubs shall be pruned in the proper season to allow fully flowering potential for the following flowering season. Grouped plantings shall be allowed to form masses appropriate to the species.
- 3. Corrective pruning or training of limbs shall be included. Any crape myrtle trees shall be pruned each February. All palm trees shall be pruned a minimum of once per year and loose boots shall be removed weekly. All seed pods removed when they occur on the palms.
- 4. Any major tree surgery or tree removal, (as determined by the Owners Representative) which becomes necessary through no fault of the Contractor, shall be at the County's expense.
- 5. Contractor shall apply fertilizer according to the manufacturer's specifications or recommended 8-10-10, 50% slow release or better, with iron and manganese to all landscaped beds, each spring, summer and fall. Fertilizers shall be applied to dry surfaces and watered in immediately. Additional applications of appropriate plant nutrients shall be applied when conditions warrant.
- 6. A pre-emergence and post-emergence herbicide shall be applied in the landscape beds to prevent weed encroachment.

# 7. <u>Annual Flowers</u>:

- a. Contractor shall provide a price on the Bid Response Form for the purchase, including installation, of annual flowers. This price shall be per plant based on commonly used annuals in 4 inch pots. Additional soil, as required, shall be included in the installation at no additional cost to the County.
- b. All annual plant beds shall be planted with a species appropriate to the season, contingent upon approval by the Owner's representative.
- c. All annual plants shall be changed out 3 times per year, as directed by the Owner's representative. Between each planting cycle, if the annuals die through natural life cycle or improper care or become unsightly for any reason, the annual plant beds shall be cleaned and raked smoothly when directed by the Owners representative, at no additional cost to the County.
- d. Upon installation, an approved fungicide shall be applied to prevent fungal diseases. If annuals die due to disease and were not treated, Contractor shall replace the dead annuals at no additional cost to the County. Annual beds (or pots) shall be kept free of weeds, insects, diseases and any other foreign matter. When possible, deadheading of certain species may be required.

# I. <u>PONDS, DITCHES and FENCE LINE:</u>

- 1. Storm water retention ponds and ditches shall be spayed or treated a minimum of four times per year to keep algae and vegetation growth to a minimum. Can be semi-annually, if product used is approved for semi-annual use and is acceptable by the Owner's representative. If chemical treatment of ditches or ponds proves to be non-beneficial to achieve and maintain minimal growth and is or becomes unsightly from chemical treatment, the contractor shall remove the growth by hand or other methods acceptable by the Owners representative. Contractor shall perform this scope of services quarterly per this specification, beginning the first full month of contract issuance.
- 2. <u>Northeast</u> side of the property, an 8 to 10 foot open swath shall be maintained between the fence and tree line, including the South fence behind the Maintenance Building. Brush, vegetation growth and trees 4 inches in diameter or less shall be removed. Contractor shall perform this scope of services quarterly per this specification, beginning the first full month of contract issuance.

- 3. <u>Southeast</u> side of the property along the Wet Weather Pond located outside of the fence line (where applicable) shall be properly mowed and maintained from the fence to the water's edge, including from the Southeast property gate to the water's edge to the woods. The fence line shall be chemically treated to eliminate unwanted vegetation.
- 4. <u>West</u> and <u>South</u> property fence line shall be kept free of weeds, fallen trees and other growth. The fence line shall be chemically treated to eliminate unwanted vegetation.
- 5. If chemical treatment of fence lines proves to be non-beneficial to achieve desired results and becomes unsightly from chemical treatment, the Contractor shall remove the growth by hand or other methods acceptable by the Owners representative.

# J. PARKING LOTS

- 1. Parking lots shall be kept free of trash, including grass, fallen limbs, tree leaves and other debris. The parking lots associated with the Administration Building, including the seminar parking lot shall be cleaned, blown free of debris a minimum of once per week. No debris shall be blown or put into storm water inlets.
- 2. A schedule to mow and trim in areas adjacent to employee and visitor parking shall be arranged to eliminate damage to vehicles. The Contractor shall assume all liability for damages to vehicles as a result of mowing, trimming and cleaning of designated areas.

# K. <u>CELL TOWER AREA</u>

1. The Cell Tower is located in the north central portion of the facility. The area is covered with white gravel approximately 100 by 100 +feet with an under lining to reduce weed growth. This area shall be chemically sprayed a minimum of bi-annually to eliminate any weed growth that may occur or more often if unsightly weed growth occurs between applications. Contractor shall clean up all incidental trash and debris in this area.

# L. PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

1. Upon the award of this contract, the Contractor shall assume all requirements of this contract, including pre-existing conditions.
#### BID RESPONSE FORM IFB #Y14-1098-DG

The Contractor shall provide all labor and other resources necessary to provide the services in strict accordance with the scope of services defined in this solicitation for the amounts specified in this Bid Response Form, inclusive of overhead, profit and any other costs.

ITEM <u>NO</u> .	DESCRIPTION	<u>PI</u>	PRICE ER MONTH		TOTAL <u>BID</u>
l.	Exterior Landscape Manage at the Orange County South Reclamation Facility at 476 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, as specified.	n Water		x 12 =	\$
		UNIT <u>PRICE</u>		ANNUAL <u>EST. NO.</u>	
II.	Annual Flowers	\$	_/each x	900 each =	\$
III.	Hourly Rate for Irrigation/ Landscape Repairs	\$	_/hour x	100 hours =	\$
IV.	Irrigation Parts to be paid a Contractor must submit sup documentation with invoice			\$2,000 =	\$
	Т	OTAL BID (I	ITEMS I thr	u IV)	\$

Company Name

IMPORTANT NOTE: When completing your bid, do not attach any forms which may contain terms and conditions that conflict with those listed in the County's bid documents(s). Inclusion of additional terms and conditions such as those which may be on your company's standard forms shall result in your bid being declared non-responsive as these changes will be considered a counteroffer to the County's bid.

Performance shall be not later than thirty (30) calendar days After Receipt of Order (ARO) per Special Terms and Conditions.

Inquiries regarding this Invitation for Bids may be directed to Dorothy Gordon, Senior Purchasing Agent, at <a href="mailto:Dorothy.Gordon@ocfl.net">Dorothy.Gordon@ocfl.net</a>

# **<u>Bid Response Documents</u>** - The following documents constitute your bid:

- A. Bid Response Form, Authorized Signatories/Negotiators, Drug-Free Workplace, Schedule of Sub-contracting, Conflict/Non-Conflict of Interest Form, E-Verification Certification, and current W9, Relationship Disclosure Form and Orange County Specific Project Expenditure Report. **Please make sure forms are fully executed where required.**
- B. Qualifications of Bidders information, per Special Terms and Conditions.
- C. Certificate of Competency and License, per Special Terms and Conditions.
- D. Completed attached reference documentation.

#### THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL BIDDERS:

Company Name:

# NOTE: COMPANY NAME MUST MATCH LEGAL NAME ASSIGNED TO TIN NUMBER. CURRENT W9 MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID.

TIN#:	D-U-N-8	S® #		
(Street No. or P.O. Bo	ox Number) (Street Nam	ne) (City)		
(County)	(State)	(Zip Code)		
Contact Person:				
Phone Number:	Fax	Number:		
Email Address:				
	EMERGENCY CO	NTACT		
Emergency Contact Person:				
Telephone Number:          Cell Phone Number:				
Residence Telephon	e Number:	Email:		

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

The Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of any addenda issued to this solicitation by completing the blocks below or by completion of the applicable information on the addendum and returning it not later than the date and time for receipt of the bid. Failure to acknowledge an addendum that has a material impact on this solicitation may negatively impact the responsiveness of your bid. Material impacts include but are not limited to changes to scope of work/services, delivery time, performance period, quantities, bonds, letters of credit, insurance, or qualifications.

Addendum No	_, Date	Addendum No	_, Date
Addendum No	_, Date	Addendum No	_, Date

# AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES/NEGOTIATORS

The Bidder represents that the following principals are authorized to sign bids, negotiate and/or sign contracts and related documents to which the bidder will be duly bound. Principal is defined as an employee, officer or other technical or professional in a position capable of substantially influencing the development or outcome of an activity required to perform the covered transaction.

Name	Title	Telephone Number/Email	
(Signature)		(Date)	
(orginatare)		(Duic)	
(Title)			
(Name of Business)			
The Bidder shall com	plete and submit the foll	owing information with the bid:	
Type of Organization	ı		
Sole Prop	rietorship Part	nership Non-Profit	
Joint Vent	ture Cor	poration	
State of Incorporation	on:		
Principal Place of Bus	siness (Florida Statute C	hapter 607): City/County/State	
THE PRINCIPAL I		SS SHALL BE THE ADDRESS O	F
		AS IDENTIFIED BY THE FLORID	

# DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS.

Federal I.D. number is \_\_\_\_\_

#### REFERENCES

List three (3) customers during the past ten (10) years for which you provided services similar to those specified in the solicitation in the spaces provided below. Provide the owner's name, contact person, address, email address, telephone number, and date services were performed, as described.

1.	Company Name:
	Owner's Name:
	Description of services provided:
	Contract Amount:
	Date Services Completed:
	Contact Person:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
	Email Address:
2.	Company Name:
	Owner's Name:
	Description of services provided:
	Contract Amount:
	Date Services Completed:
	Contact Person:
	Address:
	Telephone Number:
_	Email Address:
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Company Name:
Owner's Name:
Description of services provided:
Contract Amount:
Date Services Completed:
Contact Person:
Address:
Telephone Number:
Email Address:

# DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned Bidder, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ does:

Name of Business

- 1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- 2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, employee assistance programs and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in Paragraph 1.
- 4. In the statement specified in Paragraph 1, notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Florida Statute 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- 5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
- 6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of Paragraphs 1 thru 5.

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

Bidder's Signature

Date

# SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTING

### IFB NO. Y14-1098-DG

As specified in the General Terms and Conditions and the Bid Preference Clause in the Special Terms and Conditions, bidders are to present the details of subcontractor participation.

Name Of Subcontractor	Address	Type of Work to be Performed	Percent of Contract Amount to be Subcontracted

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

#### CONFLICT/NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

#### CHECK ONE

[] To the best of our knowledge, the undersigned bidder has no potential conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interest for this project.

#### OR

[] The undersigned bidder, by attachment to this form, submits information which may be a potential conflict of interest due to other clients, contracts, or property interest for this project.

# LITIGATION STATEMENT

#### CHECK ONE

- [] The undersigned bidder has had no litigation and/or judgments entered against it by any local, state or federal entity and has had no litigation and/or judgments entered against such entities during the past ten (10) years.
- [] The undersigned bidder, <u>**BY ATTACHMENT TO THIS FORM**</u>, submits a summary and disposition of individual cases of litigation and/or judgments entered by or against any local, state or federal entity, by any state or federal court, during the past ten (10) years.

COMPANY NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

NAME (PRINT OR TYPE)

TITLE

Failure to check the appropriate blocks above may result in disqualification of your bid. Likewise, failure to provide documentation of a possible conflict of interest, or a summary of past litigation and/or judgments, may result in disqualification of your bid.

# **E VERIFICATION CERTIFICATION**

#### Contract No.Y14-1098-DG

I hereby certify that I will utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing the use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of the individuals classified below. In accordance with s. 837.06, Florida Statutes, I understand and acknowledge that whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duties shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, Florida statutes.

All persons, including subcontractors and their workforce, who will perform work under **Contract No.Y14-1098-DG, Landscape Maintenance at South Water Reclamation Facility**, within the state of Florida.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR:	
ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	
TITLE:	
DATE:	

### RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM FOR USE WITH PROCUREMENT ITEMS, EXCEPT THOSE WHERE THE COUNTY IS THE PRINCIPAL OR PRIMARY PROPOSER

For procurement items that will come before the Board of County Commissioners for final approval, this form shall be completed by the Bidder and shall be submitted to the Procurement Division by the Bidder.

In the event any information provided on this form should change, the Bidder must file an amended form on or before the date the item is considered by the appropriate board or body.

#### Part I

#### **INFORMATION ON BIDDER:**

Legal Name of Bidder:

Business Address (Street/P.O. Box, City and Zip Code):

Facsimile:	(	)	

#### **INFORMATION ON BIDDER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT, IF APPLICABLE:** (Agent Authorization Form also required to be attached)

Name of Bidder's Authorized Agent:

Business Address (Street/P.O. Box, City and Zip Code):

Business Phone: ( )\_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: ( )\_\_\_\_\_ Part II

IS THE BIDDER A RELATIVE OF THE MAYOR OR ANY MEMBER OF THE BCC?

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

IS THE MAYOR OR ANY MEMBER OF THE BCC THE BIDDER'S EMPLOYEE?

\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_NO

IS THE BIDDER OR ANY PERSON WITH A DIRECT BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF THIS MATTER A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE OF THE MAYOR OR ANY MEMBER OF THE BCC?

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

If you responded "YES" to any of the above questions, please state with whom and explain the relationship.

(Use additional sheets of paper if necessary)

### Part III

# ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND NOTARIZATION REQUIRED

I hereby certify that information provided in this relationship disclosure form is true and correct based on my knowledge and belief. If any of this information changes, I further acknowledge and agree to amend this relationship disclosure form prior to any meeting at which the above-referenced project is scheduled to be heard. In accordance with s. 837.06, Florida Statutes, I understand and acknowledge that whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Bidder	Date
Printed Name and Title of Person completing	ng this form:
STATE OF: COUNTY OF:	
day of, 20 by personally known to me or has produced identification and did/did not take an oath.	the county and state stated above on
(Notary Seal)	Signature of Notary Public Notary Public for the State of My Commission Expires:
Staff signature and date of receipt of form	

Staff reviews as to form and does not attest to the accuracy or veracity of the information provided herein.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

Updated 6-28-11

#### WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM?

The Relationship Disclosure Form (form OC CE 2D and form OC CE 2P) is a form created pursuant to the County's Local Code of Ethics, codified at Article XIII of Chapter 2 of the Orange County Code, to ensure that all development-related items and procurement items presented to or filed with the County include information as to the relationship, if any, between the applicant and the County Mayor or any member of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The form will be a part of the backup information for the applicant's item.

#### WHY ARE THERE TWO RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORMS?

Form OC CE 2D is used only for development-related items, and form OC CE 2P is used only for procurement-related items. The applicant needs to complete and file the form that is applicable to his/her case.

#### WHO NEEDS TO FILE THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM?

Form OC CE 2D should be completed and filed by the owner of record, contract purchaser, or authorized agent. Form OC CE 2P should be completed and filed by the bidder, offeror, quoter, or respondent, and, if applicable, their authorized agent. In all cases, the person completing the form must sign the form and warrant that the information provided on the form is true and correct.

# WHAT INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE DISCLOSED ON THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM?

The relationship disclosure form needs to disclose pertinent background information about the applicant and the relationship, if any, between, on the one hand, the applicant and, if applicable, any person involved with the item, and on the other hand, the Mayor or any member of the BCC.

In particular, the applicant needs to disclose whether any of the following relationships exist: (1) the applicant is a business associate of the Mayor or any member of the BCC; (2) any person involved with the approval of the item has a beneficial interest in the outcome of the matter *and* is a business associate of the Mayor or any member of the BCC; (3) the applicant is a relative of the Mayor or any member of the BCC; or (4) the Mayor or any member of the BCC is an employee of the applicant. (See Section 2-454, Orange County Code.)

#### HOW ARE THE KEY RELEVANT TERMS DEFINED?

Applicant means, for purposes of a development-related project, the owner, and, if applicable, the contract purchaser or owner's authorized agent. Applicant means, for purposes of a procurement item, the bidder, offeror, quoter, respondent, and, if applicable, the authorized agent of the bidder, offeror, quoter, or respondent.

Business associate means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with a public officer, public employee, or candidate as a partner, joint venture, corporate shareholder where the shares of such corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange, or co-owner of property. In addition, the term includes any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise, or otherwise engaging in common investment, with a public officer, public employee, or candidate as a partner, member, shareholder, owner, co-owner, joint venture partner, or other investor, whether directly or indirectly, whether through a Business Entity or through interlocking Parent Entities, Subsidiary Entities, or other business or investment scheme, structure, or venture of any nature. (See Section 112.312(4), Florida Statutes, and Section 2-452(b), Orange County Code.)

*Employee* means any person who receives remuneration from an employer for the performance of any work or service while engaged in any employment under any appointment or contract for hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed, and includes, but is not limited to, aliens and minors. (See Section 440.02(15), Florida Statutes.)

*Relative* means an individual who is related to a public officer or employee as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, grandparent, great grandparent, grandchild, great grandchild, step grandparent, step great grandparent, step grandchild, step great grandchild, person who is engaged to be married to the public officer or employee or who otherwise holds himself or herself out as or is generally known as the person whom the public officer or employee intends to form a household, or any other natural person having the same legal residence as the public officer or employee. (See Section 112.312(21), Florida Statutes.)

# DOES THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM NEED TO BE UPDATED IF INFORMATION CHANGES?

Yes. It remains a continuing obligation of the applicant to update this form whenever any of the information provided on the initial form changes.

# WHERE DO THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM AND ANY SUBSEQUENT UPDATES NEED TO BE FILED?

For a development-related item, the Relationship Disclosure Form and any update need to be filed with the County Department or County Division where the applicant filed the application. For a procurement item, the Relationship Disclosure Form and any update need to be filed with the Procurement Division.

# WHEN DO THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM AND ANY UPDATES NEED TO BE FILED?

In most cases, the initial form needs to be filed when the applicant files the initial development-related project application or initial procurement-related forms. However, with respect to a procurement item, a response to a bid will not be deemed unresponsive if this form is not included in the initial packet submitted to the Procurement Division.

If changes are made after the initial filing, the final, cumulative Relationship Disclosure Form needs to be filed with the appropriate County Department or County Division processing the application not less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled BCC agenda date so that it may be incorporated into the BCC agenda packet. When the matter is a discussion agenda item or is the subject of a public hearing, and an update has not been made at least 7 days prior to BCC meeting date or is not included in the BCC agenda packet, the applicant is obligated to verbally present such update to the BCC when the agenda item is heard or the public hearing is held. When the matter is a consent agenda item and an update has not been made at least 7 days prior to the BCC meeting or the update is not included in the BCC agenda packet, the item will be pulled from the consent agenda to be considered at a future meeting.

# WHO WILL REVIEW THE INFORMATION DISCLOSED ON THE RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM AND ANY UPDATES?

The information disclosed on this form and any updates will be a public record as defined by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and may therefore be inspected by any interested person. Also, the information will be made available to the Mayor and the BCC members. This form and any updates will accompany the information for the applicant's project or item.

However, for development-related items, if an applicant discloses the existence of one or more of the relationships described above and the matter would normally receive final consideration by the Concurrency Review Committee or the Development Review Committee, the matter will be directed to the BCC for final consideration and action following committee review.

# CONCLUSION:

We hope you find this FAQ useful to your understanding of the Relationship Disclosure Form. Please be informed that if the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this FAQ and the requirements of the applicable ordinance or law governing relationship disclosures, the ordinance or law controls.

Also, please be informed that the County Attorney's Office is not permitted to render legal advice to an applicant or any other outside party. Accordingly, if the applicant or an outside party has any questions after reading this FAQ, he/she is encouraged to contact his/her own legal counsel.

#### ORANGE COUNTY SPECIFIC PROJECT EXPENDITURE REPORT

This lobbying expenditure form shall be completed in full and filed with all application submittals. This form shall remain cumulative and shall be filed with the department processing your application. Forms signed by a principal's authorized agent shall include an executed Agent Authorization Form.

This is the initial Form:	
This is a Subsequent Form:	

#### Part I

#### Please complete all of the following:

Name and Address of Principal (legal name of entity or owner per Orange County tax rolls): \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Principal's Authorized Agent, if applicable:

List the name and address of all lobbyists, Contractors, contractors, subcontractors, individuals or business entities who will assist with obtaining approval for this project. (Additional forms may be used as necessary.)

1.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No
2.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No
3.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No
4.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No
5.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No
6.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No
7.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No
8.	Name and address of individual or business entity:
-	Are they registered Lobbyist? Yes or No

# Part II

### **Expenditures:**

For this report, an "expenditure" means money or anything of value given by the principal and/or his/her lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying, as defined in section 2-351, Orange County Code. This may include public relations expenditures including, but not limited to, petitions, fliers, purchase of media time, cost of print and distribution of publications. However, the term "expenditure" **does not** include:

- •Contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to chapter 106, Florida Statutes;
- •Federal election law, campaign-related personal services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time;
- •Any other contribution or expenditure made by or to a political party;
- •Any other contribution or expenditure made by an organization that is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. s. 527 or s. 501(c)(4), in accordance with s.112.3215, Florida Statutes; and/or
- Professional fees paid to registered lobbyists associated with the project or item.

The following is a complete list of all lobbying expenditures and activities (including those of lobbyists, contractors, Contractors, etc.) incurred by the principal or his/her authorized agent and expended in connection with the above-referenced project or issue. You need not include de minimus costs (under \$50) for producing or reproducing graphics, aerial photographs, photocopies, surveys, studies or other documents related to this project.

Date of Expenditure	Name of Party Incurring Expenditure	Description of Activity	Amount Paid
		TOTAL EXPENDED THIS REPORT	\$

# Part III

#### Original signature and notarization required

I hereby certify that information provided in this specific project expenditure report is true and correct based on my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge and agree to comply with the requirement of section 2-354, of the Orange County code, to amend this specific project expenditure report for any additional expenditure(s) incurred relating to this project prior to the scheduled Board of County Commissioner meeting. I further acknowledge and agree that failure to comply with these requirements to file the specific expenditure report and all associated amendments may result in the delay of approval by the Board of County Commissioners for my project or item, any associated costs for which I shall be held responsible. In accordance with s. 837.06, Florida Statutes, I understand and acknowledge that whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, Florida Statutes.

Date	Signature of  Principal or  Principal's Authorized Agent (check appropriate box)
Printed Name and Title of Person	completing this form:
STATE OF	: :
day of, 20 personally known to me or has pro- identification and did/did not take a	instrument was acknowledged before me this by He/she is oducedas an oath. cial seal in the county and state stated above on
the day of	_, in the year
(Notary Seal)	Signature of Notary Public Notary Public for the State of My Commission Expires:
Staff signature and date of receipt	t of form

Staff reviews as to form and does not attest to the accuracy or veracity of the information provided herein.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ABOUT THE SPECIFIC PROJECT EXPENDITURE REPORT

Updated 3-1-11

### WHAT IS A SPECIFIC PROJECT EXPENDITURE REPORT (SPR)?

A Specific Project Expenditure Report (SPR) is a report required under Section 2-354(b) of the Orange County Lobbying Ordinance, codified at Article X of Chapter 2 of the Orange County Code, reflecting all lobbying expenditures incurred by a principal and their authorized agent(s) and the principal's lobbyist(s), contractor(s), subcontractor(s), and Contractor(s), if applicable, for certain projects or issues that will ultimately be decided by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Matters specifically exempt from the SPR requirement are ministerial items, resolutions, agreements in settlement of litigation matters in which the County is a party, ordinances initiated by County staff, and some procurement items, as more fully described in 2.20 of the Administrative Regulations.

Professional fees paid by the principal to his/her lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying need not be disclosed on this form. (See Section 2-354(b), Orange County Code.)

#### WHO NEEDS TO FILE THE SPR?

The principal or his/her authorized agent needs to complete and sign the SPR and warrant that the information provided on the SPR is true and correct.

A principal that is a governmental entity does not need to file an SPR.

#### HOW ARE THE KEY RELEVANT TERMS DEFINED?

*Expenditure* means "a payment, distribution, loan, advance, reimbursement, deposit, or anything of value made by a lobbyist or principal for the purpose of lobbying. This may include public relations expenditures (including but not limited to petitions, flyers, purchase of media time, cost of print and distribution of publications) but does not include contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or federal election law, campaign-related personal services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering their time, any other contribution or expenditure made by or to a political party, or any other contribution or expenditure made by an organization that is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. s. 527 or s. 501(c)(4)." (See Section 112.3215, Florida Statutes.) Professional fees paid by the principal to his/her lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying are not deemed to be "expenditures." (See Section 2-354, Orange County Code.)

Lobbying means seeking "to encourage the approval, disapproval, adoption, repeal, rescission, passage, defeat or modification of any ordinance, resolution, agreement, development permit, other type of permit, franchise, vendor, Contractor, contractor, recommendation, decision or other foreseeable action of the [BCC]," and "include[s] all communications, regardless of whether initiated by the lobbyist or by the person being lobbied, and regardless of whether oral, written or electronic." (See Section 2-351, Orange County Code.) Furthermore, *lobbying* means communicating "directly with the County Mayor, with any other member of the [BCC], or with any member of a procurement committee." (See Section 2-351, Orange County Code.) Lobbying also

means communicating "indirectly with the County Mayor or any other member of the [BCC]" by communicating with any staff member of the Mayor or any member of the BCC, the county administrator, any deputy or assistant county administrator, the county attorney, any county department director, or any county division manager. (See Section 2-351, Orange County Code.) *Lobbying* does not include the act of appearing before a Sunshine Committee, such as the Development Review Committee or the Roadway Agreement Committee other than the BCC.

*Principal* means "the person, partnership, joint venture, trust, association, corporation, governmental entity or other entity which has contracted for, employed, retained, or otherwise engaged the services of a lobbyist." *Principal* may also include a person, partnership, joint venture, trust, association, corporation, limited liability corporation, or other entity where it or its employees do not qualify as a lobbyist under the definition set forth in Section 2-351 of the Orange County Code but do perform lobbying activities on behalf of a business in which it has a personal interest.

# DOES THE SPR NEED TO BE UPDATED IF INFORMATION CHANGES?

Yes. It remains a continuing obligation of the principal or his/her authorized agent to update the SPR whenever any of the information provided on the initial form changes.

# WHERE DO THE SPR AND ANY UPDATES NEED TO BE FILED?

The SPR needs to be filed with the County Department or County Division processing the application or matter. If and when an additional expenditure is incurred subsequent to the initial filing of the SPR, an amended SPR needs to be filed with the County Department or County Division where the original application, including the initial SPR, was filed.

# WHEN DO THE SPR AND ANY UPDATES NEED TO BE FILED?

In most cases, the initial SPR needs to be filed with the other application forms. The SPR and any update must be filed with the appropriate County Department or County Division not less than seven (7) days prior to the BCC hearing date so that they may be incorporated into the BCC agenda packet. (See Section 2-354(b), Orange County Code.) When the matter is a discussion agenda item or is the subject of a public hearing, and any additional expenditure occurs less than 7 days prior to BCC meeting date or updated information is not included in the BCC agenda packet, the principal or his/her authorized agent is obligated to verbally present the updated information to the BCC when the agenda item is heard or the public hearing is held. When the matter is a consent agenda item and an update has not been made at least 7 days prior to the BCC meeting or the update is not included in the BCC agenda packet, the item will be pulled from the consent agenda to be considered at a future meeting.

# WHO WILL BE MADE AWARE OF THE INFORMATION DISCLOSED ON THE SPR AND ANY UPDATES?

The information disclosed on the SPR and any updates will be a public record as defined by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and therefore may be inspected by any interested person. Also, the information will be made available to the Mayor and the BCC members. This information will accompany the other information for the principal's project or item.

#### CONCLUSION:

We hope you find this FAQ useful to your understanding of the SPR. Please be informed that in the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this FAQ and the requirements of the applicable ordinance governing specific project expenditure reports, the ordinance controls.

Also, please be informed that the County Attorney's Office is not permitted to render legal advice to a principal, his/her authorized agent, or any other outside party. Accordingly, if after reading this FAQ the principal, his/her authorized agent or an outside party has any questions, he/she is encouraged to contact his/her own legal counsel.

# AGENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I/We, (Print Bidder name),	Do
hereby authorize (print agent's name),	, to
act as my/our agent to execute any petitions or other documents necessary to aff	fect
the CONTRACT approval PROCESS more specifically described as follows, (	IFB
NUMBER AND TITLE), and to appear	on
my/our behalf before any administrative or legislative body in the county considering	this
CONTRACT and to act in all respects as our agent in matters pertaining TO TI	HIS
CONTRACT.	

Signature of Bidder	C	Date
STATE OF COUNTY OF	: :	
I certify that the foregoing ins	trument was acknowledge	ed before me this
day of, 20 personally known to me or has prod identification and did/did not take an	uced	
Witness my hand and official seal in the day of,		ed above on

(Notary Seal)

Signature of Notary Public	
Notary Public for the State	
of	
My Commission	
Expires:	

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### LEASED EMPLOYEE AFFIDAVIT

I affirm that an employee leasing company provides my workers' compensation coverage. I further understand that my contract with the employee leasing company limits my workers' compensation coverage to enrolled worksite employees only. My leasing arrangement does not cover un-enrolled worksite employees, independent contractors, uninsured sub-contractors or casual labor exposure.

I hereby certify that 100% of my workers are covered as worksite employees with the employee leasing company. I certify that I do not hire any casual or uninsured labor outside the employee leasing arrangement. I agree to notify the County in the event that I have any workers not covered by the employee leasing workers' compensation policy. In the event that I have any workers not subject to the employee leasing arrangement, I agree to obtain a separate workers' compensation policy to cover these workers. I further agree to provide the County with a certificate of insurance providing proof of workers' compensation coverage prior to these workers entering any County jobsite.

I further agree to notify the County if my employee leasing arrangement terminates with the employee leasing company and I understand that I am required to furnish proof of replacement workers' compensation coverage prior to the termination of the employee leasing arrangement.

I certify that I have workers' compensation coverage for all of my workers through the employee leasing arrangement specified below:

Name of Employee Leasing Company:	
Workers' Compensation Carrier:	
A.M. Best Rating of Carrier:	
Inception Date of Leasing Arrangement:	

I further agree to notify the County in the event that I switch employee-leasing companies. I recognize that I have an obligation to supply an updated workers' compensation certificate to the County that documents the change of carrier.

Name of Contractor:	
Signature of Owner/Officer:	
Title:	Date:

### EXHIBIT B

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

#### ADDITIONAL INSURED – DESIGNATED PERSON OR ORGANIZATION

This endorsement modifies Insurance provided under the following:

#### COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

#### SCHEDULE

Name Of Additional Insured Person(s) Or Organization(s)

The following are additional insured under the Professional Liability section of this policy (already included under the GL by form #86571).

YOUR MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL PERSONS, BUT ONLY WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR DUTIES FOR THE NAMED INSURED AS MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS;

AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR IS AN INSURED ONLY FOR THE CONDUCT OF YOUR BUSINESS AND SOLELY WHILE PERFORMING SERVICES FOR A CLIENT OF THE NAMED INSURED, BUT SOLELY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF SERVICES CONTEMPLATED BY THE NAMED INSURED;

STUDENTS IN TRAINING WHILE PREFORMING DUTIES AS INSTRUCTED BY THE NAMED INSURED;

ANY ENTITY YOU ARE REQUIRED IN A WRITTEN CONTRACT (HEREINAFTER CALLED ADDITIONAL INSURED) TO NAME AS AN INSURED IS AN INSURED BUT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF YOUR PREMISES OR OPERATIONS:

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

Section II – Who Is An Insured is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily Injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:

- A. In the performance of you ongoing operations; or
- B. In connection with your premises owned by or rented to you.

# EXHIBIT C

POLICY NUMBER:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

# THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

#### ADDITIONAL INSURED – DESIGNATED PERSON OR ORGANIZATION

This endorsement modifies Insurance provided under the following:

#### COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

#### SCHEDULE

Name Of Additional Insured Person(s) Or Organization(s)

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ATTN: PROCUREMENT DIVISION 400 E. SOUTH STREET, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR ORLANDO, FL 32801

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

**Section II – Who Is An Insured** is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily Injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:

- A. In the performance of you ongoing operations; or
- B. In connection with your premises owned by or rented to you.

# EXHIBIT D

#### WORKERS COMPENSTION AND EMPLOYEES LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY WC 00 03 13

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Advisory

# WAIVER OF OUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM OTHERS ENDORSEMENT

We have the right to recover our payments from anyone liable for an injury covered by this policy. We will not enforce our right against the person or organization named in the Schedule. (This agreement applies only to the extent that you perform work under a written contract that requires you to obtain this agreement from us.)

This agreement shall not operate directly or indirectly to benefit anyone not named in the Schedule.

Schedule

#### Name of Person or Organization:

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ATTN: PROCUREMENT DIVISION 400 E. SOUTH STREET, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR ORLANDO, FL 32801

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# EXHIBIT E

POLICY NUMBER:

# COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CG 24 04 10 93

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

# WAIVER OF TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US

This endorsement modifies Insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

#### SCHEDULE

# Name of Person or Organization:

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ATTN: PROCUREMENT DIVISION 400 E. SOUTH STREET, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR ORLANDO, FL 32801

(If no entry appears above, information required to complete this endorsement will be shown in the Declarations as applicable to this endorsement.)

The TRANSER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US Condition (Section IV – COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS) is amended by the addition of the following:

We waive any right to recovery we may have against the person or organization shown in the Schedule above because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of your ongoing operations or "your work" done under a contract with that person or organization and included in the "Products-completed operations hazard". This waiver applies only to the person or organization shown in the Schedule above.



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From the Orlando:

\*\* Go west on I-4 to Exit 29, Turn left on Sandlake Road. Go East approximately 3 miles.

\*\* SWRF is located about a ¼ mile past Mandarin Drive, on the left side of the road.

\*\*Turn left at First Entrance (West Gate) at the Emergency light for the Fire Station.

All entries must be at the West gate. Picture ID required.