



**BID COVER PAGE**  
INVITATION TO BID – FMGT-240013-GD

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE GAINESVILLE  
EMPOWERMENT CENTER**

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

The City of Gainesville, Florida is seeking Ground Maintenance Services - all supervision, labor, equipment and materials – for GRACE Marketplace located at 3055 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Drive Gainesville, Florida.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The anticipated time table for this ITB and contract approval is as follows, (all times are EDT):

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TENTATIVE DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
ITB on DemandStar	Thur	10/19/23	8:00am EDT	<i>Cone of Silence Commences</i>
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting	Mon	10/30/23	8:30am EDT	3055 NE 28 Dr, Gainesville
Deadline for Receipt of Vendor Questions	Fri	11/03/23	3:00pm EDT	Email
Deadline for Receipt of Proposals	Fri	11/10/23	3:00pm EST	Demandstar
Recommendation of Award	Tue	11/14/23		
5-Day Protest Period Posting		11/15-11/21		
Award	Wed	11/22/23		<i>Cone of Silence Ends</i>

All dates are subject to change. Respondents will be notified via Addendum in DemandStar.com in event of any schedule changes.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING**

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, October 30, 8:30am EDT

**LOCATION:** 3055 NE 28 Dr, Gainesville, FL

All questions relating to this solicitation must be directed to: Gayle Dykeman, Procurement Specialist 3:  
[dykemangb@gainesvillefl.gov](mailto:dykemangb@gainesvillefl.gov)

# PART 1 – INVITATION TO BID INFORMATION

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Thank you for your interest in working with the City of Gainesville.

Pertinent information and required documents regarding this bid as part of a responsive offer are listed below:

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NOTE: The terms “bidder” and “proposer” are used interchangeably throughout this document.

## 1.1 DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

The City posts and distributes information pertaining to its procurement solicitations on DemandStar ([www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com)). In order to submit a bid response to this solicitation the bidder must be registered with DemandStar. When registering, select “City of Gainesville – Procurement Division” as the agency of choice, so that there will be no charge for viewing and submitting bids to the City.

It is the responsibility of the bidder to monitor DemandStar. Properly registered bidders can expect to receive automatic notification of solicitations for bids and proposals, by participating purchasing entities. Bidder failure to retrieve available, required procurement information from DemandStar and include the appropriate documentation and information in solicitation responses may result in disqualification.

## 1.2 PRE-BID MEETING/QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS AND BID OPENING

If scheduled (refer to Bid Cover Page), attending a pre-bid meeting is strongly recommended as the project’s scope of work, procedures, and specifications will be discussed at this time. It is the only time during the bid process that bidders may ask questions directly of the end user.

NOTE: For a bidder’s attendance of a mandatory pre-bid meeting to count, the bidder must sign-in before the Procurement Specialist calls the end of that meeting. If the bidder is not signed in by that time, they will be disqualified from bidding on the project. If the mandatory pre-bid meeting also includes a required site visit, then bidder must sign in, both at the pre-bid meeting, and again at the end of the site visit, in order to have their attendance count and not be disqualified from submitting a proposal.

***NOTE: Failure to attend a Mandatory Pre-bid meeting will result in disqualification of your proposal.***

If special accommodations are needed in order to attend a pre-bid meeting or a bid opening, please contact the Procurement Division at least 72 hours in advance.

All questions that occur outside of the pre-proposal meeting must be submitted to Procurement only, and must be received by the date indicated on the Bid Cover Page to be considered. Technical and/or specification questions will not be answered over the phone; they must be submitted by email directed to the Procurement

Specialist conducting the solicitation (refer to Bid Cover Page). All questions will be answered via Addendum which will be posted on DemandStar.com for vendor access. All addenda must be acknowledged by the bidder on the Bid Cover Page.

### 1.3 PROHIBITION OF LOBBYING

To ensure fair consideration, consistent and accurate dissemination of information for all bidders, the City prohibits communication to or with any department, employee, or agent evaluating or considering proposals during the submission process, except as authorized by the Procurement Division representative. **Additionally, the City prohibits communication initiated by a bidder to any city official or employee evaluating or considering the proposals (up to and including the City Commissioners) before the time an award decision has been made.** Any communication between bidder and the City required to obtain information or clarification for preparing a bid or to enable a proper, accurate evaluation of a proposal will be handled solely through the Procurement Division staff. **Any communications initiated between the bidder and the City outside these parameters may be grounds for disqualifying the offending bidder from consideration for award of the bid and/or any future bid.**

### 1.4 CONE OF SILENCE

During the Cone of Silence as defined in the next paragraph, except as pursuant to an authorized appeal, no person may lobby (as defined in section 1.3) on behalf of a competing party in a particular procurement process, City officials or employees except the Procurement designated staff contact in the Procurement Division. Violation of this provision shall result in disqualification of the party on whose behalf the lobbying occurred.

The Cone of Silence is the period between the issue date of the ITB, to the time the City Officials and Employee awards the contract.

### 1.5 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The response to the minimum qualification requirements should address each of the qualifications set out in the section below. Bidders must provide documentation which demonstrates their ability to satisfy all of the minimum qualification requirements. Bidders who do not meet the minimum qualification requirements or who fail to provide supporting documentation will not be further considered. If a prescribed format, or required documentation for the response to minimum qualification requirements is stated below, bidders must use said format and supply said documentation.

All Contractors submitting a bid must:

1. Vendor must provide a list of (3) references in which grounds maintenance work has been completed for a governmental/municipal agency or commercial business within the last (3) years. *Use Required Form D for this purpose.*
2. Vendor must demonstrate through their proposal that they have been in the grounds maintenance business for 3 years
3. Must be registered to do business in the State of Florida and up to date on any Business Taxes.
4. Must be a Responsible Bidder as described in 1.6
5. Must be a Responsible Bidder as described in 1.7

### 1.6 DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF BIDDERS

The specific qualifications of bidders for this specific Invitation to Bid are included above. Bidder must also demonstrate that it is responsible as defined in the City of Gainesville's [Financial Services Procedures Manual](#), Section 41-522, as may be amended.

As a part of the bid evaluation process, City reserves the right to conduct a background investigation of bidder, including a record check by the Gainesville Police Department if the qualifications require it. Bidder's submission of a response constitutes acknowledgment of the process and consent to such investigation.

No contract will be awarded to any bidder who is in arrears to City upon any debt, fee, tax or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to City, or who is otherwise determined to be not responsible by City pursuant to Section 41-522, [Financial Services Procedures Manual](#), following:

These criteria consider the bidder's capability to perform:

- a. The ability of the bidder to successfully carry out a proposed contract.
- b. Past performance (including reference check), experience, business and financial capabilities, skills, technical organization, legal eligibility and reliability.

- c. Current litigation pending between the bidder and the City.
- d. Bidder has paid all debts owed to the City.
- e. Bidder possesses all required licenses.

If it is determined that the bidder is not responsible, City will notify bidder of its finding, including evidence used, and allow bidder the opportunity to come into compliance within three (3) business days of notification.

Successful Bidder must either update or complete City's supplier application, pay business tax (if applicable), and register with the State of Florida ([www.sunbiz.com](http://www.sunbiz.com)) (if required by law).

### **1.7 RESPONSIVENESS OF BID**

Each bid response will be reviewed to determine if the bid response is responsive to the submission requirements outlined in the ITB. A responsive bid is one which follows the requirements of the ITB, includes all required documentation, is submitted in the format outlined in the ITB, is of timely submission (via upload to DemandStar.com), and has the appropriate signatures as required on each document. Failure to comply with these requirements may deem the proposal non-responsive (see Section 41-444 of the [Financial Services Procedures Manual](#)).

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## PART 2 – SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS

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### 2.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The provisions contained in this section are intended to be read in conjunction with, to supplement, or to modify Instructions to Bidders, Special Provisions and General Conditions and, in case of any conflict with such sections, the intent of any and all Technical Specifications shall govern.

### 2.1 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

The term work includes all supervision, labor, equipment and materials for Grounds Maintenance at **GRACE Marketplace** located at **3055 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Drive** Gainesville, Florida, including the following:

#### A. Mowing:

**Inside fenced area:** (See Section A on attached Map B) Mow every seven (7) days (April - September) and every fourteen (14) days (October - March) for a minimum of 39 times per year. Mowing height of cut at each mowing visit should not be less than 3 inches. Each mowing interval shall also include one mower width pass around between the outside of the fence and the wet retention area and one pass around between the perimeter road and the wet retention area. Should inclement weather interfere with this schedule, the contractor must contact Facilities Management with alternate schedule.

**Parking lot and right of way entrance:** (See Section B on attached Map B, and Section D of Map C) Mow every fourteen (14) days (April -September) and every twenty-eight (28) days (October - March) for a minimum of 18 times per year. Mowing height of cut at each mowing visit should not be less than 3 inches. Should inclement weather interfere with this schedule, the contractor must contact Facilities Management with alternate schedule.

**Outer perimeter of property:** (See Section C on attached Map B) Mow every thirty (30) days (March - October) for a minimum of 8 times per year. Mowing height of cut at each mowing visit should not be less than 3 inches. Should inclement weather interfere with this schedule, the contractor must contact Facilities Management with alternate schedule.

- B. Edging:** All sidewalks: curbs, small beds, and seating walls will be edged at the same intervals as mowing for each identified area. Edging schedule must follow mowing schedule.
- C. Trimming:** Trim all shrubbery using proper, horticulture techniques so that shrubbery remains in proper, healthy shape and appears well maintained. Special considerations need to be taken to preserve the safety of visitors to the Empowerment Center. No shrubs should interfere with automobiles or pedestrian traffic. All trees must be kept pruned to a height of 10' from ground at a minimum.
- D. Weeding:** Spray with systemic or contact herbicide as needed for weed control. Hand weed when necessary. Beds must be maintained weed free.
- E. String Trimming:** All areas not accessible by mowers shall be string trimmed. The trimming shall match the mowing height. Scalping of lawn or damage to trees by equipment will be the responsibility of the Contractor. Contractor may be required to repair and/or replace damaged items from string trimming operations. Chemical spraying around obstacles is permissible. Herbicide areas must not be excessive as such to alter the natural appearance of the landscape. Any damage to the landscape from excessive herbicide will be repaired or replaced at the contractor's expense.
- F. Raking:** Rake and remove leaves and other debris at each site visit to maintain a neat appearance. All areas are to have leaf debris removed from the site. This includes parking areas, lawn areas, landscape beds and all other areas where leaf litter accumulates. This property experiences very heavy accumulations of leaf litter during the fall and winter months. There will be **bi-monthly** visits in conjunction with the mowing operations to control excessive leaf debris. **ALL LEAF DEBRIS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE JOBSITE WITH EACH VISIT. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO LEAF LITTER BLOWN, RAKED OR SWEEPED INTO BED**
- G. AREAS ON THIS PROPERTY.** It is the contractor's responsibility to remove all leaf debris from the site with each and every visit.

- H. **Sweeping:** Leaves and debris in parking lots shall be picked up by contractor and disposed of offsite during each mowing visit. City will not be responsible for providing a site or mechanism for leaves and debris disposal.
- I. **Trash:** Litter will be disposed of with each site visit. The City will not provide a mechanism for disposal. It is the contractor's responsibility to remove litter from the job site. Litter is defined as bottles, paper, cups, cans, glass and any other material natural or man-made that is not a part of the Gainesville Empowerment Center grounds.
- J. **Irrigation:** The City will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the irrigation system. Contractor will be responsible for any damages caused by its operators or equipment Contractor must notify Nature Operations Division of any damage caused that working day.
- K. **Lawn Pests and Disease:** Contractor must notify Facilities Management within 24 hours after discovering any lawn pests or diseases. Lawns shall be inspected for pests and diseases with each mowing visit.

Upon notification of a problem by the Contractor, the City will usually handle the spraying for lawn pests and disease control unless the City authorizes the Contractor to do otherwise.

## 2.2 INVOICING AND TIMESHEET DOCUMENTS

Each month, the Contractor is required to submit a monthly invoice to the City of Gainesville – Facility Manager no sooner than the last day of the service month. No invoice will be accepted that does not contain the following information:

1. Contractor's name and contact information
2. City of Gainesville – Facility Management Division project name
3. Purchase order number
4. Invoice number
5. Date
6. Description of services rendered, including date(s) of service
7. Invoice amount

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## PART 3 – HOW TO SUBMIT A BID

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### 3.1 HOW TO SUBMIT A BID

The bid response, containing all required documents, with authorized signatures, must be received by 3:00 p.m. on the due date indicated on the Bid Cover Page for this project. The bidder's complete pdf response must be uploaded into DemandStar.com prior to the 3:00 p.m. deadline. This platform will not accept late submittals. Required signatures for bid forms may be applied using electronic signature software (i.e., DocuSign, Adobe Sign, etc.).

Upload the bid response as a pdf formatted document only, unless the solicitation states otherwise. The pdf document should be titled with bidder's name, bid number, and, if the response is submitted in parts, include "Part # of x".

Modifications to or withdrawal of a bidder's submittal can be made up to the deadline date. Modifications and withdrawals must be documented in DemandStar.com in order to be recognized by the City. Any bid not withdrawn will constitute an irrevocable offer, for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days, to provide the City adequate time to award the Contract for the services specified in this solicitation.

### 3.2 HOW TO ASSEMBLE YOUR BID

The following documents and forms must accompany any offer submitted, and will be the basis for review and award. A submittal without these documents may be deemed non-responsive. The City reserves the right to request all other missing forms and additional information from any bidder prior to award. *Please do not include items that are not specifically requested.*

- a. Required Form A - Respondent Verification Form
- b. Required Form B - Drug-Free Workplace Form
- c. Required Form C – E-Verify Certification Form
- d. Required Form D - References Form
- e. Required Form E - Pricing Proposal
- f. Respondent's W-9
- g. Copy of any applicable, current licenses and/or certifications required by City/County/ State/Federal
- h. Exceptions to the ITB (refer to Part 4, 4.5 Exception to the ITB)
- i. Investigation of Alleged Wrongdoings, Litigation/Settlements/Fines/Penalties (See 8.11)

The bid response must be signed by an officer of the business who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the bidder. An authorized representative who is not an officer may sign the response, but must attach a corporate resolution granting authorization to the representative to execute on behalf of the business.

The submittal of a response by a bidder will be considered by the City as constituting an offer by the bidder to perform the required services at the stated fees.

### 3.3 DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Florida's Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, includes numerous exemptions to the general requirement to disclose information to the public in response to a public record's request. Exemptions are found in various provisions of the Florida Statutes, including but not limited to Section 119.071, Florida Statutes (General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records), and Section 119.0713, Florida Statutes (Local government agency exemptions from inspection or copying of public records). Section 815.045, Florida Statutes (Trade secret information), provides that trade secret information as defined in Section 812.081, Florida Statutes (Trade secrets; theft, embezzlement; unlawful copying; definitions; penalty) is confidential and exempt from disclosure because it is a felony to disclose such records. The Parties understand and agree that Florida's Public Records Law is very broad and that documents claimed by a Party to be confidential and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law may in fact not be deemed such by a court of law. Accordingly, the following provisions shall apply:

- a. Identifying Trade Secret or Otherwise Confidential and Exempt Information. For any records or portions thereof that bidder claims to be Trade Secret or otherwise confidential and exempt from public disclosure under the Public Records Law, bidder shall:

- i. Specifically identify the records or specific portions thereof that are confidential and exempt and reference the particular Florida Statute that grants such status. Provide one redacted copy of the record and one copy of the record with the confidential and exempt information highlighted as outlined in 1 and 2 on the following page. Bidder shall take care to redact only the confidential and exempt information within a record.
  - ii. Provide an affidavit or similar type of evidence that describes and supports the basis for Contractor's claim that the information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure.
- b. Request for Trade Secret or Otherwise Confidential and Exempt Information.
  - i. In the event City receives a public records request for a record with information labeled by bidder as Trade Secret or otherwise as confidential and exempt, City will provide the public record requester with the redacted copy of the record and will notify bidder of the public records request.
  - ii. However and notwithstanding the above, in the event that City in its sole discretion finds no basis for bidder's claim that certain information is Trade Secret or otherwise confidential and exempt under Florida's Public Records Law, then City shall notify bidder in writing of such conclusion and provide bidder a reasonable amount of time to file for declaratory action requesting a court of law to deem the requested information as Trade Secret or otherwise as confidential and exempt under Florida's Public Records Law. If bidder fails to file for declaratory action within the reasonable amount of time provided, then City will disclose the information requested.
  - iii. If a public records lawsuit is filed against CITY requesting public disclosure of the information labeled by bidder as Trade Secret or otherwise as confidential and exempt, CITY shall notify bidder and bidder shall intervene in the lawsuit to defend the nondisclosure of such information under Florida's Public Records Law.
  - iv. Bidder hereby indemnifies and holds CITY, its officers and employees harmless from any and all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs of any kind and nature, including but not limited to attorney's fees, that arise from or are in any way connected with bidder's claim that any information it provided to CITY is Trade Secret or otherwise confidential and exempt from public disclosure under Florida's Public Records Law.
- c. How to Designate Trade Secret or Otherwise Confidential and Exempt Information

If a bidder believes that its response contains trade secret or otherwise confidential and exempt information (as defined by Florida or Federal law) and should be withheld from disclosure to the public, in such cases the bidder must provide a redacted copy of the proposal for public access.

  - Redacted means that the confidential/proprietary information in the proposal has been obscured so that it cannot be read.
  - Unredacted means that the entire document, including the confidential/proprietary information, has not be obscured and is visible for the evaluation team to use in their evaluation process.
  - i. Upload a pdf version response of the complete UNREDACTED proposal. Include "UNREDACTED, CONFIDENTIAL" in document title. This is the version that will be used by the evaluators when they are reviewing your proposal. It is essential that the items that will be redacted are highlighted in yellow to prevent the evaluation team from discussing these items after the award. The first page of the document for the **unredacted** document should provide a general description of the information bidder has designated as confidential and/or exempt, and provide a reference to the appropriate Florida or Federal statute supporting the confidential and/or exempt classification.
  - ii. Upload a pdf version response of the REDACTED copy of the proposal. Include "REDACTED" in the document title. This copy will be used to support any public records requests that may arise from this solicitation.

d. How the City will Handle Material Identified as Trade Secret or Otherwise Confidential and Exempt Information

The City's evaluators will be provided with the complete proposal, including any trade secret or otherwise confidential and exempt information. The City evaluators will maintain the confidentiality of the information through the evaluation process, including any recorded evaluation team meetings.

In the event a public record request is made to view the information which bidder claims is confidential and/or exempt, the City will notify the bidder and give the bidder a reasonable opportunity (generally 2 business days) to institute appropriate legal action to prevent the disclosure of the information claimed as confidential and/or exempt.

All public records submitted to the City, including those claimed as confidential and/or exempt, will be retained by the City and will not be returned to a bidder at the conclusion of the bidding process.

**3.4 ONLY ONE BID**

Only one bid from any individual, firm, corporation, organization or agency under the same or different name shall be considered. Should it appear to the City that any bidder has a financial interest in more than one submission under this bid, all bids in which such bidder has a financial interest will be rejected. A subcontractor is permitted to appear in more than one submittal for the same bid, as long as the subcontractor is not a lead bidder in any of the submittals. The City considers a financial interest to include, but not be limited, to joint ventures and, partnerships.

**3.5 FULLY INFORMED BIDDER**

A Bidder is expected to fully inform itself as to the requirements of the Specifications and Contract terms and conditions; failure to do so will be at its own risk. A Bidder shall not expect to secure relief on the plea of error.

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## **PART 4 – INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

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## PART 5 – AWARD

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### 5.1 AWARD OF CONTRACT

The awards of a contract and/or purchase shall be to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

A responsive bidder is one that provides all requested information, certifications, product information and pricing. A responsible bidder is one that has demonstrated through the past performance and the requested documentation that they have the resources and financial capability to provide the products/services identified by the City via this Invitation to Bid.

The City may reject a bid based upon past performance of a bidder. In determining the lowest responsive, responsible bidder the City will consider, but not be limited to, the items listed below:

- a. Price
- b. The ability of the bidder to successfully carry out a proposed contract
- c. Past performance (including reference checks), experience, business and financial capabilities, skills, technical organization, legal eligibility and reliability
- d. Current litigation pending between bidder and City
- e. All debts owed to City have been paid
- f. Bidder has all required licenses
- g. Bidder is authorized to do business in Florida, if required by law (registered in SunBiz)
- h. The number and scope of conditions and/or exceptions attached to the bid,

The City reserves the right to make such investigations as it may deem necessary to establish the competency and financial ability of any Bidder to perform the work. If, after the investigation, the evidence of competency and financial ability is not satisfactory, the City reserves the right to reject the bid.

In the event the successful Bidder fails to execute the Contract, the City may then accept the bid of the next lowest responsive, responsible bidder or re-advertise the bid. If the bid of the next best Bidder is accepted, this acceptance shall bind such Bidder as though he were the original successful Bidder. City reserves the right to pursue such remedies as provided by law for Bidder's failure to execute the Contract.

The City of Gainesville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, reserves the right to waive any or all irregularities, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible Bidder whose bid is determined by the City to be in its best interest.

Successful Bidder must either update or complete City's supplier application, pay business tax (if applicable), and register with the State of Florida ([www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org)) (if required by law).

### 5.2 TIE BIDS

Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received, preference shall be given in the following order: (1) Bidders submitting the attached Drug-Free Workplace form with their bid/proposal certifying they have a drug free workplace in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes; (2) Bidders located within the City of Gainesville, if not subject to the Local Preference Ordinance; (3) Bidders located within Alachua County; (4) Bidders located within the State of Florida; and (5) coin toss.

### 5.3 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

Preference shall be given to submitters providing a certification with their qualifications certifying they have a drug-free workplace whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. The attached form should be filled out and returned with the qualifications in order to qualify for this preference.

### 5.4 CONTRACT

The Contract to be entered into will designate the successful bidder as the City's Contractor. The terms and conditions in the Sample Contract, Part 7, shall be applicable and binding. The successful bidder will be required to execute an agreement with the City in substantially the same format as found in Part 7.

### 5.5 BID PROTEST

Participants in this solicitation may protest Invitation to Bid specifications or award in accordance with Section 41-680 of the [Financial Services Procedures Manual](#).

## **5.6 ITB POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION/WAIVER OF IRREGULARITIES**

The City may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reject any and all, or parts of any and all, proposals; re-advertise this ITB; postpone or cancel, at any time, this ITB process; or waive any irregularities in this ITB or in the bid responses received as a result of this ITB. See Section 41-444 [Financial Services Procedures Manual](#).

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## **PART 6 – GENERAL INFORMATION**

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### **6.1 REIMBURSABLES**

When cost estimating travel, the City’s travel policy allows for Coach air travel only. In addition, long distance phone calls, printing, and other administrative costs may be billed at cost only – no mark-up). Evidence of these expenditures will be submitted when invoicing the City.

### **6.2 PURCHASES BY OTHER AGENCIES (“PIGGYBACKING”)**

All bidders submitting a response to this solicitation agree that such response also constitutes a bid to all state agencies, municipalities and political subdivisions of the state of Florida under the same terms and conditions, for the same prices and the same effective period as this bid, should the bidder deem it in the best interest of its business to do so. This provision in no way restricts or interferes with any state agency, municipality or political subdivision to rebid any or all items.

### **6.3 DEVIATIONS – CLARIFICATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS**

Any deviation from the specifications must be explained in detail on sheets attached to the Bid Form and labeled “Clarifications and Exceptions”, and each deviation must be itemized by number and must specifically refer to the applicable specification paragraph and page. Otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these Specifications and the successful bidder will be held responsible for meeting the Specifications. If bidder wishes its Standard Terms and Conditions to be considered as part of its bid, such terms and conditions must be made part of the “Clarifications and Exceptions”. The City reserves the following rights: to waive clarifications and exceptions in awarding the bid in the best interest of the City; to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any or all irregularities; and to award the contract to the most responsive responsible bidder whose bid is determined by the City to be in its best interest.

### **6.4 ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS**

Acceptance of the Contract, Specifications, terms and conditions is a mandatory aspect of being considered responsive. Bidders wanting to challenge any of the Contract, Specifications, terms and conditions or question alternatives to any Specifications listed herein must do so in writing prior to the deadline for submitting questions. If the City does not authorize a change prior to bid closing via addendum, the Contract, Specifications and terms and conditions stand; any counter-proposal on Contract, Specifications, or terms and conditions, will be rejected, as will the bid.

### **6.5 BIDDER’S DECLARATION AND UNDERSTANDING**

The bidder, declares that the only person or parties interested in this Bid are those named herein, that this Bid is, in all respects, fair and without fraud, that it is made without collusion with any official of the City, and that the Bid is made without any connection or collusion with any person submitting another Bid on this contract.

The bidder further declares that no City Commissioner, other City officer, or City employee directly or indirectly owns more than five (5) percent of the total assets or capital stock of the bidding entity, nor will directly or indirectly benefit by more than five (5) percent from the profits or emoluments of this contract. (For purposes of this paragraph, indirect ownership or benefit does not include ownership or benefit by a spouse or minor child.)

The bidder further declares that it has carefully examined the Specifications and that this Bid is made according to the provisions and under the terms of the Specifications, which Specifications are hereby made a part of this Bid. Bidder further declares that any deviation from the specifications are explained on separate sheets labeled Clarifications and Exceptions attached to this Bid Form and that each deviation is itemized by number and specifically refers to the applicable specification paragraph and page.

### **6.6 LOCAL PREFERENCE**

In bidding of, or letting contracts for procurement of, supplies, materials, equipment and services, as described in the purchasing policies, the city commission, or other purchasing authority, may give a preference to local businesses in making such purchase or awarding such contract in an amount not to exceed five percent of the local business' total bid price, and in any event the cost differential should not exceed \$25,000.00. Total bid price shall include not only the base bid price but also all alterations to that base bid price resulting from alternates which were both part of the bid and actually purchased and awarded by the City Commission or other authority. In the case of requests for proposals, letter of interest, best evaluated bids, qualifications or other solicitations and competitive negotiation and selection in which objective factors are used to evaluate the responses. Local Businesses are assigned five (5) percent of the total points of the total evaluation points.

Local business means the vendor has a valid business tax receipt, issued by the City of Gainesville at least six months prior to bid or proposal opening date, to do business in said locality that authorizes the business to provide the goods, services, or construction to be purchased, and a physical business address located within the limits of said locality, in an area zoned for the conduct of such business, from which the vendor operates or performs business on a day-to-day basis. Post office boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address. In order to be eligible for local preference, in the Bid or RFP evaluation, the vendor must provide a copy of the business tax receipt and Zoning Compliance Permit. The business tax receipt must be issued at least six months prior to bid or proposal opening date. For more information on City's Local Preference Policy: [Municipal Code Article X Local Preference Policy](#).

## **6.7 Small and SERVICE-Disabled veteran Business CERTIFIED BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE**

Small or Service-Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprise Definition: A Small Business or a Service-Disabled Veteran's Business, which is duly licensed and authorized to engage in business and maintains a permanent principal place of operation with full time personnel within Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam, or Union County and possess a current City business tax receipt as required, and is so certified by the Small and Service-Disabled Veteran's Business Program Coordinator.

It is the policy of the City of Gainesville that small and service-disabled veteran businesses as defined in the Small and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Program, have the maximum practical opportunity to participate in contracting opportunities provided by the City. In keeping with this policy, each bidder is asked to state whether it will utilize small and service-disabled veteran businesses that are eligible for assistance to perform work on the project(s) being advertised.

For bidders not yet certified by the City, a small and service-disabled veteran application may be accessed via the [Diversity Business Management System](#) website. To be considered as a certified small and/or service-disabled veteran business, a bidder must have a current certificate at the time of the solicitation submittal due date. For more information on certified small and service-disabled veteran businesses, please visit the [Office of Equity and Inclusion](#) website.

## **6.8 LIVING WAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Living Wage requirements, Ordinance 020663, as amended in Ordinance 030168, and in [Ordinance 180999](#), and as shown on the City's web page, applies to contracts solicited by the City after midnight on March 31, 2021.

Section 2-619. – Living Wage Requirements.

(a) The following are requirements of each service contractor/subcontractor:

1. A service contract or/subcontractor shall pay a living wage to each of its covered employees during the time they are providing the covered services.
2. A copy of the living wage rate shall be posted by the service contractor/subcontractor in a prominent place where it can easily be seen by the covered employees and shall be supplied to any covered employee upon request.
3. Each service contractor shall make all of its service subcontractors aware of the requirements of this division and shall include the contract provisions listed in the Sample Contract (PART 7) under the *Living Wage* paragraph in each of its service subcontracts to ensure compliance with this article. The city shall not be deemed a necessary or indispensable party in any litigation between the service contractor and a subcontractor.
4. A service contractor/subcontractor shall not discharge, reduce the compensation of, or otherwise retaliate against any covered employee for filing a complaint, participating in any proceedings or otherwise asserting the requirement to pay a living wage under this division. A covered employee who claims their employer has not paid them a living wage as required by this division may file a written complaint with the city.
5. Each service contractor/subcontractor shall produce payroll records, and any other requested documentation to the city as necessary for the city to audit or investigate compliance with or a reported violation of this division.

The City's current adjusted Living Wage Rates (Wage with Health Benefits OR Wage without Health Benefits) are available [here](#). The living wage for this contract will increase annually on the anniversary date of the contract at the City's prevailing living wage rate, which is updated October 1 each year.

## **6.9 DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, OTHERWISE EXCLUDED**

By submitting this bid response, bidder agrees that it:

- a. Is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. Has not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;
- c. Is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission or any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2) of this certification; and
- d. Has not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

## **6.10 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION STATEMENT**

For your information, Section 287.133 (2)(a) , Florida Statutes, contains the following provisions: "A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list."

## **6.11 INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED WRONGDOINGS, LITIGATION/SETTLEMENTS/FINES/PENALTIES**

The City Commission specifically requests that responders to this document indicate in writing any investigations of wrongdoings, litigation and/or settlements, and fines or penalties (anywhere in the U.S.) involving the bidder and specific contractors listed as projected to provide services to the City. You may be required to respond to questions on this subject matter.

## **6.12 TAXES, CHARGES AND FEES**

The Bidder agrees that any applicable Federal, State and Local sales and use taxes, which are to be paid by City of Gainesville, are included in the stated bid prices. Since the City of Gainesville is often exempt from taxes for equipment, materials and services, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to determine whether sales taxes are applicable. The Contractor is liable for any applicable taxes which are not included in the stated bid prices.

## **6.13 COSTS INCURRED BY BIDDERS**

All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of bid responses to the City, or any work performed in connection therewith shall be borne by the bidder(s). No payment will be made for any responses received, nor for any other effort required of or made by the bidder(s) prior to commencement of work as defined by a contract approved by the City Commission (if so required).

## **6.14 RULES; REGULATIONS; LICENSING REQUIREMENT**

The bidder shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the services contemplated herein, including those applicable to conflict of interest and collusion. Bidders are presumed to be familiar with all Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations that may in any way affect the services offered.

## **6.15 NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY AND COMMERCIAL NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENT**

As a condition of entering into this agreement, the company represents and warrants that it will comply with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all other federal, state or local laws prohibiting discrimination. The company shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability or gender identity, or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring, commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers or commercial customers, nor shall the company retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination.

The City reserves the right to investigate any claims of illegal discrimination by the Contractor and in the event a finding of discrimination is made and upon written notification thereof, the Contractor shall take all necessary steps to cure and rectify such action to the reasonable satisfaction of the City. The company understands and

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

For more information on this policy and requirement, please visit the [Office of Equity and Inclusion](#).

**6.16 E-VERIFY REQUIREMENT**

Section 448.095, Florida Statute states the statute shall be construed in a manner so as to be fully consistent with any applicable federal laws or regulations. The Contractor shall (1) utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract; and (2) shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term. Alternatively, Contractor shall provide proof that one of the exceptions to the E-Verify federal contractor rule applies.

**6.17 INTERNATIONAL PROPOSERS REQUIREMENTS**

The City is unable to send ACH payments to international banks. Therefore, ACH payments will only be made to U.S.A. banks. Additionally, the international company must be from a country that has a tax treaty with the U.S.A. International proposers must agree to these requirements and provide proof of same should they receive an award recommendation.

**6.18 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING**

In accordance with Section 287.05701(2)(a), F.S. (2023), the City may not request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor, and may not give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

**6.19 INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

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## PART 7 – SAMPLE CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract"), entered into on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ between the CITY OF GAINESVILLE, a Florida municipal corporation, ("City"), and \_\_\_\_\_, ("Contractor"), , taken together, shall be known as "Parties".

**WHEREAS**, clauses that briefly describe project and history of project (if applicable)

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

### 1. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF CONTRACT.

The term of the Contract shall be five (5) year(s), commencing on **August 1, 2023** and terminating on **July 31, 2028**. The Contract may be not be extended.

### 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

Project or Product or Service Description:

,as more specifically described in the Specifications.

### 3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

a. The Contract consists of the following documents, whether attached to this Contract or incorporated by reference (collectively the 'Contract Documents'):

- i. Contract;
- ii. Addenda to Bid Documents (*attach and identify by title, number and date*);
- iii. Bid Documents (*attach and identify by title, number and date*); and
- iv. Contractor's response to Bid documents (*attach and identify by title, number and date*).

b. The Contract Documents constitute the entire contract between the City and Contractor. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the Contract Documents, the order of precedence for interpretation shall be the order in which the Contract Documents are listed above. Conflict or inconsistency within a particular contract document shall be resolved by having the more specific reference to the matter prevail.

### 4. PARAGRAPH INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

### 5. COMPENSATION/PAYMENT.

City will pay Contractor in an amount not to exceed (\$amount bid if lump sum or budget amount if annual agreement) for the term of the contract. Payment shall be based upon (*describe whether City is paying on an hourly basis, or for a percentage of work completed, amount of material delivered or some other measurement*).

City shall make payments in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Sections 218.70, et. seq. Florida Statutes. Contractor will be paid electronically as an electronic funds transfer (EFT).

### 6. INDEMNIFICATION.

Contractor shall indemnify the City, its officials, agents and employees, and hold it harmless from suits, actions, damages, liability, expenses, losses and costs, including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees in connection with loss of life, bodily or personal injury, or property damage arising from or occasioned by any act or omission or negligence or intentional wrongdoing on the part of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor.

### 7. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION.

CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability or gender identity, or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the performance of this Contract. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that a violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of the Contract. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party.

**8. INSURANCE. (Check with risk for amount if Professional Liability is applicable)**

A. During the term of this Contract, Contractor shall maintain insurance as follows:

Workers' Compensation insurance	providing coverage in compliance with Florida Statutes
Public Liability insurance (other than automobile) consisting of broad form comprehensive general liability insurance including contractual coverage	\$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage
Automobile Liability insurance	\$500,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage

B. Prior to the effective date of this Contract, Contractor shall provide to City a certificate of insurance certifying such insurance and naming City as additional insured and that City will be notified in writing at least thirty (30) days before any such insurance is canceled or materially changed.

C. Insurance must be written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Florida and satisfactory to City.

**9. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.**

Nothing in the Contract Documents shall be interpreted as a waiver of the City's sovereign immunity as granted under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

**10. LIVING WAGE.**

The definitions, terms and conditions of the city's living wage requirements set forth in Division 2 of Article IX of Chapter 2 of the City's Code of Ordinances shall apply to this agreement. These requirements include that the service contractor/subcontractor: shall pay a living wage to each covered employee during the term of this agreement, including any extension(s) to this agreement; shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the living wage requirements; shall not discharge, reduce the compensation of, or otherwise retaliate against any covered employee for filing a complaint, participating in any proceedings or otherwise asserting the requirement to pay a living wage; shall cooperate with any city audit or investigation concerning compliance with or a reported violation of the living wage requirements, including providing all requested documentation. Failure to comply with the City's living wage requirements shall be a material breach of this agreement, enforceable by the city through all rights and remedies at law and equity.

**11. TERMINATION.**

A. If the Contractor fails to observe or perform in accordance with the Contract Document (a "Default"), then the City, after providing at least ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor of the Default and the City's intent to terminate if such Default continues unremedied during the ten (10) day period, may terminate this Contract without prejudice to any other rights or remedies the City may have under this Contract and Florida law.

B. This Contract may be terminated by the City, without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. In the event this Contract is so terminated, the Contractor shall be compensated for services rendered through the effective date of the termination.

**12. MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT.**

The obligations of the City as to any funding required pursuant to this Contract shall be limited to an obligation in any given year to budget and appropriate from legally available funds, after monies for essential City services have been budgeted and appropriated, sufficient monies for the funding that is required during that year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall not be prohibited from pledging any legally available non-ad valorem revenues for any obligations heretofore or hereafter incurred, which pledge shall be prior and superior to any obligation of the City pursuant to this Contract.

### **13. E-VERIFY.**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to: 1) the Contractor shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor during the term of this Agreement; and 2) the Contractor shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement to likewise register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the subcontractor during the term of this Agreement. Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, states the statute must be construed in a manner that is fully consistent with any applicable federal laws or regulations, and therefore this section does not apply to this Agreement to the extent that this section would be inconsistent with any federal laws or regulations that are applicable to this Agreement.

### **14. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**

Contractor shall be considered an independent contractor and as such shall not be entitled to any right or benefit to which City employees are or may be entitled to by reason of employment. Except as specifically noted in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, method, techniques, sequences, and procedures utilized by the Contractor for the full performance of the Contract Documents.

### **15. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND WORK PRODUCT.**

- A. Ownership and Publication of Materials. All reports, information, data, and other materials prepared by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract Documents, except those separately identified in the Scope of Services or in other written agreements between the Parties, are owned by the City. The City has the exclusive and unrestricted authority to release, publish or otherwise use, in whole or in part, information contained therein and relating thereto. No material produced in whole or in part under the Contract Documents may be copyrighted or patented in the United States or in any other country without prior written approval of the City.
- B. Intellectual Property. Contractor warrants that it owns or has rights to use all intellectual property used for the scope of each project, including patent rights, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights, except with respect to designs, processes or products of a particular manufacturer expressly required by the City [or process or product is an infringement of a patent, copyright or other intellectual property, the Contractor shall promptly give City [and Professional if applicable] written notice of the infringement.

### **16. RECORDS AND RIGHT-TO-AUDIT.**

Contractor shall maintain records sufficient to document completion of the scope of services established by the Contract Documents. These records shall be subject at all reasonable time to review, inspect, copy and audit by persons duly authorized by the City. These records shall be kept for a minimum of three (3) years after termination of the Contract. Records that relate to any litigation, appeals or settlements of claims arising from performance under this Contract shall be made available until a final disposition has been made of such litigation, appeals, or claims.

### **17. CONTRACTOR'S ASSURANCES.**

Contractor warrants that the goods and services supplied to the City pursuant to this Contract shall at all times fully conform to the specifications set forth in the Invitation to Bid and be of the highest quality. In the event the City, in the City's sole discretion, determines that any product or services supplied pursuant to this Contract is defective or does not conform to the specifications set forth in the Invitation to Bid, the City reserves the right unilaterally to cancel an order or cancel this Contract upon written notice [and an opportunity to cure if applicable] to the Contractor, and reduce commensurately any amount of money due the Contractor.

### **18. WARRANTY.**

[are there specific warranties requested in the bid? If so, list them here or reference them here]

### **19. PUBLIC RECORDS.**

Florida has a very broad public records law and certain records of a contractor may be considered public records. Accordingly, by entering into an agreement with the City, contractor must:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- B. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- D. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (telephone number, e-mail address, and mailing address).**

**20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, any dispute concerning a question of fact or of interpretation of a requirement of the Contract which is not disposed of by mutual consent between the parties shall be decided by the City Manager or designee, who shall reduce the decision to writing and furnish a copy thereof to the parties. In connection with any dispute proceeding under this clause each party shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its version of the facts and interpretation of the Contract. The City Manager or designee shall make such explanation as may be necessary to complete, explain or make definite the provisions of this Contract and the findings and conclusions shall be final and binding on both parties. Pending the final decisions of a dispute hereunder, Contractor shall proceed diligently with its performance of the Contract in accordance with the preliminary directions of the City Manager or designee.

**21. PARAGRAPH INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

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**22. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE.**

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, notwithstanding any Florida conflict of law provision to the contrary. In the event of any legal action under this Contract, venue shall be in Alachua County, Florida.

**23. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.**

The non-breaching party shall have available all remedies at law.

**24. NOTICES.**

Any notices from either party to the other party must be in writing and sent by certified mail, return requested, overnight courier service or delivered in person with receipt to the following:

**CITY:**

City of Gainesville

Insert Department Name

Attn:

Insert Address

**CONTRACTOR:**

Insert Contractor's Information

**25. SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this Contract is declared void by a court of law, all other provisions will remain in full force and effect.

**26. INTEGRATION/MERGER.**

This Contract, together with the attached bid documents, contains the entire contract and understanding of the Parties regarding the matters set forth herein and supersedes all previous negotiations, discussions, and

understandings, whether oral or written, regarding such matters. The Parties acknowledge that they have not relied on any promise, inducement, representation, or other statement made in connection with this agreement that is not expressly contained in this Contract. The terms of this Contract are contractual and not merely recital.

**27. MODIFICATION AND WAIVER.**

The provisions of this Contract may only be modified or waived in writing signed by all the Parties. No course of dealing shall be deemed a waiver of rights or a modification of this Contract. The failure of any party to exercise any right in this contract shall not be considered a waiver of such right. No waiver of a provision of the Contract shall apply to any other portion of the Contract. A waiver on one occasion shall not be deemed to be a waiver on other occasions.

**28. CAPTIONS AND SECTION HEADINGS.**

Captions and section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not be used in construing this Contract.

**29. ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST.**

Neither party will assign or transfer any interest in the Contract without prior written consent of the other party.

**30. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.**

The Parties each bind the other and their respective successors and assigns in all respects to all the terms, conditions, covenants, and provisions of this Contract.

**31. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.**

This Contract does not create any relationship with, or any rights in favor of, any third party.

**32. CONSTRUCTION.**

This Contract shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by one of the Parties. It is recognized that both Parties have substantially contributed to the preparation of this Contract.

**33. EXHIBITS.**

All exhibits attached to this Contract are incorporated into and made part of this Contract by reference.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement, or caused to be executed by their duly authorized officials, on the day and year first written above.

**NAME OF COMPANY:**

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

## **PART 8 – EXHIBITS AND REQUIRED FORMS**

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The following documents/forms are included in this section:

EXHIBIT A – MAP A – Parking at Grace Marketplace

EXHIBIT B – MAP B – Areas of Scope of Work

EXHIBIT C – MAP C – NE 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue

REQUIRED FORM A - Bidder Verification Form

REQUIRED FORM B - Drug-Free Workplace Form

REQUIRED FORM C - E-Verify Certification Form

REQUIRED FORM D - Customer History Form

REQUIRED FORM E - PRICING

**EXHIBIT A - MAP A**

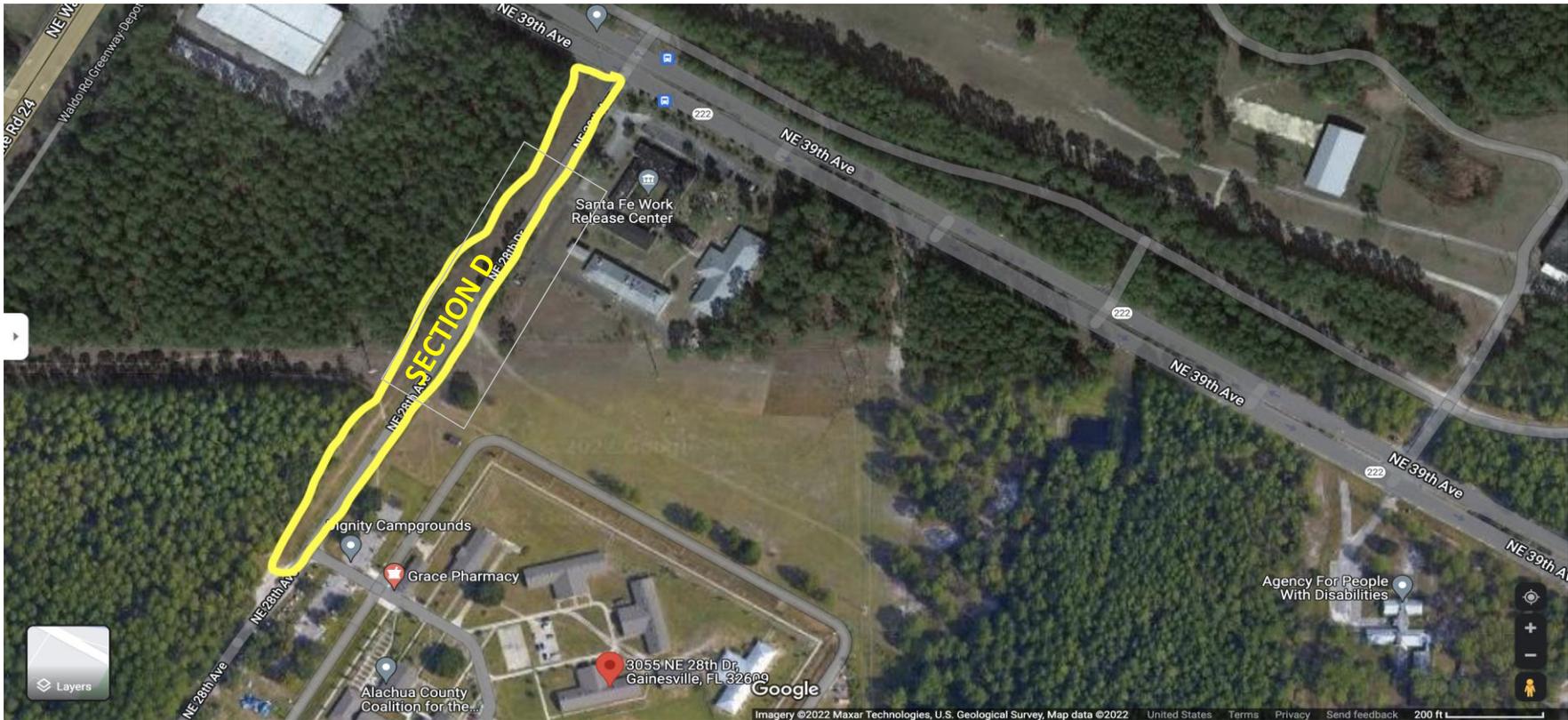


**EXHIBIT B - MAP B**



**EXHIBIT C**

**Map C**



**REQUIRED FORM A**

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**RESPONDENT VERIFICATION FORM**

**ITB# FMGT-240013-GD  
**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE GAINESVILLE  
**EMPOWERMENT CENTER******

**1. RESPONDENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Legal Name of Respondent’s Company (as reported to IRS): ASAP Landscape Management Group

DBA: N/a

Authorized Representative Name/Title: Jessie Benton, Jr , Operations Manager

E-mail Address: Asapmgmtgroup@gmail.com

Street Address: PO Box 360090

City, State, Zip: Decatur, GA 30036

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: ( 678 ) 834.5887 Fax: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DEBT AND DEFAULT**

a. Respondent is not in arrears to City upon any debt, fee, tax or contract:

Respondent is NOT in arrears

Respondent IS in arrears

b. Respondent is not a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to City:

Respondent is NOT in default

Respondent IS in default

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

Respondents who receive this bid from sources other than City of Gainesville Procurement Division or DemandStar.com MUST contact the Procurement Division prior to the due date to ensure any addenda are received in order to submit a responsible and responsive offer. Uploading an incomplete document may deem the offer non-responsive, causing rejection.

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Prior to submitting this offer, I have verified that all addenda issued to date are considered as part of my offer.

Addenda received (list all) # Addendum #1

**REQUIRED FORM A**

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**4. LOCAL PREFERENCE** (Refer to 6.6 for qualifying information)

Local Preference requested:

YES

NO

A copy of your *Business Tax Receipt* should be included in your submission if you are requesting Local Preference:

**5. QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS AND/OR SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS STATUS**

(Refer to 6.7 for qualifying information)

a. Is your business qualified, in accordance with the City of Gainesville’s Small Business Procurement Program, as a local Small Business? \*Nonlocal MBE\*  YES  NO

b. Is your business qualified, in accordance with the City of Gainesville’s Small Business Procurement Program, as a local Service-Disabled Veteran Business? \*Nonlocal VBE\*  YES  NO

**6. FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** 58-2380228

**7. REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Is Respondent registered with Florida Department of State’s, Division of Corporations, to do business in the State of Florida?  YES  NO (refer to Part 1, 1.6, last paragraph)

If the answer is “YES”, provide a copy of SunBiz registration or SunBiz Document Number (# \_\_\_\_\_)

If the answer is “NO”, please state reason why:

Georgia registered business. Should contract be awarded, registration will be submitted immediately.

**8. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

Does your company have a policy on diversity and inclusion?  YES  NO

If yes, please attach a copy of the policy to your submittal.

*Note: Possessing a diversity and inclusion policy will have no effect on the City’s consideration of your submittal, but is simply being requested for information gathering purposes.*

By signing this form, I acknowledge I have read and understand, and my firm complies with all General Conditions and requirements set forth herein; and,

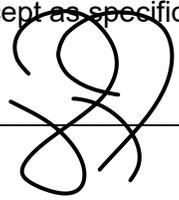
Proposal is in full compliance with the Specifications.

Proposal is in full compliance with the Specifications except as specifically stated and attached hereto.

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNER’S PRINTED NAME:** Jessie Benton, Jr

**DATE:** 11/15/2023



**REQUIRED FORM B**  
**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**  
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE GAINESVILLE  
EMPOWERMENT CENTER

The undersigned respondent in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that

ASAP Landscape Management Group \_\_\_\_\_ does:  
Respondent Company Name

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for the 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 subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under 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 Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
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 this section.

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



\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature  
Jessie Benton, Jr

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signatory's Name (print or type)

11/15/2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**REQUIRED FORM C**  
**E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION FORM**  
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE GAINESVILLE  
EMPOWERMENT CENTER

If awarded:

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to: 1) the Contractor shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor during the term of this Agreement; and 2) the Contractor shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement to likewise register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the subcontractor during the term of this Agreement. Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, states the statute must be construed in a manner that is fully consistent with any applicable federal laws or regulations, and therefore this section does not apply to this Agreement to the extent that this section would be inconsistent with any federal laws or regulations that are applicable to this Agreement.

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

ASAP Landscape Management Group

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder's Name

Jessie Benton, Jr / Operations Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name/Title of Authorized Representative

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

11 / 15 / 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**REQUIRED FORM D**  
**CUSTOMER HISTORY FORM**  
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE GAINESVILLE  
EMPOWERMENT CENTER

NAME OF RESPONDENT: ASAP Landscape Management Group

Provide information for three (3) references of similar scope performed within the past three (3) years. You may include photos or other pertinent information. Please verify that the contact information you are providing is current.

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#1 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2015 to 12/2018): June - November 2019

Company Name: Westside Future Fund

Address: 1300 Josphe E. Boone Blvd

City, State Zip: Atlanta, GA 30314

Contact Name: Jaren Abedania

Phone Number: 650.722.0524 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: jaren.abedania@mercyhousing.org

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#2 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2015 to 12/2018): January 2019 - August 2023

Company Name: Dekalb County, GA - Dept. of Road and Drainage

Address: 1300 Commerce Dr

City, State Zip: Decatur, GA 30030

Contact Name: Garret Bell

Phone Number: 404.438.0638 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: gbell@dekalbcountyga.gov

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#3 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2015 to 12/2018): March 2020 - August 2023

Company Name: Futurestic Developments

Address: 4295 Abram Dr

City, State Zip: Conley, GA 30288

Contact Name: Whitney Thomas

Phone Number: 404.216.4142 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: wthomas7174@gmail.com

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**REQUIRED FORM E**

**PRICING PAGE**

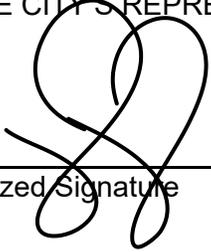
GROUND MAINTENANCE FOR THE GAINESVILLE EMPOWERMENT CENTER

FMGT-240013-GD

The undersigned hereby proposes and agrees, if this bid is accepted, to perform the work in accordance with the specifications and scope of work for a monthly rate of 4,500.00 Dollars (\$    ).

NOTE: THE PRICES SET FORTH ABOVE SHALL BE CONSIDERED FIRM BIDS NOT SUBJECT TO PRICE ADJUSTMENT UNLESS BIDDER'S PROVISIONS FOR PRICE ESCALATION ARE STATED ON A SEPARATE SHEET ATTACHED TO THE BID.

NOTE: THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD OR DELETE LOCATIONS, SERVICES, ITEMS, OR MATERIALS FROM THIS CONTRACT SHOULD IT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY. THE CONTRACT PRICE MAY BE ADJUSTED UPON AGREEMENT OF THE CONTRACTOR AND THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE AND BASED UPON BID PRICES.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

Title: Operations Manager

Print Name: Jessie Benton, Jr

Name of Company: ASAP Landscape Management Group

Date: 11/15/2023



## PART 9 – NO RESPONSE SURVEY

**ITN #:** FMGT-240013-GD  
**DUE DATE:** November 6, 2023 EDT; 3:00pm  
**ITB TITLE:** GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE GAINESVILLE EMPOWERMENT CENTER

### IF YOU DO NOT BID

If you choose to not bid, please complete this form, and either upload it into DemandStar.com or email to the procurement specialist. Your reply will assist the City in developing future solicitations, your reply will remain anonymous and will be aggregated into a spreadsheet for analysis purposes only.

Check the appropriate reasons and provide additional information that may help the City develop future solicitations.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The solicitation time-frame was too short
- \_\_\_\_\_ My company did not learn of this solicitation until it was too late to develop a reply
- \_\_\_\_\_ My company's work load did not allow time to develop a submittal
- \_\_\_\_\_ If awarded, my company's work load could not support this project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications were not clear
- \_\_\_\_\_ My company does not handle this type of work
- \_\_\_\_\_ My company does not submit replies to Municipalities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have experienced delays in payments from Government agencies in the past
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there anything the City could have done differently in the solicitation package to prompt your company to submit a proposal?  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ If the City were to rebid this solicitation, would your company be interested in responding?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please provide any additional information regarding this solicitation that may help us develop our next steps in fulfilling the City's needs for this project. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your company a certified City of Gainesville small business?  YES  NO  
 (Refer to 6.6 for certification requirements)

Is your company a certified City of Gainesville service-disabled veteran business?  YES  NO  
 (Refer to 6.7 for certification requirements)