

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this 25th day of August, 2009, by and between LEON COUNTY, a charter county and a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and PEAVY & SON CONSTRUCTION, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor."

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Leon County, Florida, that the County be able to utilize the services of private persons when such services cannot be reasonably provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be better to contract for these services than to hire the necessary personnel to satisfy the needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the lowest cost for these services, the County has sought and received competitive bids from contractor for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Contractor hereby agrees to provide the following services to the County: Open-Graded Hot Mix Bituminous Pavement in Place, Continuing Service in accordance with the plans and specifications for Leon County Bid# BC-07-21-09-47, said bid being incorporated into this Agreement as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and as if fully set out herein, but only to the extent it is not inconsistent with the Agreement.

2. WORK

Any work to be performed shall be upon the written request of the County Administrator or his representative, which request shall set forth the commencing date of such work and the time within which such work shall be completed.

The performance of Leon County of any of its obligations under this Agreement shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds lawfully expendable for the purposes of this Agreement for the current and any future periods provided for within the bid specifications.

3. TIME

The Agreement shall be for a period of two (2) years, commencing approximately September 1, 2009, and shall continue until August 31, 2011. After the initial two (2) year period, at the sole option of the County, this Agreement may be extended for no more than three additional one (1) year periods. Such one (1) year extensions will be automatic unless the County provides written notice of non-renewal to the Contractor no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the then current term.

4. CONTRACT SUM

The Contractor agrees that for the performance of the Services as outlined in Section 1 above, it shall be remunerated by the County according to the unit prices contained in the Contractor's bid proposal, Exhibit B, which is attached hereto.

5. PAYMENTS

The County shall make such payments within thirty (30) days of submission and approval of invoice for services.

6. STATUS

The contractor at all times relevant to this Agreement shall be an independent contractor and in no event shall the Contractor nor any employees or sub-contractors under it be considered to be employees of Leon County.

7. INSURANCE

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's bid.

A. Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. (Non-owned, Hired Car).

3. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance covering all employees meeting Statutory Limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws and Employer's Liability with a limit of \$500,000 per accident, \$500,000 disease policy limit, \$500,000 disease each employee. Waiver of Subrogation in lieu of Additional Insured is required.

B. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. At the option of the County, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

C. Other Insurance Provisions The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages (County is to be named as Additional Insured).
 - a. The County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insureds as respects; liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, including the insured's general supervision of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protections afforded the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
 - b. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance of self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers,

officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

- c. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the county, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
- d. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claims is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the County.

- D. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A:VII.
- E. Verification of Coverage. Contractor shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.
- F. Subcontractors. Contractors shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

8. PERMITS

The Contractor shall be responsible for all permits as required by law.

9. LICENSES

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining his city or county occupational license and any licenses required pursuant to the laws of Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, or the State of Florida. Should the Contractor, by reason of revocation, failure to renew, or any other reason, fail to maintain his license to operate, the contractor shall be in default as of the date such license is lost.

10. ASSIGNMENTS

This Agreement shall not be assigned or sublet as a whole or in part without the written consent of the County nor shall the contractor assign any monies due or to become due to him hereunder without the previous written consent of the County.

11. INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officials, officers and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or

intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor and persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this agreement.

The County may, at its sole option, defend itself or required the Contractor to provide the defense. The Contractor acknowledges that the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) of the amount paid to the Contractor constitutes sufficient consideration for the Contractor's indemnification of the County, its officials, officers and employees.

It is understood that the Contractors responsibility to indemnify and defend the County, its officials, officers and employees is limited to the Contractors proportionate share of liability caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its delegates, agents or employees.

12. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) PARTICIPATION

The Contractor shall meet or exceed the M/WBE participation levels stated in the Contractor's M/WBE Participation Statement included as part of the Contractor's response for this project, see Attachment 3, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Contractor shall provide a monthly report to the Leon County Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise Division in a format and manner acceptable to the Division. The report shall, at a minimum, indicate the business name of each certified Minority Business Enterprise or Women Business Enterprise sub-contractor utilized, the amount paid, the type of work performed, the appropriate invoice date, and the payment date to the Division.

Should Contractor's sub-contractor utilization fall below the level required in this Agreement or should Contractor substitute M/WBE sub-contractors without prior written approval of the Division, the Contractor may be in breach of the Agreement. Contractors found in breach of their Agreement with the County may be suspended from bidding on and/or participation in any future County projects for up to three (3) years as provided in Section 15 of the Purchasing and Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise Policy 96-1.

Any change in the subcontractor utilization as listed on the participation plan (Attachment 3), must be approved by the MWSBE Division. Should the Contractor determine that the M/WBE named in their participation plan submittal is unavailable or cannot perform the work, the Contractor shall request a change order. Such change order must be submitted to the MWSBE Division in writing at 2284 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida or by facsimile to (850) 606-1651.

13. AUDITS, RECORDS, AND RECORDS RETENTION

The Contractor agrees:

- a. To establish and maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided by the County under this Agreement.
- b. To retain all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years after termination of the Agreement, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings or any litigation which may be based on the terms of this Agreement.
- c. Upon completion or termination of the Agreement and at the request of the County, the

Contractor will cooperate with the County to facilitate the duplication and transfer of any said records or documents during the required retention period as specified in paragraph 1 above.

- d. To assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by Federal, state, or other personnel duly authorized by the County.
- e. Persons duly authorized by the County and Federal auditors, pursuant to 45 CFR, Part 92.36(l)(10), shall have full access to and the right to examine any of provider's Agreement and related records and documents, regardless of the form in which kept, at all reasonable times for as long as records are retained.
- f. To include these aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all approved subcontracts and assignments.

14. MONITORING

To permit persons duly authorized by the County to inspect any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods, and services of the provider which are relevant to this Agreement, and interview any clients and employees of the provider to assure the County of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Following such evaluation, the County will deliver to the provider a written report of its findings and will include written recommendations with regard to the provider's performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The provider will correct all noted deficiencies identified by the County within the specified period of time set forth in the recommendations. The provider's failure to correct noted deficiencies may, at the sole and exclusive discretion of the County, result in any one or any combination of the following: (1) the provider being deemed in breach or default of this Agreement; (2) the withholding of payments to the provider by the County; and (3) the termination of this Agreement for cause.

15. GUARANTEE OF WORK

The Contractor agrees that unless otherwise specified, the products and/or services furnished as a result of this invitation and award thereto, shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the Contractor gives to any customer for comparable products. In no case however, shall the limit of the warranty of the product be for a period of less than one year.

- a. The Contractor agrees to make any needed repairs during the warranty period as a turn-key repair and at no cost to the County. These repairs may include but not be limited to the repairs for rutting, cracking, and raveling. A time frame for the completion of the repairs shall be determined by the County's representative. If the Contractor fails to meet the time frame, Liquidation Damages shall apply.
- b. In the event repairs are required during the warranty period, the Contractor agrees to warranty such repairs for an additional two year period.
- c. All performance issues pertaining to road base preparation will be the responsibility of the County.
- d. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure the roadbed to be adequately sealed so there will be no failures caused by the water intrusion into the roadbed. Except as otherwise specified, all work shall be guaranteed by the Contractor against defects resulting from the use of inferior materials, equipment or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of final acceptance in writing by the Director of Public Works. No express warranty or

guarantee contained herein shall in any way limit, avoid, displace, or modify any implied warranties or guarantees owed by the Contractor to the County.

16. TERMINATION

Leon County may terminate this Agreement without cause, by giving the Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause by giving the other party hereto thirty (30) days written notice of termination. The County shall not be required to give Contractor such thirty (30) day written notice if, in the opinion of the County, the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations hereunder, or if in the County's opinion, the services being provided are not satisfactory. In such case, the County may immediately terminate the Agreement by mailing a notice of termination to the Contractor.

17. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, Contractor hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief neither Contractor nor his affiliates has been convicted of a public entity crime. Contractor and his affiliates shall provide the County with a completed public entity crime statement form no later than January 15 of each year this Agreement is in effect. Violation of this section by the Contractor shall be grounds for cancellation of this Agreement by Leon County.

18. NON-WAIVER

~~Failure by the County to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or failure to give notice or declare this Agreement terminated shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of the same, or of any other terms, conditions or acts, but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.~~

19. DELAY

D E L A Y

No claim for damages or any claim other than for an extension of time shall be made or asserted against the County by reason of any delays. The Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the contract sum or payment or compensation of any kind from the County for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference or hindrance from any cause whatsoever, whether such delay, disruption, interference or hindrance be reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or unforeseeable, or avoidable or unavoidable; provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude recovery of damages by the Contractor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith, or active interference on the part of the County or its agents. Otherwise, the Contractor shall be entitled only to extensions of the contract time as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delay, in accordance with and to the extent specifically provided above.

20. REVISIONS

In any case where, in fulfilling the requirements of this Agreement or of any guarantee, embraced in or required thereby it is necessary for the Contractor to deviate from the requirements of the bid, Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of the County.

21. VENUE

Venue for all actions arising under this Agreement shall lie in Leon County, Florida.

22. CONSTRUCTION

The validity, construction, and effect of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

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WHERETO, the parties have set their hands and seals effective the date whereon the last party executes this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR

WITNESS: _____ BY: _____
President

WITNESS: _____ DATE _____

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By _____, of _____
(Name of officer or agent, title of officer or agent) (Name of corporation acknowledging)

a _____ corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He/she is personally
(State or place of incorporation)

known to me or has produced _____ as identification.
(type of identification)

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Signature of Notary

Print, Type or Stamp Name of Notary

Title or Rank

Serial Number, If Any

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Parwez Alam
County Administrator

DATE: _____

ATTEST:
BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LEON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By: _____
Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq.
County Attorney

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Bid No: BC-07-21-09-47
Opening Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 2:00 PM
Location: 2284 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

To Insure Acceptance of Your Bid, Please Follow These Instructions:

1. Items listed on the bid checklist in this form and all other items required within this invitation to bid must be executed and/or submitted in a sealed envelope. Address your sealed envelope as follows:

*Bid No: BC-07-21-09-47
Board of County Commissioners
Leon County Purchasing Division
2284 Miccosukee Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308*

2. Bid must be typed or printed in ink. All corrections made by the bidder prior to the opening must be initialed and dated by the bidder. No changes or corrections will be allowed after bids are opened.
3. Bid must contain an original, manual signature of an authorized representative of the company.
4. The bid opening shall be public on the date and time specified on the bid. It is the bidder's responsibility to assure that the bid is delivered at the proper time and location. Bids which are received after the bid opening time will be returned unopened to the bidder.
5. Bidders are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedule, bid prices and extensions and all general and special conditions of the bid prior to submission. In case of error in price extension, the unit price will govern.
6. If you are not submitting a bid but wish to remain on our bid list, please return the "Statement of No Bid" form and provide an explanation in detail where requested.
7. Special Accommodation: Any person requiring a special accommodation at a Pre-Bid Conference or Bid/RFP opening because of a disability should call the Division of Purchasing at (850) 606-1600 at least five (5) workdays prior to the Pre-Bid Conference or Bid/RFP opening. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Purchasing Division by calling the County Administrator's Office using the Florida Relay Service which can be reached at 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD).

NOTE: ANY AND ALL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS ATTACHED HERETO WHICH VARY FROM THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS WILL BE PRECEDENT.

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PURPOSE:

Leon County is seeking the services of a qualified contractor to furnish Open-Graded Hot Mix Bituminous (OGHM) Pavement in Place for Leon County, Florida. Leon County intends to use the OGHM materials and other services specified within this contract to perform stabilization of County maintained dirt roads and repairs to current roads.

This is a unit priced continuing supply agreement which will have an initial period of two (2) years beginning approximately September 1, 2009. After the initial two (2) year period, at the sole option of the County, this Agreement may be extended for no more than three additional one (1) year periods.

The County estimates approximately 35,480 square yards of OGHM will be needed in the first year. Continuous monitoring to collect information on performance, long term maintenance and quality control will be used in the evaluation of the performance of the OGHM roads by County staff to determine the continual success of the OGHM application. The services and materials required under this contract will be on an on-call basis and must be supplied by the provider within the time frames as outlined within this document.

Bid evaluation and recommendation for award shall be based on the entire bid packet. However, the cost per square foot for the Turn-Key Operation shall be the primary area evaluated.

PRICE ESCALATION / DE-ESCALATION:

Prices offered in this bid for traffic control and mobilization shall be firm against any increase for one year from the effective date of the contract. Prior to the commencement of any subsequent renewal terms, the County will entertain a request for escalation or de-escalation in accordance with the Producers Price Index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor at the time of the request or up to a maximum of 5% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower.

Prices offered in this bid for the OGHM shall be firm against any increase for the first six month period of the agreement. Price adjustments for each six month period thereafter may be considered only in the event of an extraordinary factor such as a larger than 10% increase/decrease in the cost of petroleum products utilized in the production of OGHM. The County may consider a price adjustment on a case-by-case basis upon the written request of the contractor. All adjustments in product pricing shall be at the sole discretion of the County. Leon County reserves the right to accept or reject the request for any price adjustment within fourteen (14) days from receipt.

QUESTIONS:

The last day to submit questions for clarifications is July 13, 2009 at 2:00 PM.

BID DEADLINE:

Bid must be submitted no later than Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 2:00 PM.

OFFEROR REGISTRATION:

Offerors who obtain solicitation documents from sources other than the Leon County Purchasing Division or Demandstar.com MUST officially register with the County Purchasing Division in order to be placed on the planholders list for the solicitation. This list is used for communications from the County to prospective Offerors. Also, Offerors should be aware that solicitation documents obtained from sources other than those listed above may be drafts, incomplete, or in some other fashion different from the official solicitation

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document(s). Failure to register as a prospective Offeror through the Purchasing Division or online through Demandstar.com may cause your submittal to be rejected as non-responsive.

CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS

All Contractors used on the project shall possess a current and valid FDOT Certificate of Qualifications. Notarized copies of both the contractor's, and any proposed subcontractors' Certificate of Qualifications shall be submitted to Leon County concurrent with bid. Failure to demonstrate FDOT certification in the fashion described will result in the rejection of bid.

BID INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION:

Questions pertaining to bid procedures or regarding the specifications should be addressed to Keith Roberts or Don Tobin, phone(850) 606-1600; fax (850) 606-1601; E-mail robertsk@leoncountyfl.gov or tobind@leoncountyfl.gov. Written inquiries are preferred.

Each Vendor shall examine the Bidding Documents carefully; and, no later than seven days prior to the date for receipt of bids, he shall make a written request to the Owner for interpretations or corrections of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which he may discover. All interpretations or corrections will be issued as addenda. The County will not be responsible for oral clarifications. No negotiations, decisions or actions shall be initiated or executed by the proposer as a result of any discussions with any County employee prior to the opening of proposals. Only those communications which are in writing from the County may be considered as a duly authorized expression on the behalf of the Board.

Also, only communications from firms which are in writing and signed will be recognized by the Board as duly authorized expressions on behalf of proposers.

PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS

Any Form of communication, except for written correspondence, shall be prohibited regarding a particular request for proposal, request for qualification, bid, or any other competitive solicitation between:

1. Any person or person's representative seeking an award from such competitive solicitation; and
2. Any County Commissioner or Commissioner's staff, or any county employee authorized to act on behalf of the Commission to award a particular contract.

For the purpose of this section, a person's representative shall include, but not be limited to, the person's employee, partner, officer, director, consultant, lobbyist, or any actual or potential subcontractor or consultant of the person.

The prohibited communication shall be in effect as of the deadline to submit the proposal, bid, or other response to a competitive solicitation.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to oral communications at any public proceeding, including pre-bid conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, contract negotiations during any public meetings, presentations made to the Board, and protest hearings. Further, the provisions of this section shall not apply to contract negotiations between any employee and the intended awardee, any dispute resolution process following the filing of a protest between the person filing the protest and any employee, or any written correspondence with any employee, County Commissioner, or decision-making board member or selection committee member, unless specifically prohibited by the applicable competitive solicitation process.

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The provisions of this section shall terminate at the time the Board, or a County department authorized to act on behalf of the Board, awards or approves a contract, rejects all bids or responses, or otherwise takes action which ends the solicitation process.

The penalties for an intentional violation of this article shall be those specified in §125.69(1), Florida Statutes, as amended, and shall be deemed supplemental to the penalties set forth in Section 1-9 of the Code of Laws, Leon County, Florida.

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BID:

Each Vendor shall submit Bid Prices and other requested information, including alternates or substitutions if allowed by this invitation to bid, on the proper forms and in the manner herein prescribed. Any erasures or other corrections in the Bid must be explained or noted over the signature of the Vendor. Bids containing any conditions or irregularities of any kind may be rejected by the County. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or other appropriate container. Facsimiles will not be accepted. It is the intention of the County to award this bid based on the low total bid price and/or other criteria herein contained meeting all specifications.

PLANHOLDERS

As a convenience to vendors, Leon County has made available via the internet lists of all registered planholders for each bid or request for proposals. The information is available on-line at <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/Purchasing/Bid.asp> by simply clicking the planholder link to the right of the respective solicitation. A listing of the registered vendors with their telephone and fax numbers is designed to assist vendors in preparation of their responses.

ADDENDA TO SPECIFICATIONS

If any addenda are issued after the initial specifications are released, the County will post the addenda on the Leon County website at <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/purchasing/addenda/index.asp>. For those projects with separate plans, blueprints, or other materials that cannot be accessed through the internet, the Purchasing Division will make a good faith effort to ensure that all registered bidders (those vendors who have been registered as receiving a bid package) receive the documents. It is the responsibility of the vendor prior to submission of any bid to check the above website or contact the Leon County Purchasing Division at (850) 606-1600 to verify any addenda issued. The receipt of all addenda must be acknowledged on the bid response sheet.

UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN(S)

The Contractor agrees that unauthorized aliens shall not be employed nor utilized in the performance of the requirements of this solicitation. The County shall consider the employment or utilization of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a). Such violation shall be cause for unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County. As part of the response to this solicitation, please complete and submit the attached form "AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS."

MINORITY and WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICIES

A. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women (WBE) Business Enterprise Requirements

The purpose of the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program is to effectively communicate Leon County procurement and contracting opportunities, through

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enhanced business relationships, to end disparity and to increase participation opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises in a competitive environment. This program shall:

1. Eliminate any policies and/or procedural barriers that inhibit MBE and WBE participation in our procurement process.
2. Established targets designed to increase MBE and WBE utilization proportionate to documented under utilization.
3. Provide increased levels of information and assistance available to MBE's and WBEs.
4. *Implement mechanisms and procedures for monitoring MBE and WBE compliance by prime contractors.*

The term "Certified Minority Women Business Enterprise" (MWBE) is defined as Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms certified by Leon County or the City of Tallahassee.

Each Respondent is strongly encouraged to secure MBE and WBE participation through purchase(s) of those goods or services to be provided by others. Firms responding to this bid are hereby made aware of the County's targets for MBE and WBE utilization. Respondents that require assistance or guidance with these MBE or WBE requirements should contact: Iranetta Burnett, Leon County Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprise Director, by telephone at (850) 606-1650; fax (850) 606-1651 or by e-mail burnetti@leoncountyfl.gov.

Respondent **must complete and submit** the attached Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation Plan form. Failure to submit the completed Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation Plan form and, if applicable, a good faith effort letter will result in a determination of non-responsiveness for the bid.

If the aspirational target is not met **you must prepare and attach a separate good faith effort statement**. All respondents, including MBE's, and WBE's shall either meet the aspirational target(s), or if not met, demonstrate in their bid response that a good faith effort was made to meet the aspirational target(s). **Failure to submit such good faith effort statement will result in the bid being non-responsive**. Below, are policy examples of good faith efforts that respondents can use if they are not meeting the aspirational target. These examples can be used to demonstrate the good faith effort.

1. Advertising for participation by MWSBEs in non-minority and minority publications within the Market Area, including a copy of the advertisement and proof of the date(s) it appeared – or by sending correspondence, no less than ten (10) days prior to the submission deadline, to all MWSBEs referred to the Bidder by the MWSBE Division for the goods and services to be Subcontracted and/or Supplied.
2. Documentation indicating that the bidding Prime Contractor provided ample time for potential MBE, WBE and SBE Subcontractors to respond to bid opportunities, including a chart outlining the schedule/time frame used to obtain bids from MBE, WBE and SBE Vendors as applicable to the Aspirational Target.
3. Contacting the MWSBE Division for a listing of available MWSBEs who provide the services needed for the bid or proposal.

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4. Contacting MBEs, WBEs and SBE Vendors who provide the services needed for the bid or proposal, including a list of all MWSBEs that were contacted and the method of contact.
5. Document follow-up telephone calls with potential MWSBE Subcontractors encouraging their participation.
6. Allowing potential MWSBE Subcontractors to review bid specifications, blueprints and all other Bid/RFP related items at no charge to the MWSBEs.
7. Contacting the MWSBE Division, no less than five (5) business days prior to the Bid/RFP deadline, regarding problems they are having in reaching the Aspirational Targets.
8. Other documentation indicating their Good Faith Efforts to meet the aspirational targets.

For goods and/or services to be performed in this project, the following are the aspirational targets for participation by certified MBE's and/or WBE's.

Construction Sub-Contractor Target:

**Minority Business Enterprise -
3%**

Definitions for the above targets follow:

- a. **Minority/Women Business Enterprise (MWBE)** - a business that is owned and controlled by at least 51% by one or more minority persons or by at least 51% by one or more women, and whose management and daily operations are controlled by one or more such persons shall constitute a Minority/Women business Enterprise. No business owned or controlled by a white female shall be considered a minority business for the purpose of this program if the ownership was brought about by transfer of ownership interest to the woman or women, other than by decent, within two (2) years following the sale or transfer of ownership. For the purpose of this program, all applicants for certification as a bona fide MWBE shall be an independent business entity which provides a commercially useful function. No business owned and controlled by a white male and transferred or sold to a minority or woman/women, for the purpose of participation in the County's MWBE Program, shall be considered eligible for MWBE Certification.
- b. **Minority Person** - an individual who is a citizen of the United States or a lawfully admitted permanent resident and who is a(n):
 - 1) **African/Black Americans** - All persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origins and having community identification as such.
 - 2) **Hispanic Americans** - All persons (Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race) reared in a Hispanic environment and whose surname is Hispanic and having community identification as such.
 - 3) **Asian American** - All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands and having community identification as such.

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- 4) American Indians, Alaskan Natives and American Aleuts - All persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation and having community identification as such.

c. Women - American Woman

B. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Requirements

The contractors and all subcontractors shall agree to a commitment to the principles and practices of equal opportunity in employment and to comply with the letter and spirit of federal, state, and local laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, national region, sex, age, handicap, marital status, and political affiliation or belief.

For federally funded projects, in addition to the above, the contractor shall agree to comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended, and to comply with specific affirmative action obligations contained therein.

In addition to completing the Equal Opportunity Statement, the Respondent shall include a copy of any affirmative action or equal opportunity policies in effect at the time of submission.

PURCHASES BY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES:

With the consent and agreement of the successful bidder(s), purchases may be made under this bid by other governmental agencies or political subdivisions within the State of Florida. Such purchases shall be governed by the same pricing, terms and conditions stated herein with no deviations allowed. This agreement in no way restricts or interferes with the right of any public agency or political subdivision to bid any or all of the items or services independently.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS:

The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining throughout the contract period his or her city or county occupational license and any licenses required pursuant to the laws of Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, or the State of Florida. Every vendor submitting a bid on this invitation for bids shall include a copy of the company's local business or occupational license(s) or a written statement on letterhead indicating the reason no license exists. Leon County, Florida-based businesses are required to purchase an Occupational License to conduct business within the County. Vendors residing or based in another state or municipality, but maintaining a physical business facility or representative in Leon County, may also be required to obtain such a license by their own local government entity or by Leon County. For information specific to Leon County occupational licenses please call (850) 488-4735.

If the contractor is operating under a fictitious name as defined in Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, proof of current registration with the Florida Secretary of State shall be submitted with the bid. A business formed by an attorney actively licensed to practice law in this state, by a person actively licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the Department of Health for the purpose of practicing his or her licensed profession, or by any corporation, partnership, or other commercial entity that is actively organized or registered with the Department of State shall submit a copy of the current licensing from the appropriate agency and/or proof of current active status with the Division of Corporations of the State of Florida or such other state as applicable.

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Failure to provide the above required documentation may result in the bid being determined as non-responsive.

LOCAL PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

1. Preference in bidding. In purchasing of, or letting of contracts for procurement of, personal property, materials, contractual services, and construction of improvements to real property or existing structures in which pricing is the major consideration, the authorized purchasing authority of Leon County may give a preference to local businesses in making such purchase or awarding such contract, as follows:

a) *Individuals or firms which have a home office located within Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, or Jefferson County, and which meet all of the criteria for a local business as set forth in this article, shall be given a preference in the amount of five percent of the bid price.*

b) *Individuals or firms which do not have a home office located within Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, or Jefferson County, and which meet all of the criteria for a local business as set forth in this article, shall be given a preference in the amount of three percent of the bid price.*

The maximum cost differential shall not exceed \$20,000.00. Total bid price shall include the base bid and all alternatives or options to the base bids which are part of the bid and being recommended for award by the appropriate authority.

2. Local business definition. For purposes of this section, "local business" shall mean a business which:
 - a) Has had a fixed office or distribution point located in and having a street address within Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, or Jefferson County for at least six (6) months immediately prior to the issuance of the request for competitive bids or request for proposals by the County; and
 - b) Holds any business license required by the County, and, if applicable, the City of Tallahassee; and
 - c) Is the principal offeror who is a single offeror; a business which is the prime contractor and not a subcontractor; or a partner or joint venturer submitting an offer in conjunction with other businesses.
3. Certification. Any vendor claiming to be a local business as defined, shall so certify in writing to the Purchasing Division. The certification shall provide all necessary information to meet the requirements of above. The Local Vendor Certification Form is enclosed. The purchasing agent shall not be required to verify the accuracy of any such certifications, and shall have the sole discretion to determine if a vendor meets the definition of a "local business."

PAYMENT:

The County shall make payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt and approval of invoices. The form of payment for this Contract may be through a County-issued purchase order and a check upon receipt and approval of invoices, or through a government credit card. Leon County has implemented a purchasing card program, using the Visa platform. Contractors may receive payment from County personnel by the purchasing card in the same manner as other Visa purchases. Visa acceptance is mandatory under this solicitation.

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STATUS

The Contractor shall at all times, relevant to this contract, be an independent contractor and in no event shall the Contractor, nor any employees or sub-contractors under it, be considered to be employees of Leon County.

INSURANCE:

Bidders' attention is directed to the insurance requirements below. Bidders should confer with their respective insurance carriers or brokers to determine in advance of bid submission the availability of insurance certificates and endorsements as prescribed and provided herein. The Insurance Certification Form attached hereto is to be completed and submitted as part of your bid response. If an apparent low bidder fails to comply strictly with the insurance requirements, that bidder may be disqualified from award of the contract.

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's bid.

1. Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:
 - a. General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
 - b. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. (Non-owned, Hired Car).
 - c. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Workers' Compensation insurance covering all employees and meeting statutory requirements in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws and Employer's Liability with a limit of \$500,000 per accident, \$500,000 disease policy limit, \$500,000 disease each employee. Waiver of Subrogation in lieu of Additional Insured is required.
2. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. At the option of the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.
3. Other Insurance Provisions The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
 - a. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages (County is to be named as Additional Insured).

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1. The County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insureds as respects; liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, including the insured's general supervision of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protections afforded the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
2. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance of self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the county, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
4. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claims is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

b. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the County.

4. **Acceptability of Insurers.** Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A:VII.
5. **Verification of Coverage.** Contractor shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time. Certificates of Insurance acceptable to the County shall be filed with the County prior to the commencement of the work. These policies described above, and any certificates shall specifically name the County as an additional Insured and shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days prior to written notice has been given to the County.

Cancellation clauses for each policy should read as follows: Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will mail thirty (30) days written notice to the Certificate Holder named herein.

6. **Subcontractors.** Contractors shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

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REJECTION OF BIDS:

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids when such rejection is in the best interest of the Owner.

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS:

Bids will be opened publicly at the time and place stated in the Invitation to Bid. The person whose duty it is to open them will decide when the specified time has arrived and no bids received thereafter will be considered. No responsibility shall be attached to any person for the premature opening of a Bid not properly addressed and identified. At the time fixed for the opening of bids, the contents of the bid form will be made public for the information of vendors and other interested parties who may be present either in person or by representative.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

Bids may be withdrawn by written or telegraphic request received from Vendors prior to the time fixed for opening. Negligence on the part of the Vendor in preparing the Bid confers no right for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

AWARD OF BIDS:

The bid/proposal will be awarded as soon as possible to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, unless otherwise stated elsewhere in this invitation to bid. The County reserves the right to waive any informality in bids/proposals and to award a bid/proposal in whole or in part when either or both conditions are in the best interest of Leon County.

Notice of the intended award is provided through an agenda item to the Board of County Commissioners containing a recommendation of award. The agenda for each meeting of the County Commission is available on the County website at www.leoncountyfl.gov. A vendor may request, in their bid submittal, a copy of the bid tabulation sheet to be mailed in a vendor provided, stamped self-addressed envelope for their record.

AGREEMENT:

After the bid award, the County will, at its option, prepare a purchase order or an agreement specifying the terms and conditions resulting from the award of this bid. Every procurement of contractual services shall be evidenced by a written agreement. The vendor will have five calendar days after receipt to acknowledge the purchase order or execute the agreement.

The performance of Leon County of any of its obligations under the purchase order or agreement shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds lawfully expendable for the purposes of the purchase order or agreement for the current and any future periods provided for within the bid specifications.

AUDITS, RECORDS, AND RECORDS RETENTION

The Contractor agrees:

1. To establish and maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided by the County under this contract.

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2. To retain all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this contract for a period of five (5) years after termination of the contract, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings or any litigation which may be based on the terms of this contract.
3. Upon completion or termination of the contract and at the request of the County, the Contractor will cooperate with the County to facilitate the duplication and transfer of any said records or documents during the required retention period as specified in paragraph 1& 2 above.
4. To assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by Federal, state, or other personnel duly authorized by the County.
5. Persons duly authorized by the County and Federal auditors, pursuant to 45 CFR, Part 92.36(l)(10), shall have full access to and the right to examine any of provider's contract and related records and documents, regardless of the form in which kept, at all reasonable times for as long as records are retained.
6. To include these aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all approved subcontracts and assignments.

MONITORING

To permit persons duly authorized by the County to inspect any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods, and services of the provider which are relevant to this contract, and interview any clients and employees of the provider to assure the County of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this contract.

Following such evaluation, the County will deliver to the provider a written report of its findings and will include written recommendations with regard to the provider's performance of the terms and conditions of this contract. The provider will correct all noted deficiencies identified by the County within the specified period of time set forth in the recommendations. The provider's failure to correct noted deficiencies may, at the sole and exclusive discretion of the County, result in any one or any combination of the following: (1) the provider being deemed in breach or default of this contract; (2) the withholding of payments to the provider by the County; and (3) the termination of this contract for cause.

RIGHT TO INSPECT PLANT

The County may, at its discretion, inspect the part of the plant or place of business of a contractor or any subcontractor which is related to the performance of any contract awarded, or to be awarded, by Leon County. The right expressed herein shall be included in all contracts or subcontracts that involve the performance of any work or service involving Leon County.

BID CHALLENGE:

Any bid award recommendation may be challenged on the grounds of irregularities in the specifications, bid procedure, or the evaluation of the bid. Such notice of intent of bid challenge shall be made in writing to the Purchasing Director within 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) after receipt of the intended recommendation of award. Challenger shall file a formal written bid challenge within 10 days after the date in which the notice of intent of bid challenge has been submitted. Failure to file a notice of intent of bid challenge or failure to file a formal written bid challenge shall constitute a waiver of all rights granted under this section. The vendor shall be responsible for inquiring as to any and all award

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recommendation/postings.

Should concerns or discrepancies arise during the bid process, vendors are encouraged to contact the Purchasing Division prior to the scheduled bid opening. Such matters will be addressed and/or remedied prior to a bid opening or award whenever practically possible. Vendors are not to contact departments/divisions regarding the vendor complaint.

At the time fixed for the opening of bids, the contents of the Bid Form will be made public for the information of vendors and other interested parties, who may be present either in person or by representatives.

TERMINATION

Leon County may terminate this Contract without cause, by giving the Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of termination. Either party may terminate this Contract for cause by giving the other party hereto thirty (30) days written notice of termination. The County shall not be required to give Contractor such thirty (30) day written notice if, in the opinion of the County, the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations hereunder, or if in the County's opinion, the services being provided are not satisfactory. In such case, the County may immediately terminate the Contract by mailing a notice of termination to the seller.

PENALTIES:

BIDS MAY BE REJECTED AND/OR VENDOR(S) DISQUALIFIED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. Consistent failure to respond to bid invitation for three (3) consecutive instances.
2. Failure to update the information on file including address, product, service or business descriptions.
3. Failure to perform according to contract provisions.
4. Conviction in a court of law of any criminal offense in connection with the conduct of business.
5. Clear and convincing evidence of a violation of any federal or state anti-trust law based on the submission of bids or proposals, or the awarding of contracts.
6. Clear and convincing evidence that the vendor has attempted to give a Board employee a gratuity of any kind for the purpose of influencing a recommendation or decision in connection with any part of the Board's purchasing activity.
7. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT:

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid 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, 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

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CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

MANUFACTURERS' NAME AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS:

Manufacturers' names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. The bidder may offer any brand for which he is an authorized representative, which meets or exceeds the specifications for any item(s). If bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the bid form the manufacturer's name and catalog number. Bidder shall submit with his bid, cuts, sketches, and descriptive literature and/or specifications. The bidder should also explain in detail the reason(s) why and submit proof that the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. The Leon County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable. Bids which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. If Bidder fails to name a substitute it will be assumed that he is bidding on, and he will be required to furnish goods identical to bid standard.

IDENTICAL TIE BIDS:

Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie bids will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program. Bidder must complete and submit as part of the bid response the attached "IDENTICAL TIE BID" form. Failure to submit a completed form may result in the bid being determined as non-responsive.

WARRANTIES:

Bidder will warrant title to all goods sold and such warranty may not:

1. Be for a period less than five (5) years.
2. Limit the County's remedies under Chapter 672, Florida Statutes;
3. Exclude or modify a warranty of merchantability as provided for in Section 672.314, Florida Statutes; or
4. Exclude or modify a warranty of fitness as provided for in Section 672.315, Florida Statutes.

WORK

Contractor understands that no amount of work is guaranteed to it nor is the County under an obligation to utilize the services of the Contractor in those instances where the work to be performed can be done by County personnel or under separate contract. Any work to be performed shall be upon the written request of the County Administrator or his representative, which request shall set forth the commencing date of such work and the time within which such work shall be completed.

PERMITS

The Contractor shall pay for and obtain all necessary permits as required by law.

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ASSIGNMENT

This contract shall not be assigned or sublet as a whole or in part without the written consent of the County, nor shall the Contractor assign any monies due or to become due to him hereunder without the previous written consent of the County.

INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officials, officers and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor and persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this agreement.

The County may, at its sole option, defend itself or required the Contractor to provide the defense. The Contractor acknowledges that the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) of the amount paid to the Contractor constitutes sufficient consideration for the Contractor's indemnification of the County, its officials, officers and employees.

It is understood that the Contractors responsibility to indemnify and defend the County, its officials, officers and employees is limited to the Contractors proportionate share of liability caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its delegates, agents or employees.

ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES

- A. Gratuities. It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any County employee, or for any County employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, or preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or performing in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefor.
- B. Kickbacks. It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.
- C. The Board reserves the right to deny award or immediately suspend any contract resulting from this proposal pending final determination of charges of unethical business practices. At its sole discretion, the Board may deny award or cancel the contract if it determines that unethical business practices were involved.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

1. In the event of any conflict between the Florida Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications and the specifications of this contract, the specifications of this contract shall govern.

The Contractor shall begin work applying the O.G.H.M. mat within seven days of the notice to proceed (NTP) from the County. If the work to be performed under this Contract is not completed

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within the time set forth above, or within such extra time as may be granted by the County, the Contractor shall be deemed in default. For each day the Contractor is in default, the Contractor or its Surety shall pay to the County, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages according to Section 8 of the FDOTs Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition. The typical amount of liquidated damage for the contract under \$50,000 is \$674 per day based on the FDOTs 2004 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

Permitting the Contractor to continue and finish the work or any part of it after the expiration of the contract time allowed, including extensions, if any, shall in no way act as a waiver on the part of County of the liquidated damages due under the contract.

1.1 Scope of Work

- a. This is a Turn-Key contract and the Contractor shall provide all equipment (except PRIME COAT), personnel and materials necessary for material lay-down, compaction and traffic control. Leon County shall provide project inspection and project management.

New Construction: Work shall consist of constructing an open-graded hot mix surface/pavement using an asphalt binder and aggregates applied to a prepared road base. The typical OGHM width will be 18 feet. Leon County will seal the roadbed with PRIME COAT prior to open graded road mix application.

As an option for Leon County, PRIME COAT may be placed by the contractor. Bidders are required to submit as separate line item an option to apply PRIME COAT priced by the square yard.

- b. Resurfacing: Resurfacing of existing OGHM roads shall be placed at a depth that shall be determined by Leon County (minimum 2"). The Contractor shall be responsible to sweep and remove all loose aggregate and apply a tack coat prior to OGHM. This item shall be bid on as a two (2) inch application after compaction.
Any increase in thickness above two (2) inches shall be bid as additional pay item based on one (1) inch thickness after compaction over the two (2) inch standard.

1.2 Description

OGHM is a mixture of open graded course mineral aggregates premixed with a heated asphalt at the required temperature according to Section 287 of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition. This is laid on a prepared road base to the required depth and width.

1.3 OGHM Materials

The Superpave PG Asphalt Binder (PG 67-22) or County approved equivalent shall be used for the OGHM material. The asphalt content may be increased to achieve optimum performance for pavement design.

The Contractor shall provide to the County verification of compliance with FDOT, ASTM, and AASHTO Standard Specifications for the asphalt binder being used.

The design asphalt content should be established based on the mix design and the mix

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temperature within the range of 230° to 285°F.

The aggregate may be either #57 or #67 FDOT certified granite or lime stones, which shall meet all FDOT requirements to be used for asphalt concrete applications and optimum mix design for OGHM.

1.4 Mixing and Spreading of Material

The paver screen shall have width adjustments that vary from 9 to 18 feet and be capable of articulating to allow for crowning of the mat.

The aggregate and asphalt binder shall be thoroughly mixed to ensure that the bituminous material is uniformly distributed and that all aggregate particles are uniformly coated. In order to meet certain environmental permitting requirements some projects may require *increased mat thickness above three inches (3")*. Increased mat thicknesses above three inches (3") shall be an additional pay item. The item shall be bid on an increment of one inch (1") after compaction above the three inch (3") standard. All mats shall be laid down and compacted to exhibit good quality, stability, and durability as specified in this contract and FDOT Standards. A minimum of 98% of the aggregate shall be coated.

The OGHM shall be deposited on the prepared and sealed road base spread in a uniform layer so as to produce the specified thickness of three inches (3") after compaction. Variations of between 1/4 and 1/2 inches in the minimum mat thickness shall result in a deduction of 10% in the pay item over the affected area. Variations of greater than 1/2 inches shall result in the affected area being repaired at the Contractor's expense. The repair may include removal and reinstallation of the mat or overlaying the mat in order to achieve the minimum required thickness after compaction. The type of repair utilized shall be at the County's option.

All mixing, spreading compaction and traffic control operations shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

The OGHM shall be placed when the atmospheric temperature is above 50°F and rising. Do not use OGHM material that was mixed more than two hours prior to placement.

Placement and compaction of the OGHM shall follow Section 287 of the FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition. There shall be no rutting or raveling resulting from vehicular traffic after construction. The road shall be opened to traffic within two hours after completion or sooner if directed by the County's representative/inspector.

1.5 Optimum Design Mix:

All respondents to this ITB shall provide to the County, their optimum design mixes for OGHM material at the time their bids are submitted. All mix designs provided shall be based upon procedures set forth within Section 287 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition. The design mixes shall incorporate the specified asphalt binder and both aggregate sizes referenced within the Materials Section of this document.

The design mixes shall specify but not be limited to:

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- a. Aggregate moisture content.
- b. Aggregate Grade Number
- c. Optimum asphalt binder content/percent.
- d. Asphalt Binder classification.
- e. Required Testing Results Listed in Section 916 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.
- f. Mix coating percentage.
- g. OGHM mat porosity.
- h. Stability.

The design mixes shall produce an OGHM material with a minimum porosity of thirty-percent (30%) at the required thickness of three inches (3") after compaction.

1.6 Roadway Preparation:

The roadway surface shall be graded to the desired elevation and width and compacted by the County. This item is not a turn-key option.

1.7 Traffic Control:

The Contractor shall provide all necessary traffic control to ensure the safety of the traveling public and all working personnel. All traffic control shall be performed in accordance with The Florida Department of Transportation Maintenance of Traffic Standards. Traffic shall not travel on the fresh mix until rolling has been accomplished and upon approval by the County's representative/inspector.

1.8 Road Intersections and Driveways:

At the discretion of the County Representative, the Contractor shall place Type S asphalt or the Superpave equivalent on all driveway turnouts and road intersections. This work will be an additional pay item and bid on a per/ton basis. Leon County may select to do this work with in-house resources and therefore, no amount of work is guaranteed.

1.9 Experience

The Contractor shall provide a list of OGHM or hot mix asphalt projects successfully constructed within the last two years. Failure to provide the required information may cause a submitted bid to be determined non-responsive and set aside.

2.0 Warranty:

The Contractor agrees that unless otherwise specified, the products and/or services furnished as a result of this invitation and award thereto, shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the Contractor gives to any customer for comparable products. In no case however, shall the limit of the warranty of the product be for a period of less than one year.

- A. The Contractor agrees to make any needed repairs during the warranty period as a turn-key repair and at no cost to the County. These repairs may include but not be limited to the repairs for rutting, cracking, and raveling. A time frame for the completion of the repairs shall be

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determined by the County's representative. If the Contractor fails to meet the time frame, Liquidation Damages shall apply.

- B. In the event repairs are required during the warranty period, the Contractor agrees to warranty such repairs for an additional two year period.
- C. All performance issues pertaining to road base preparation will be the responsibility of the County.
- D. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure the roadbed to be adequately sealed so there will be no failures caused by the water intrusion into the roadbed.

2.1 Damage To Public or Private Property

Damage to any public or private property occurring during construction shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be repaired at his expense.

3.0 Testing:

Standard testing to determine compliance with the *Technical Specifications of the Contract* shall consist of coring to determine residual asphalt contents and porosity, and to determine asphalt content in the binder. Random testing to determine compliance with the *Technical Specifications* contained within the Contract and the FDOT's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction shall be the responsibility of the County. However, the Contractor shall be responsible for all subsequent testing evolving from failed warranty items.

All testing associated with the development of design mixes shall be the responsibility of the respondents to this ITB. In addition, the testing results shall be certified meeting the FDOT standards and be submitted to Leon County.

- A. The Contractor shall submit a proposed mix design along with representative samples of all component materials to the County, at least two weeks before the scheduled start of production.
- B. The testing results of the asphalt binder shall be certified to meet the FDOT requirements and be submitted to the County for verification of the asphalt quality. The asphalt binder shall be tested and certified for each mix.

5.0 Payment:

Payment for all items contained within the document shall be in accordance with the AOGHM Pay Item Section of the document.

Upon being invoiced by the Contractor, Leon County shall make a Substantial Completion Payment of 90% to the Contractor. A performance insurer of 10% shall be withheld for a period of six weeks on all projects.

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6.0 Alternate Bids:

This ITB is for Open-Grade Hot Mixes only. No other alternates will be accepted.

BID CHECKLIST:

Please submit the items on the following list and any other items required by any section of this invitation for bids. The checklist is provided as a courtesy and may not be inclusive of all items required within this invitation for bids.

- _____ Completed Bid Response Sheet with Manual Signature
- _____ Affidavit Immigration Laws
- _____ Minority/Women Business Enterprise Participation Plan/Good Faith Statement
- _____ Identical Tie Bid Statement
- _____ Insurance Certification Form
- _____ Contractor's Business Information Form
- _____ Non Collusion Affidavit
- _____ Certification/Debarment Form
- _____ Applicable Licenses/Registrations
- _____ Optimum Design mix
- _____ List of projects over the last two years

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BID RESPONSE SHEET

The Board of County Commissioners, Leon County, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids in the best interest of Leon County.

Keith M. Roberts
Purchasing Director

Bryan Desloge
Chairman

This proposal is submitted by the below named firm/individual by the undersigned authorized representative.

BY _____
(Firm Name)

BY _____
(Authorized Representative)

(Printed or Typed Name)

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

FAX _____

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: (IF APPLICABLE)

Addendum #1 dated _____ Initials

BID PRICES:

1. Turn-Key Operation (OGHM Application, Mobilization, and Traffic Control to create a three-inch mat excluding roadbed surface sealing): \$ _____ Per Square Yard
2. Type S or Superpave Equivalent Asphalt \$ _____ Per Ton
3. OGHM Exceeding the Standard Three Inches When Required \$ _____ Per Inch Per Square Yard
4. OGHM resurfacing at 2" minimum compacted (includes sweeping, tack coat, OGHM, application, mobilization, and traffic control) \$ _____ per square yard
5. Prime coat seal \$ _____ per square yard