### Crosswinds East Community Development District

Meeting Agenda

*October 7, 2025* 

# AGENDA

# Crosswinds East Community Development District

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September 30, 2025

**Board of Supervisors Meeting Crosswinds East Community Development District** 

Dear Board Members:

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Crosswinds East Community Development District will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 9:15 AM at 346 E. Central Ave., Winter Haven, FL 33880.

Zoom Video Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88230704235

**Call-In Information:** 1-646-876-9923 **Meeting ID:** 882 3070 4235

Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

#### **Board of Supervisors Meeting**

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Public Comment Period (Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes each)
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the August 5, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 4. Consideration and Approval of Landscaping Services Request for Proposals Documentation & Published Notice of Request for Proposals
- 5. Ratification of Audit Services Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2025 Audit
- 6. Presentation of Memo Regarding Amendments to District Rules of Procedure
  - A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-01 Setting a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure for the District
- 7. Staff Reports
  - A. Attorney
  - B. Engineer
    - Consideration of Work Authorization 2026-1 from Dewberry for Fiscal Year 2026 District Engineering Services
  - C. Field Manager's Report
    - i. Consideration of Proposals for Holiday Lighting
      - a) Festive Glow
      - b) Sloan Lighting Solutions (previously Events Done Bright)
      - c) American Illuminations
    - ii. Consideration of Pond Maintenance Services Contract Annual Renewal
    - iii. Consideration of Proposal from Prince & Sons for Tree Replacement & Mulch Installation
  - D. District Manager's Report
    - i. Approval of Check Register
    - ii. Balance Sheet & Income Statement
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments
- 10. Adjournment

# **MINUTES**

#### MINUTES OF MEETING CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The continued meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Crosswinds East Community Development District was held **Tuesday**, **August 5**, **2025**, at 10:18 a.m. at 346 E. Central Ave., Winter Haven, Florida.

#### Present and constituting a quorum:

Lauren Schwenk
Jessica Spencer
Bobbie Shockley (formerly Henley)
Lindsey Roden

Vice Chairman
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Secretary

#### Also present were:

Jill Burns District Manager, GMS

Savannah Hancock *by Zoom* District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk Meredith Hammock District Counsel, Kilinski Van Wyk

Chace Arrington by Zoom District Engineer, Dewberry Joey Duncan by Zoom District Engineer, Dewberry

Marshall Tindall Field Manager, GMS

#### FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Roll Call

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. and called the roll. Four Board members were present constituting a quorum.

#### SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **Public Comment Period**

There were no members of the public present and none joining by Zoom. There being no comments, the next item followed.

#### THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting & June 5, 2025 Continued Board of Supervisors Meeting

Ms. Burns presented the minutes from the May 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting and the June 5, 2025 continued meeting and asked for any questions, comments, or corrections. The Board had no changes to the minutes.

On MOTION by Ms. Schwenk, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, the Minutes of the May 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting and the June 5, 2025 Continued Board of Supervisors Meeting, were approved.

#### FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **Public Hearings**

#### A. Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget

Ms. Burns stated that the public hearing had been advertised as required per Florida statute and asked for a motion to open the hearing.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Opening the Public Hearing, was approved.

# i. Consideration of Resolution 2025-07 Adopting the District's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriating Funds

Ms. Burns presented the resolution and noted that it was included in the agenda package for Board review. She reported that there were changes made to the budget primarily pertaining to the field expenses for landscaping. The single-family units are being assessed at \$828.52, and the townhomes assessment is \$621.39. Board discussion followed and Mr. Tindall gave a report describing landscaping needs and costs. Ms. Burns noted that they can approve this budget and include additional funds in the field contingency to back into the maximum number that they have noticed residents for assessments. The updated amount would be \$834.83 for the single-family homes and \$626.12 for the townhomes.

On MOTION by Ms. Schwenk, seconded by Ms. Roden, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-07 Adopting the District's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget and Appropriating Funds, was approved.

Ms. Burns asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, Closing the Public Hearing, was approved.

## B. Public Hearing on the Imposition of Operations and Maintenance Special Assessments

Ms. Burns stated that this public hearing had been advertised as required by Florida statute and asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

On MOTION by Ms. Spencer, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, Opening the Public Hearing, was approved.

## ii. Consideration of Resolution 2025-08 Imposing Special Assessments and Certifying an Assessment Roll

Ms. Burns presented the resolution to the Board and noted that they will need to update the operations and maintenance numbers based on the approved budget from the previous resolution.

On MOTION by Mr. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-08 Imposing Special Assessments and Certifying an Assessment Roll, was approved as amended.

Ms. Burns asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

On MOTION by Ms. Shockley, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Closing the Public Hearing, was approved.

#### FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2025-09 Designation of a Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time, and Location for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Ms. Burns noted that they will keep the meeting date on the first Tuesday of every month and the time will change to 9:15 a.m.

On MOTION by Ms. Shockley, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-09 Designation of a Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time, and Location for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, was approved.

#### SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

# Consideration of Resolution 2025-10 Spending Authorization Resolution

Ms. Burns noted that this resolution outlines thresholds that the Chair and District Manager can approve outside of the meeting. There were no Board questions and there was a motion of approval.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-10 Spending Authorization Resolution, was approved.

#### **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### Consideration of Resolution 2025-11 Adopting Amended Amenity Rules

Ms. Burns stated that this addresses an update to the lakes and ponds policy, so it clearly outlines the use of motorized boats or recreational toys are not permitted.

On MOTION by Ms. Shookley, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Resolution 2025-11 Adopting Amended Amenity Rules, was approved.

#### **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## **Presentation of Arbitrage Rebate Reports** from AMTEC

#### A. Series 2024 Assessment Area One Project Bonds

Ms. Burns presented the report which showed a negative arbitrage number and asked for a motion of approval.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Series 2024 Assessment Area One Project Bonds, was approved.

#### B. Series 2024 Assessment Area Two Project Bonds

Ms. Burns presented the report which showed a negative arbitrage number and asked for a motion of approval.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Series 2024 Assessment Area Two Project Bonds, was approved.

#### NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Proposal from Nation Security for On-Site Guarding Services at Amenity (NOT A CLOSED SESSION)

- A. Seasonal 16 Hours per Week
- B. Seasonal 7 Days per Week

Ms. Burns stated this item will be tabled until the Spring to better determine the District's needs.

#### TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

# Presentation of Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report

Ms. Burns presented the report and noted that it is considered a clean audit and submitted to the state by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. She offered to answer any Board questions. There being no questions, there was a motion of approval.

On MOTION by Ms. Shockley, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Accepting the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report, was approved.

#### **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Goals and Objectives

#### A. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Goals & Objectives

Ms. Burns presented the goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2026 and noted if approved the District would be in line with state's statutory requirements.

On MOTION by Ms. Shockley, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Goals & Objectives, was approved.

## B. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Goals & Objectives and Authorizing Chair to Execute

Ms. Burns presented the 2025 goals and objectives and stated that the District is on track to meet all the goals. This action authorizes the Chair to execute the form that will be sent to the state at the end of the Fiscal Year.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, Accepting the Fiscal Year 2025 Goals & Objectives and Authorizing Chair to Execute, was approved.

#### TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **Staff Reports**

#### A. Attorney

Ms. Hammock reminded the Board that the ethics training must be completed by the end of the calendar year.

#### B. Engineer

Mr. Arrington had nothing to report and offered to answer any Board questions.

#### C. Field Manager's Report

Mr. Tindall noted that his report was provided in the agenda package and summarized it for the Board.

#### i. Consideration of Landscape Services Fee Summary

Mr. Tindall presented the landscape services fee summary and offered to answer any Board questions. Ms. Buns noted that this will go through an RFP process but asked for a motion to approve the additional funds at this time.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Spencer, with all in favor, the Landscape Services Fee Summary, was approved.

#### D. District Manager's Report

#### i. Approval of Amenity Policy Clarification Regarding Access Card Issuance

Ms. Burns noted that they are looking to update the policy on access card issuance amending it to say that residents will be given keycards upon registering for access after closing.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, the Amenity Policy Clarification Regarding Access Card Issuance, was approved.

#### ii. Approval of Check Register

Ms. Burns presented the check register and offered to answer any Board questions. There being none, there was a motion of approval.

On MOTION by Ms. Spencer, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, the Check Register, was approved.

#### iii. Balance Sheet & Income Statement

Ms. Burns noted that the financial statements are included in the agenda package for Board review and that there was no action required.

#### THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Other Business

There being no comments, the next item followed.

## FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Supervisors Requests and Audience Comments

There being no comments, the next item followed.

#### FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Adjournment

Ms. Burns asked the Board for adjournment.

On MOTION by Ms. Roden, seconded by Ms. Shockley, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chairman/Vice Chairman |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|

# SECTION IV

#### PROJECT MANUAL

#### **FOR**

#### LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES

### CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

2025

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# LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Polk County, Florida

Notice is hereby given that the Crosswinds East Community Development District ("**District**") will accept proposals from qualified firms ("**Proposers**") interested in providing landscape and irrigation maintenance services, all as more specifically set forth in the Project Manual. The Project Manual, including among other materials, contract documents, project scope and any technical specifications, will be available for public inspection and may be obtained by sending an email to Clayton Smith at csmith@gmscfl.com, Marshall Tindall at mtindall@gmscfl.com, and Jill Burns at jburns@gmscfl.com. In order to submit a proposal, each Proposer must (1) be authorized to do business in Florida, and hold all required state and federal licenses in good standing; and (2) have at least five (5) years of experience with landscape maintenance projects. The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes to the Project Manual up until the time of the proposal opening, and to provide notice of such changes only to those Proposers who have attended the pre-proposal meeting and registered.

Firms desiring to provide services for this project must submit one (1) written proposal & one (1) digital PDF copy (flash drive or disc required) no later than November 21st, 2025 at 11:00 AM (EST) at Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, Attention: Crosswinds East CDD, District Manager. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed package that shall bear "RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (Crosswinds East Community Development District – Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance) ENCLOSED" on the face of it. Unless certain circumstances exist where a public opening is unwarranted, proposals will be publicly opened at the time and date stipulated above; those received after the time and date stipulated above may be returned un-opened to the Proposer. Any proposal not completed as specified or missing the required proposal documents may be disqualified.

Any protest regarding the Project Manual, including but not limited to protests relating to the proposal notice, the proposal instructions, the proposal forms, the contract form, the scope of work, the maintenance map, the specifications, the evaluation criteria, the evaluation process, or any other issues or items relating to the Project Manual, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours after issuance of the Project Manual. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid plans, specifications or contract documents. Additional information and requirements regarding protests are set forth in the Project Manual and the District's Rules of Procedure, which are available from the District Manager, Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, or by sending an email to jburns@gmscfl.com, (407) 841-5524.

Rankings will be made based on the Evaluation Criteria contained within the Project Manual. Price will be one factor used in determining the proposal that is in the best interest of the District, but the District explicitly reserves the right to make such award to other than the lowest price proposal. The District has the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any technical errors, informalities or irregularities if it determines in its discretion it is in the best interest of the District to do so. Any and all questions relative to this project shall be directed in writing by e-mail only to Clayton Smith at csmith@gmscfl.com, and Marshall Tindall at mtindall@gmscfl.com.

Crosswinds East Community Development District Jill Burns, District Manager

#### CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### **Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance Services**

Polk County, Florida

#### **Instructions to Proposers**

- 1. **DUE DATE.** One (1) written sealed proposal ("**Proposals**") with a PDF file on a flash-drive must be received by interested parties ("**Proposer**") no later than November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 11:00 AM (EST) at the offices of Governmental Management Services Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, Attention: Crosswinds East CDD, District Manager. Unless certain circumstances exist where a public opening is unwarranted, proposals will be publicly opened at that time. Proposals received after the time and date stipulated above will not be considered.
- 2. SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE. The District anticipates the following RFP schedule, though certain dates may be subject to change:

| DATE  | EVENT   |  |
|---|---|--|
| October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025               | RFP Notice is issued.   |  |
| October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 9:00 AM       | RFP package available for download.   |  |
| October 29th, 10:30am (EST)                   | Mandatory Virtual pre-proposal meeting. Meeting info will be provided with packet |  |
| November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 2pm (EST) | Deadline for questions.   |  |
| November 21st 2025 at 11am (EST)              | Proposals submittal deadline.   |  |
| November 21s at 11:00 am (EST)                | Bid opening.  |  |

#### 3. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING.

- A. A <u>mandatory</u> pre-proposal meeting will be held at 10:30AM (EST) on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Via Google Meets. Meeting information will be provided with the bid packets.
- B. Proposers are <u>required</u> to attend the pre-bid meeting for a detailed discussion of the proposal process.
- C. Proposers should not attempt to tour facilities without prior authorization from the District Manager and must not in any way disrupt employees or operations during the proposal process.
- **4. SIGNATURE ON PROPOSAL.** Each Proposer must correctly execute all forms, affidavits, and acknowledgments for which signature and notary blocks are provided. Anyone signing the Proposal as agent shall file with the Proposal legal evidence of his authority to do so.

#### 5. PROPOSAL GUARANTEE. [Reserved]

6. **FAMILIARITY WITH THE PROJECT.** The Proposer, by and through the submission of the Proposal, agrees that Proposer shall be held responsible for having heretofore examined the project site, the location of all proposed work and for having satisfied itself from Proposer's own personal knowledge and experience or professional advice as to the character, conditions, and location of the site, the nature of the turf, shrubs, trees, palms, vegetation, weeds, sprinklers and irrigation systems, roads, sidewalks and paved paths, ground, surface and subsurface, and any other conditions surrounding and affecting the work, any obstruction, the nature of any existing construction, and all other physical

characteristics of the job, in order that the Proposer may include in the prices which the Proposer proposes all costs pertaining to the work and thereby provide for the satisfactory landscape maintenance thereof. The Proposer agrees to accept the site in an "as is" condition and hold its prices for the period set forth in this proposal package, regardless of any changes to the site that may occur from the time of Proposal submission and through the time of contract award and the start of any work under the contract. The Proposer, in preparing the Proposal, shall take into consideration that work by other contractors may be in progress at or near the site and that the Proposer shall not interfere with work done by such other contractors. IN THE EVENT THAT THE SITE IS NOT TO INDUSTRY STANDARD CONDITIONS, THE PROPOSER SHALL SUBMIT AS PART OF ITS PROPOSAL, A LIST OF ITEMS AND PROPOSED PRICING FOR BRINGING THE SITE UP TO INDUSTRY STANDARD CONDITIONS. OTHERWISE, THE PROPOSER SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE SITE AND SHALL MAINTAIN THE SITE IN A CONDITION CONSISTENT WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND AT THE LUMP SUM PRICING SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSAL.

- 7. **FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW.** By submitting a Proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work as well as the District's operating rules and procedures. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.
- **8. PROJECT MANUAL.** The "Project Manual," and any addenda thereto, will be available from the District Manager's office by sending an email to jburns@gmscfl.com, csmith@gmscfl.com, and mtindall@gmscfl.com.
- **9. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER.** The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience to do the work specified herein at the sole and absolute discretion of the District. The Proposer shall submit with its Proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared with the necessary organization, capital, and equipment to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.
- 10. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL. Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.
- 11. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Project Manual are to be directed in writing, via e-mail only, to Jill Burns at jburns@gmscfl.com, Meredith Hammock at meredith@cddlawyers.com, Clayton Smith at csmith@gmscfl.com, and Marshall Tindall at mtindall@gmscfl.com. Additionally, the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to make changes to the Project Manual up until the time of the Proposal opening. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda to all parties. Questions received after [November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2:00 PM (EST) will not be answered. Answers to all questions will be provided to all Proposers by email. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. No interpretations will be given verbally. No inquiries will be accepted from subcontractors; the Proposer shall be responsible for all queries.
- 12. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL. Submit one (1) written proposal & one (1) digital PDF copy (flash drive or disc required), along with other requested attachments, at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the project title and name and address of the Proposer and accompanied by the required documents. If the Proposal is sent through the

mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate envelope with a notation "RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (Crosswinds East Community Development District – Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance) ENCLOSED" on the face of it. All costs to prepare and submit a response shall be borne by the Proposer.

- 13. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where Proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No Proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.
- 14. PROPOSAL FORMS. All blanks on the Proposal forms must be completed in ink or typewritten. The Proposal shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda. In making its Proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Project Manual and that the Proposal is made in accordance therewith, including verification of the contents of the Project Manual against the Table of Contents. Proposer shall provide in the Proposal a complete breakdown of both unit quantities and unit costs for each separate item associated with landscaping & irrigation maintenance plan and technical specifications. The quantities and unit costs for landscaping materials shall be provided by the Proposer in accordance with the Project Manual.
- **15. PROPOSAL INFORMATION.** All Proposals should include the following information, among other things described herein:
  - A. A completed and executed Proposal Form, with all of its four parts and any attachments, as well as executed copies of the Affidavit Regarding Proposal, the Sworn Statement Regarding Public Entity Crimes, the Sworn Statement Regarding Scrutinized Companies, and the Sworn Statement Regarding Human Trafficking.
  - B. A listing of the position / title and corporate responsibilities of key management or supervisory personnel (forms attached). Include resumes for each person listed, and list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.
  - C. Describe proposed staffing levels, including information on current operations, administrative, maintenance and management staffing of both a professional and technical nature, including resumes for staff at or above the project manager level.
  - D. Information related to other projects of similar size and scope for which Proposer has provided, or is currently providing, landscape and irrigation maintenance services (forms attached).
  - E. At least three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.
  - F. A narrative description of the Proposer's approach to providing the services as described in the scope of services provided herein.
  - G. Completed proposal pricing. All responses must itemize the cost for each of the items described in the Project Manual and break out all costs, such as the number of mowings by month, dollar value by event, etc. Unit costs for mulch and annuals, including

installation, should be provided but not included in the contract amount as these services shall be rendered at the discretion of the District's Board of Supervisors.

- 16. INSURANCE. All Proposers shall include as part of their proposal a current Certificate of Insurance demonstrating that the company's ability to meet the insurance coverage requirements set forth in the attached Contract form provided herein. In the event the Proposer is notified of award, it shall provide proof of the Insurance Coverage identifying the District, its officers, employees and agents as additional insureds, as stated in the Contract form provided herein, within fourteen (14) calendar days after notification, or within such approved extended period as the District may grant. Failure to provide proof of insurance coverage shall constitute a default.
- 17. FINANCIALS. In evaluating and scoring the proposals, the District will consider the financial capability of each Proposer, and as such each Proposer should submit relevant information regarding financial capability. In the event the Proposer is notified of award, the District may in its sole discretion require that the Proposer provide sufficient proof of financial capability, including, if requested, audited financial statements from the last three years.
- 18. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, in its sole and absolute discretion, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.
- 19. CONTRACT AWARD. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District or as otherwise extended by the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a contract in substantially the form included in the Project Manual. If a Proposer to whom a contract is awarded forfeits and fails to execute a contract agreement within the aforementioned timeframe, the contract award may be annulled at the District's option. If the award is annulled, the District may, at its sole discretion, award the contract to the next highest ranked Proposer for the contract work, re-advertise, perform the work by day/temporary labor, or through in-house operations. The District and the selected contractor ("Contractor") will execute a contract for a specified term. Upon expiration or termination of any existing contract for landscape maintenance services, Contractor, if requested by the District, agrees to perform the services on a month-to-month basis until either party has provided the other party written notice of its election to renew or terminate the contract agreement. This RFP does not guarantee that a contract will be awarded. The District reserves the exclusive right to reject any and all Proposals. The District reserves the right to award by items, groups of items, or total proposal.
- **20. MANDATORY AND PERMISSIVE REQUIREMENTS.** Notwithstanding anything else within the Project Manual, the only mandatory requirements of this Project Manual are that each Proposer must (1) be authorized to do business in Florida, (2) hold all required state and federal licenses in good standing; and (3) have at least five (5) years of experience as a landscape and irrigation maintenance contractor. All other requirements set forth in the Project Manual shall be deemed "permissive," in that a Proposer's failure to meet any requirement described in mandatory terms such as "shall," "will," "mandatory," or similar language does not automatically disqualify the Proposer's Proposal, but instead in the Board's discretion may result in the disqualification of a Proposal or alternatively may be taken into account in the evaluation and scoring of the Proposal.
- 21. INDEMNIFICATION. The Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, costs and losses arising, in whole or in part, from Contractor's negligence or breach of contract, as more fully set forth in the agreement form, provided herein.

- **22. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of District's limitations on liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute or law.
- 23. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS. The proposals shall be ranked based on criteria presented in the Evaluation Criteria sheets contained within the Project Manual. The Board shall review and evaluate the Proposals in their individual discretion, based on information within the proposals, from reference checks, from staff recommendations, and from any other information available, and shall make any final determination with respect to the award of a final contract that is in the best interests of the District. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, will govern any voting conflicts of interest, and as such a voting conflict of interest may arise solely where there is a personal financial interest relating to the contract award.

Proposals may be held by the District for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of proposal opening for the purposes of reviewing the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the Proposers, prior to executing a contract agreement. During this time, all provisions of the submitted proposal must be in effect, including pricing. The District may visit the Proposer's facilities as part of the evaluation process. The District also reserves the right to seek clarification from prospective firms on any issue in a response, invite specific firms for site visits or oral presentations, or take any action it feels necessary to properly evaluate the submissions and construct a solution in the District's best interest. Failure to submit the requested information or required documentation may result in the lessening of the proposal score or the disqualification of the proposal response.

- **24. COLLUSION.** Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.
- 25. BLACK OUT PERIOD/CONE OF SILENCE. The black out period is defined as between the time the Request for Proposals is issued by the District and the time the Board awards the contract. During this black out period, and except as otherwise expressly authorized herein, any attempt to communicate either directly or indirectly with District staff or officials related to this solicitation for goods or services, in person, by mail, by facsimile, by telephone, by electronic mail, or by any other means of communication, will result in disqualification of their award and/or contract. This does not apply to pre-solicitation conferences, contract negotiations, or communications with staff not concerning this solicitation.
- **26. PRICING.** Proposers shall submit their price information on the supplied forms with all blank spaces completed. Proposers shall also sign the required form. Each line item shall be clearly stated and cover all charges including incidental expenses, applicable taxes, insurance, overhead and profit. Proposers will not be allowed to make any substitutions in materials, quantities or frequencies during the proposal process. Proposers shall guarantee that their pricing to the District shall not increase throughout the term of the contract agreement executed.
- 27. REFERENCE TERMS. Any headings in this document are for the purposes of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning thereof. Any reference to gender shall be construed to include all genders, firms, partnerships and corporations. References in the singular shall be construed to include the plural and references in the plural shall be construed to include the singular.
- 28. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. No additional terms and conditions included with the proposal response shall be evaluated or considered and any and all such additional

terms and conditions shall have no force and effect and are inapplicable to this proposal. If submitted either purposefully through intent or design or inadvertently appearing separately in transmitting letters, specifications, literature, price lists or warranties, it is understood and agreed the general and special conditions in this solicitation are the only conditions applicable to this proposal and the Proposer's authorized signature affixed to the proposal attests to this.

**29. PROTESTS.** Any protest relating to the Project Manual, including but not limited to protests relating to the proposal notice, the proposal instructions, the proposal forms, the contract form, the scope of work, the maintenance map, the specifications, the evaluation criteria, the evaluation process, or any other issues or items relating to the Project Manual, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and official holidays of the State of Florida) after issuance of the Project Manual (i.e., by no later than [BID PROTEST DEADLINE] at 5:00 PM (EST)), and any protest relating to a decision regarding a contract award or rejection of proposal(s) must be filed within seventy-two (72) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and official holidays of the State of Florida) after issuance of a notice of such a decision. Such protests must be filed at: **Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, Attention:** Crosswinds East CDD, District Manager. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest relating to the aforesaid Project Manual.

Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the anticipated total contract award (including the initial one year term of the contract and all renewal terms) that is the subject of the protest. If the protest relates to the Project Manual, or a decision to reject all proposals, the protest bond shall be in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses and attorneys' fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event that the protest is settled, the protest bond may be applied as set forth in the settlement agreement. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation from the District, regardless of the outcome of any protest.

### CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

| 1.                                       | Personnel & Equipment  | (20 Points Possible)   | ( Points Awarded)  |
|--|--|--|--|
| manage<br>perform<br>include<br>certific | This category addresses the following ed personnel, including the project mare the property; present ability to manning the work; geographic location; subcest certification, technical training, and eations, etc., with proposal. Please also presponsive to client needs. | nager and other specific<br>age this project; propo<br>contractor listing; inventor<br>experience with similar | ally trained individuals who will<br>sed staffing levels; capability of<br>ory of all equipment; etc. Skill set<br>projects. Please include resumes, |
| 2.                                       | <b>Experience</b>  | (25 Points Possible)   | ( Points Awarded)  |
|  | A full twenty-five (25) points will be a record and experience of the Proposer in; past performance in any other contract  | in similar projects; volui   |  |
| 3.                                       | <b>Understanding Scope of RFP</b>  | (15 Points Possible)   | ( Points Awarded)  |
| Distriction these so to be for           | This category addresses the following is strict's needs for the services requested tincluding pricing, scheduling, staffing ervices? Were any suggestions for "best easible, in light of the scope of work? I in responding to the proposal?                                 | d? Does it provide all<br>, etc.? Does it demonst<br>practices" included? Do                                   | information as requested by the rate clearly the ability to perform oes the proposal as a whole appear   |
| 4.                                       | Financial Capacity   | (5 Points Possible)  | ( Points Awarded)  |
| proof o                                  | This category addresses whether the Probility as a business entity necessary to it of ability to provide insurance coverage ents, or similar information.  | mplement and execute the   | he work. Proposer should include   |
| 5.                                       | <b>Price</b>   | (20 Points Possible)   | ( Points Awarded)  |
|  | Twenty (20) points will be awarded to ct Amount). AN AVERAGE OF ALL AWARDING POINTS FOR PRICING  | L FIVE YEARS' PRIC   | CING IS TO BE CONSIDERED   |

THIRD, AND FOURTH ANNUAL RENEWALS. All other proposers will receive a percentage of this amount based upon a formula which divides the low bid by the proposer's bid and is then multiplied by

the number of points possible in this part of the Price evaluation.

EXAMPLE: Contractor "A" turns in a bid of \$210,000 and is deemed to be low bid and will receive the full 20 points. Contractor "B" turns in a bid of \$265,000. Bid "A" is divided by Bid "B" then multiplied by the number of points possible (20).  $(210,000/265,000) \times 20 = 15.85$ , therefore, Contractor "B" will receive 15.85 of 20 possible points. Contractor "C" turns in a bid of \$425,000. Bid "A" is divided by Bid "C" then multiplied by the number of points possible (20).  $(210,000/425,000) \times 20 = 9.88$ , therefore, Contractor "C" will receive 9.88 of 20 points.

# 6. Reasonableness of ALL Numbers (15 Points Possible) (\_\_\_\_ Points Awarded) Up to fifteen (15) points will be awarded as to the reasonableness of ALL numbers, quantities &

costs (including, but not limited to fertilizer quantities, mulch quantities based on Contractor's field measurements) provided, including Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as well as unit costs from the additional schedules.

<u>Proposer's Total Score</u> (100 Points Possible) (\_\_\_\_\_ Points Awarded)

**END** 

#### AFFIDAVIT REGARDING PROPOSAL

| STATE OF COUNTY OF  |   |
|---|---|
| Before me, the undersigned authority, appeared the affiant,, an oath, affiant, based on personal knowledge, deposes and states:   | and having taken  |
| 1. I am over eighteen (18) years of age and competent to testify as to the herein. I serve in the capacity of for am authorized to make this Affidavit Regarding Proposal on behalf of Proposer.  | matters contained ("Proposer"), and   |
| 2. I assisted with the preparation of, and have reviewed, the Pro ("Proposal") provided in response to the Crosswinds East Community Development Disrequest for proposals for landscape and irrigation maintenance services. All of the infortherein is full and complete, and truthful and accurate. I understand that intentional i deceptive or fraudulent statements, or the intentional failure to include full and complete constitute fraud; and, that the District may consider such action on the part of the Prop good cause for rejection of the proposal.   | pposer's proposal<br>trict's ("District")<br>ormation provided<br>nclusion of false,<br>tete answers, may         |
| 3. I do hereby certify that the Proposer has not, either directly or indirectly collusion or proposal rigging.  | ly, participated in   |
| 4. The Proposer agrees through submission of the Proposal to honor all pr for ninety (90) days from the opening of the proposals, and if awarded the contract or Proposal to enter into and execute the contract in the form included in the Project Manual   | n the basis of this   |
| 5. The Proposer acknowledges the receipt of the complete Project Manual the District and as described in the Project Manual's Table of Contents, as well as a following Addendum No.'s:   | the receipt of the  |
| 6. By signing below, and by not filing a protest within the seventy-two after issuance of the Project Manual (i.e., by no later than [BID PROTEST DEADLI (EST)), the Proposer acknowledges that (i) the Proposer has read, understood, and acc Manual; (ii) the Proposer has had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel rega Manual; (iii) the Proposer has agreed to the terms of the Project Manual; and (iv) the Pro any right to challenge any matter relating to the Project Manual, including but not limit relating to the proposal notice, proposal instructions, the proposal forms, the contract for work, the maintenance map, the specifications, the evaluation criteria, the evaluation profissues or items relating to the Project Manual. | epted the Project arding the Project opposer has waived ted to any protest form, the scope of occss, or any other |
| 7. The Proposer authorizes and requests any person, firm or corporation   | on to furnish any   |

pertinent information requested by the District, or its authorized agents, deemed necessary to verify the statements made in the Proposal, or regarding the ability, standing, integrity, quality of performance,

efficiency, and general reputation of the Proposer.

|                 |                      |                        | the laws of the State of Florida, I declare that I have read the d that the foregoing is true and correct. |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Dated this      |                      | _ day of               | , 2025.  |
|                 |                      |                        | Proposer: By:  |
| STATE OF        |                      |                        | Title:   |
| COUNTY OF _     |                      | _                      |  |
| The foreg       | oing instrumon, this | nent was ack<br>day of | mowledged before me by means of □ physical presence or □ , as , who  |
| appeared before | me this day          | y in person,           | and who is either personally known to me, or produced  |
|                 |                      |                        |  |
|                 |                      |                        | NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF  |
| (NOTARY         | SEAL)                |                        | Name:(Name of Notary Public, Printed, Stamped or Typed as Commissioned)                                    |

### PROPOSAL FORM PART I – GENERAL INFORMATION

| Proposer General Inform | ation: |        |          |   |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---|
| Proposer Name           |        |        |          | _ |
| Street Address          |        |        |          | _ |
| P. O. Box (if any)      |        |        |          |   |
| City                    | State  |        | Zip Code |   |
| Telephone               |        | Fax no |          |   |
| 1st Contact Name        |        |        | Title    |   |
| 2nd Contact Name        |        |        | Title    |   |
| Parent Company Name (i  | f any) |        |          | _ |
| Street Address          |        |        |          | _ |
| P. O. Box (if any)      |        |        |          |   |
| City                    | State  |        | Zip Code |   |
| Telephone               |        | Fax no |          |   |
| 1st Contact Name        |        |        | Title    |   |
| 2nd Contact Name        |        |        | Title    |   |

| Company Standing:                                       |   |
|---|---|
| Proposer's Corporate Form: _<br>(e.g., individual, corp | poration, partnership, limited liability company, etc.)               |
| In what State was the Propose                           | er organized? Date  |
| Is the Proposer in good stand                           | ling with that State? Yes No  |
| If no, please expl                                      | lain  |
|   |   |
| Is the Proposer registered wit business in Florida? Yes | th the State of Florida, Division of Corporations and authorized toNo |
| If no, please expl                                      | lain  |
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|   |   |
| What are the Proposer's curr                            | rent insurance limits?  |
| General Liability                                       | \$  |
| Automobile Liability Workers Compensation               | \$<br>\$<br>\$  |
| Expiration Date   |   |
| Licensure – Please list all and                         | plicable state and federal licenses, and state whether such licenses  |
| presently in good standing:                             | should blade and reading modules, and blade whether bush needles.     |
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### PROPOSAL FORM PART II – PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

| Street Address                            |                                |   |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| P. O. Box (if any)                        |                                |   |
| City                                      | State                          | Zip Code  |
| Telephone                                 | I                              | Fax no  |
| 1st Contact Name                          |                                | Title   |
| 2nd Contact Name                          |                                | Title   |
| Proposed Staffing Le                      |                                | ion maintenance staff will include the following  |
|   |                                | onsite days per week; o will be onsite days per; and site days per week.  |
|   |                                | uplete the pages that follow at the end of this P<br>visory Personnel, and attach resumes for a   |
| have expertise in peother relevant fields | esticide application, herbici  | ntly employ any other technical personnel wilde application, arboriculture, horticulture, No If yes, please provide the following eets if necessary): |
| Name:                                     |                                |   |
| Position / Certification                  | ns:                            |   |
|   |                                |   |
|   | icated to This Project:        |   |
| Please describe the po                    | erson's role in other projects | on behalf of the Proposer:  |
| Project Name/Location                     | on:                            |   |
| Contact:                                  | Contact Phone:                 |   |
| Project Type/Descrip                      | tion:                          |   |
| Duties / Responsibilit                    | ies:                           |   |
|   |                                |   |

| Dates Serviced:               |                          |   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
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|                               | each subcontractor, pl   | any subcontractors in connection with the<br>lease provide the following information (attac |
| Subcontractor Name            |                          |   |
| Street Address                |                          |   |
|                               |                          |   |
| City                          | State                    | Zip Code  |
| Telephone                     | Fa                       | ax no   |
| 1st Contact Name              |                          | Title   |
| 2nd Contact Name              |                          | Title   |
| Proposed Duties / Responsibi  | lities:                  |   |
|                               |                          |   |
| Please describe the subcontra | ctor's role in other pro | pjects on behalf of the Proposer:   |
| Project Name/Location:        | _                        |   |
| Contact:                      | Contact Phone:           |   |
| Project Type/Description:     |                          |   |
| Dollar Amount of Contract: _  |                          |   |
| Proposer's Scope of Services  | for Project:             |   |
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| Dates Serviced:               |                          |   |

| with this project, and provide proof thereof to the extent permitted by law: | taken with respect to the nitting and retention | on of the Proposer's personnel who will be invol |
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|  | with this project, and provide proof thereof t  | o me exiem perminea by law.                      |
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• Equipment – Please complete the pages that follow at the end of this Part regarding the Proposer's Equipment that will be used in connection with this project.

#### **OFFICERS**

| PROPOSER:  | DATE:                |                  |                                       |  |  |
|--|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Provide the following information for key officers of the Proposer and parent company, if any. |                      |                  |                                       |  |  |
| NAME   | POSITION<br>OR TITLE | RESPONSIBILITIES | INDIVIDUAL'S RESIDENCE<br>CITY, STATE |  |  |
|  |                      |                  |                                       |  |  |
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| FOR PARENT COMPANY (if applicable)   |                      |                  |                                       |  |  |
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### SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE INVOLVED WITH THE WORK

| PROPOSER: | DATE: |
|-----------|-------|
|-----------|-------|

| INDIVIDUAL'S<br>NAME | PRESENT<br>TITLE | JOB<br>RESPONSIBILITIES | OFFICE<br>LOCATION | % OF TIME TO BE<br>DEDICATED TO<br>THIS PROJECT / #<br>OF DAYS ON-<br>SITE PER WEEK | YEARS OF<br>EXPERIENCE IN<br>PRESENT<br>POSITION | TOTAL YEARS<br>OF RELATED<br>EXPERIENCE |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|
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## COMPANY OWNED MAJOR EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK

| PROPOSER: _ |              | DATE:                      |                                    |  |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| QUANTITY    | DESCRIPTION* | # OF PROJECTS DEDICATED TO | STORAGE AND WORK SITE<br>LOCATIONS |  |
|             |              |                            |                                    |  |
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#### PROPOSAL FORM PART III – EXPERIENCE

| • | Has the Proposer performed work for a community development district previously? Yes No If yes, please provide the following information for each project (attach additional sheets if necessary):          |
|---|---|
|   | Project Name/Location:  |
|   | Contact: Contact Phone:   |
|   | Project Type/Description:   |
|   | Dollar Amount of Contract:  |
|   | Scope of Services for Project:  |
|   | Dates Serviced:   |
| • | List the Proposer's total annual dollar value of landscape and irrigation services work completed for each of the last three (3) years starting with the latest year and ending with the most current year: |
|   | <u>2024</u> =   |
|   | <u>2023</u> =   |
|   | 2022  |

| Project Name/Locati      | on:   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Contact:                 | Contact Phone:  |
| Project Type/Descrip     | otion:  |
| Dollar Amount of Co      | ontract:  |
| How was the project      | similar to this project?  |
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| Vour Company's Do        | tailed Scope of Services for Project (i.e. fertilization, mowing, pest control, |
|                          |   |
| weed control, thatch     | removal, irrigation, etc.):   |
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| Tiet of a minus out we   |   |
| List of equipment us     | ed on site:   |
|                          |   |
| List of subcontractor    | s used:   |
| List of subcontractor    | s used  |
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|                          | 40 M  |
| Is this a current contra | ract? Yes No  |

| (Information regarding similar projects – continued)  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Project Name/Location:  |  |  |  |  |
| Contact: Contact Phone:   |  |  |  |  |
| Project Type/Description:   |  |  |  |  |
| Dollar Amount of Contract:  |  |  |  |  |
| How was the project similar to this project?  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |
| Your Company's Detailed Scope of Services for Project (i.e. fertilization, mowing, pest control, weed control, thatch removal, irrigation, etc.): |  |  |  |  |
| weed control, thaten removal, migation, etc.).  |  |  |  |  |
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|   |  |  |  |  |
| List of equipment used on site:   |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |
| List of subcontractors used:  |  |  |  |  |
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| Is this a current contract? Yes No  |  |  |  |  |
| Duration of contract:   |  |  |  |  |

| Project Name/Loca     | tion:   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Contact:              | Contact Phone:  |
| Project Type/Descr    | iption:   |
| Dollar Amount of C    | Contract:   |
| How was the projec    | et similar to this project?   |
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|                       | retailed Scope of Services for Project (i.e. fertilization, mowing, pest control, a removal, irrigation, etc.): |
| weed control, thatel  | Temoval, migunon, etc.).  |
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| List of equipment u   | sed on site:  |
|                       |   |
|                       |   |
| List of subcontracto  | ors used:   |
|                       |   |
|                       |   |
| Is this a current con | tract? Yes No   |
| is this a carrent con |   |

| Project Name/Locati    | ion:   |
|------------------------|--|
| Contact:               | Contact Phone:   |
| Project Type/Descri    | ption:   |
| Dollar Amount of C     | ontract:   |
| How was the project    | t similar to this project?   |
|                        |  |
| Your Company's De      | etailed Scope of Services for Project (i.e. fertilization, mowing, pest control, |
| weed control, thatch   | removal, irrigation, etc.):  |
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| List of equipment us   | sed on site:   |
|                        |  |
|                        | <u> </u>   |
| List of subcontractor  | rs used:   |
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| Is this a current cont | rract? Yes No  |
|                        |  |

| Project Name/Loca  | on:            |  |
|--------------------|----------------|--|
| Contact:           | Contact Phone: |  |
| Project Type/Descr | otion:         |  |
| Dollar Amount of C | ontract:       |  |
|                    | r Project:     |  |
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|                    |                |  |
| Dates Serviced:    |                |  |
|                    |                |  |

| What is the Proposer's current worker compensation rating?   | I      | f yes, please describe each violation, fine, and resolution   |
|--|--------|---|
| Working days as a result of the injury in the past five years? Yes No  If yes, please describe each incident  Please state whether or not the Proposer or any of its affiliates are presently barred or suspende from proposing or contracting on any state, local, or federal contracts?  Yes No If yes, please provide:  The names of the entities  The state(s) where barred or suspended  The period(s) of debarment or suspension  Also, please explain the basis for any bar or suspension:  List any and all governmental enforcement actions (e.g., any action taken to impose fines of penalties, licensure issues, permit violations, consent orders, etc.) taken against the Proposer of its principals, or relating to the work of the Proposer or its principals, in the last five (5) year. Please describe the nature of the action, the Proposer's role in the action, and the status and/or | 7      | What is the Proposer's current worker compensation rating?  |
| Please state whether or not the Proposer or any of its affiliates are presently barred or suspende from proposing or contracting on any state, local, or federal contracts?  YesNo If yes, please provide:  The names of the entities  The state(s) where barred or suspended  The period(s) of debarment or suspension  Also, please explain the basis for any bar or suspension:  List any and all governmental enforcement actions (e.g., any action taken to impose fines of penalties, licensure issues, permit violations, consent orders, etc.) taken against the Proposer of its principals, or relating to the work of the Proposer or its principals, in the last five (5) year. Please describe the nature of the action, the Proposer's role in the action, and the status and/or  | F<br>V | Has the Proposer experienced any worker injuries resulting in a worker losing more than ten (10) working days as a result of the injury in the past five years? Yes No                                      |
| from proposing or contracting on any state, local, or federal contracts?  Yes No If yes, please provide:  The names of the entities  The state(s) where barred or suspended  The period(s) of debarment or suspension  Also, please explain the basis for any bar or suspension:  List any and all governmental enforcement actions (e.g., any action taken to impose fines of penalties, licensure issues, permit violations, consent orders, etc.) taken against the Proposer of its principals, or relating to the work of the Proposer or its principals, in the last five (5) year. Please describe the nature of the action, the Proposer's role in the action, and the status and/or  | Ι      | f yes, please describe each incident  |
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# PROPOSAL FORM PART IV PRICING

NOTE: This pricing form is intended to cover pricing for the initial one year term of the contract. It is assumed that prices will remain the same through each of the five potential annual renewal terms. If the Proposer intends to change pricing for any renewal term, then the Proposer should submit multiple pricing forms, one for each renewal term. Otherwise, the prices stated below will be binding for the initial one year term, and any annual renewal terms.

| PRICING - FOR | Components A, B, | C, D - This is | what contract | will be writte | en for, the | Essential |
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| Services.     | _                |                |               |                |             |           |

| First Year Essential Services \$                 | /Yr |      |
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| First Year Extra Services Component E 1, 2, 3 \$ |     | /Yr  |
| FIRST ANNUAL RENEWAL – Essential services -      | \$  | /Yr* |
| SECOND ANNUAL RENEWAL – Essential services -     | \$  | /Yr* |
| THIRD ANNUAL RENEWAL – Essential services -      | \$  | /Yr³ |
| FOURTH ANNUAL RENEWAL - Essential Services -     | \$  | /Yr* |
| Five Year Average for Essential Services -       | \$  | /Yr* |

IN THE EVENT THAT THE SITE IS NOT TO INDUSTRY STANDARD CONDITIONS, THE PROPOSER SHALL SUBMIT AS PART OF ITS PROPOSAL, A LIST OF ITEMS AND PROPOSED PRICING FOR BRINGING THE SITE UP TO INDUSTRY STANDARD CONDITIONS. OTHERWISE, THE PROPOSER SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE SITE AND SHALL MAINTAIN THE SITE IN A CONDITION CONSISTENT WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND AT THE LUMP SUM PRICING SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSAL.

<sup>\*</sup>Unless prices are to remain the same throughout the initial contract term and each of the three possible annual renewal periods, the Proposer must supply a complete pricing form for each of the three possible annual renewal periods.

|     | Un       | der pena | alties of per     | jury undei | r the laws of the State of Florida, I represent that I have authority   |
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| to  | sign     | this     | Proposal          | Form       | (including Parts I through IV) on behalf of   |
|     |          |          |                   |            | ("Proposer") and declare that I have read the foregoing Proposal  |
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# SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, REGARDING PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

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

| 1. | This sworn statement is submitted to Crosswinds East Community Development District.   |
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| 2. | I am over eighteen (18) years of age and competent to testify as to the matters contained herein. I serve in the capacity of for ("Proposer"), and am authorized to make this Sworn Statement on behalf of Proposer. |
| 3. | Proposer's business address is   |
| 4. | Proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is  |
|    | (If the Proposer has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement:)  |

- 5. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(g), *Florida Statutes*, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any proposal or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
- 6. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(b), *Florida Statutes*, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- 7. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
  - 1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or,
  - 2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
- 8. I understand that a "person" as defined in Section 287.133(1)(e), *Florida Statutes*, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the

legal power to enter into a binding contract and which proposals or applies to proposal on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

| 9. | Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the Proposer submitting this sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies.)  |
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|    | Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity, have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.   |
|    | The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members or agents who are active in management of the entity or an affiliate of the entity, has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989, AND (please indicate which additional statement applies):  |
|    | There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before an Administrative Law Judge of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the Administrative Law Judge did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list (Please attach a copy of the final order.)  |
|    | The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before an Administrative Law Judge of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the Administrative Law Judge determined that it was in the public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.) |
|    | The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list. (Please describe any action taken by or pending with the Florida Department of Management Services.)  |

|   | nent under Sect             | the laws of the State of Florida, I declare that I have read the ion 287.133(3)(a), <i>Florida Statutes</i> , Regarding Public Entity d is true and correct. |
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| Dated this                                | day of                      | , 2025.  |
|   |                             | Proposer:  |
|   |                             | By: Title:   |
| STATE OF                                  |                             |  |
| The foregoing in online notarization, thi | nstrument was ac<br>s day o | eknowledged before me by means of $\square$ physical presence or $\square$ of  |
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| (NOTARY SEAL)                             | ı                           | Name:(Name of Notary Public, Printed, Stamped or Typed as Commissioned)  |

# SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.135(5), FLORIDA STATUTES, REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES WITH ACTIVITIES IN SUDAN LIST OR SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES WITH ACTIVITIES IN THE IRAN TERRORISM SECTORS LIST

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

| 1. | This sworn statement is submitted to Crosswinds East Community Development District ("District   |
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| 2. | I am over eighteen (18) years of age and competent to testify as to the matters contained herein. I serve in the capacity of for ("Proposer"), and am authorized to make this Sworn Statement on behalf of Proposer. |
| 3. | Proposer's business address is   |
| 4. | Proposer's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is  |
|    | (If the Proposer has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement:)  |

- 5. I understand that, subject to limited exemptions, Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, declares a company that at the time of proposing or submitting a proposal for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies With Activities In The Iran Terrorism Sectors List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, is ineligible for, and may not proposal on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with a local governmental entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.
- 6. Based on information and belief, at the time the Proposer submitting this sworn statement submits its proposal to the District, neither the Proposer, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents, is listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies With Activities In The Iran Terrorism Sectors List.
- 7. If awarded the contract, the Proposer will immediately notify the District in writing if either the entity, or any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents, is placed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies With Activities In The Iran Terrorism Sectors List.

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# **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT**

| I,                        |          | , as   | , on behalf of [Contractor], a Florida [limited liability   |
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|                           | ation] ( | (the "Contractor"), under pe                         | enalty of perjury hereby attest as follows:   |
| 1.                        | I am     | over 21 years of age and an                          | officer or representative of the Contractor.  |
| 2.<br>Florida Statutes.   |          | Contractor does not use co                           | percion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06(2)(a),   |
| 3.                        | More     | particularly, the Contracto                          | r does not participate in any of the following actions:   |
|                           | (a)      | Using or threatening to us                           | se physical force against any person;   |
|                           | (b)      | Restraining, isolating or without lawful authority a | confining or threatening to restrain, isolate or confine any person and against her or his will;  |
|                           | (c)      | services are pledged as reasonably assessed is n     | credit methods to establish a debt by any person when labor or<br>a security for the debt, if the value of the labor or services as<br>ot applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and<br>rices are not respectively limited and defined; |
|                           | (d)      | purported passport, visa,                            | removing, confiscating, withholding, or possessing any actual or<br>or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported<br>a document, of any person;   |
|                           | (e)      | Causing or threatening to                            | cause financial harm to any person;   |
|                           | (f)      | Enticing or luring any per                           | rson by fraud or deceit; or   |
|                           |          |  | bstance as outlined in Schedule I or Schedule II of Section 893.03, erson for the purpose of exploitation of that person.   |
| Date:                     |          | , 2025   |   |
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|                           |          |  | efore me $\square$ physical presence or $\square$ remote notarization by  |
|                           |          | _, as  | , of [Contractor], who is □ personally known to me or □ who   |
| produced                  |          | as identificatio                                     | n this day of, 2025.  |
| (Notary                   | Seal)    |  | Notary Public   |

#### AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025, by and between:

**CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, located in Polk County, Florida, whose mailing address is c/o Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 ("**District**"); and

[CONTRACTOR], a Florida [corporation/limited liability company], whose address is [Address] ("Contractor").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to, landscaping and irrigation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to retain an independent contractor to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services within the District; and

WHEREAS, to solicit such services, the District conducted a competitive proposal process based on a project manual and determined to make an award of a contract for landscape and irrigation maintenance services to the Contractor, based on certain proposal pricing provided by Contractor; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it is qualified to serve as a landscape and irrigation maintenance contractor and provide such services to the District.

**WHEREAS**, the District and Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the recitals, agreements, and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties agree as follows:

1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals stated above are true and correct and are incorporated by reference as a material part of this Agreement.

#### 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

- **a.** The Contractor shall provide the services described in the Scope of Services attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and for the areas identified in the Landscape Maintenance Areas Exhibit attached hereto as **Exhibit D** ("Work").
- **b.** The Contractor agrees that the Landscape Maintenance Areas Exhibit attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is the District's best estimate of the District's landscape needs, but that other areas may also include landscaping that requires maintenance. The Contractor agrees that the District may, in its discretion, add

- up to 0.5 acre(s) of landscaping area to the Work, with no adjustment to price, and may add additional acreage of landscaping area to the Work beyond the 0.5 acre(s) using the unit pricing set forth in **Exhibit B**.
- c. The Contractor shall perform the Work consistent with the presently established, high quality standards of the District, and shall assign such staff as may be required for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects of the Work.
- d. Contractor shall solely be responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the District reserves the right in its discretion to remove from this Agreement any portion of the Work and to separately contract for such services. In the event that the District contracts with a third party to install certain landscaping or to otherwise perform services that might otherwise constitute a portion of the Work, Contractor agrees that it will be responsible for any such landscaping installed by the third party, and shall continue to perform all other services comprising the Work, including any future services that apply to the landscaping installed by the third party or to the areas where services were performed by the third party.
- **e.** All permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.

#### 3. MANNER OF CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE.

- a. The Contractor agrees, as an independent contractor, to undertake the Work as specified in this Agreement or any Additional Services Order (see Section 7.c. herein) issued in connection with this Agreement. All Work shall be performed in a neat and professional manner reasonably acceptable to the District and shall be in accordance with industry standards, such as USF, IFAS, etc. The Contractor shall document all Work using the forms attached hereto as part of **Exhibit C.** The performance of all services by the Contractor under this Agreement and related to this Agreement shall conform to any written instructions issued by the District.
- **b.** In the event that time is lost due to heavy rains ("**Rain Days**"), the Contractor agrees to reschedule its employees and divide their time accordingly to complete all scheduled services during the same week as any Rain Days. The Contractor shall provide services on Saturdays if needed to make up Rain Days with prior notification to, and approval by, the District Representatives (defined below).
- c. Contractor in conducting the Work shall use all due care to protect against any harm to persons or property. If the Contractor's acts or omissions result in any damage to property within the District, including but not limited to damage to landscape lighting, irrigation system components, entry monuments, etc., the Contractor shall immediately notify the District and repair all damage and/or replace damaged property to the satisfaction of the District.
- d. Contractor shall maintain at all times strict discipline among its employees and shall not employ for performance of Work contemplated under this Agreement any person unfit or without sufficient skills to perform the job for which such person is employed. All laborers and foremen shall perform all Work on the premises in a uniform to be designed by the Contractor and shall maintain themselves in a neat and

professional manner. No smoking in or around the buildings will be permitted. No solicitation of any kind is permitted on District property.

#### 4. INSPECTIONS.

- a. The District shall designate in writing one or more persons to act as the District's representatives with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement ("District Representatives"). The District Representatives shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the District's policies and decisions with respect to materials, equipment, elements, and systems pertinent to the Contractor's services. This authority shall include but not be limited to verification of correct timing of services to be performed, methods of pruning, pest control and disease control. The District hereby designates its District Manager and Field Manager, or their designees, to act as the District Representatives. The Contractor shall not take direction from anyone other than the District Representatives (e.g., the Contractor shall not take direction from individual District Board Supervisors, any representatives of any local homeowner's associations, any residents, etc.). In the event the District Manager and Field Manager provide differing direction, Contractor shall not take direction from either District Representative and immediately contact the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors and District Counsel to resolve the conflict. The District shall have the right to change its designated representatives at any time by written notice to the Contractor.
- **b.** The Contractor shall provide to management a written report of work performed for each week with notification of any problem areas and a schedule of work for the upcoming month.
- The Contractor agrees to meet with a District Representative, when requested, to walk the property to discuss conditions, schedules, and items of concern regarding this Contract. At that time, the District will compile a list of landscape related items ("Field Inspection Report") that should be performed before the next walk through or other designated time. The Contractor shall be required to provide, in writing, (typically within seven (7) calendar days) what actions shall be taken to remedy those findings within the Field Inspection Report. Response shall include a timeline as to when items shall be completed as well as diagnosis and treatment plans for those items requiring such. If the Contractor does not respond within the specified time, the first offense will result in a written warning; the second offense will result in a second written warning and the Board of Supervisors for the District will be notified; the third offense shall constitute cause for termination of this Agreement at the District's discretion. If the deficient items have not been rectified to the District's satisfaction within the stated time provided in the response to the Field Inspection Report, (but in no circumstance no longer than a one (1)-month period), the District reserves the right to subcontract out such work and withhold the cost of such work from the Contractor's next monthly invoice. The District will be responsible for scheduling the inspections. The District must have no less than five (5) days' notice if there is a need to reschedule. Inspections will proceed with or without the attendance of the Contractor. Notwithstanding, Contractor is responsible for a weekly inspection of the entire property subject to the Work.
- **d.** Any oversight by the District Representative of Contractor's Services is not intended to mean that the District shall underwrite, guarantee, or ensure that the Services is

properly done by Contractor, and it is Contractor's responsibility to perform the Services in accordance with this Agreement.

**5. SUBCONTRACTORS.** The Contractor shall not award any of the Work to any subcontractor without prior written approval of the District. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the District for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as the Contractor is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by the Contractor. Nothing contained herein shall create contractual relations between any subcontractor and the District.

#### 6. [RESERVED].

#### 7. COMPENSATION; TERM.

- a. This Agreement shall be effective as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date"). The initial term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and continue through September 30, 2026 ("Initial Term"), unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. At the end of the Initial Term, this Agreement may be eligible for two (2) annual renewals with the same terms set forth herein, in the District's sole discretion. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the District's obligation to pay under this Agreement are contingent upon an annual appropriation by the District's Board of Supervisors and the levy of a valid operations and maintenance special assessment. In the event that such annual appropriation is not made, this Agreement shall be terminated with no further obligations of the Contractor.
- c. Additional Work. Should the District desire that the Contractor provide additional work and/or services relating to the District's landscaping and irrigation systems, such additional work and/or services shall be fully performed by the Contractor after prior approval of a required Additional Services Order ("ASO"). The Contractor agrees that the District shall not be liable for the payment of any additional work and/or services unless the District first authorizes the Contractor to perform such additional work and/or services through an authorized and fully executed change order. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work and/or services based upon a payment amount derived from the prices set forth in the Contractor's proposal pricing (attached as part of Exhibit B). Nothing herein shall be construed to require the District to use the Contractor for any such additional work and/or services, and the District reserves the right to retain a different contractor to perform any additional work and/or services.

- d. Payments by District. The Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices. Further, the Contractor agrees to render monthly invoices to the District, in writing, which shall be delivered or mailed to the District by the fifth (5th) day of the next succeeding month. Each monthly invoice shall be for services actually rendered in the preceding month and shall contain, at a minimum, the District's name, the Contractor's name, the invoice date, an invoice number, an itemized listing of all costs billed on the invoice with a description of each sufficient for the District to approve each cost, the time frame within which the services were provided, and the address or bank information to which payment is to be remitted. Consistent with Florida's Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, these monthly invoices are due and payable within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the District.
- e. Payments by Contractor. Subject to the terms herein, Contractor will promptly pay in cash for all costs of labor, materials, services and equipment used in the performance of the Work, and upon the request of the District, Contractor will provide proof of such payment. Contractor agrees that it shall comply with Section 218.735(6), Florida Statutes, requiring payments to subcontractors and suppliers be made within ten (10) days of receipt of payment from the District. Unless prohibited by law, District may at any time make payments due to Contractor directly or by joint check, to any person or entity for obligations incurred by Contractor in connection with the performance of Work, unless Contractor has first delivered written notice to District of a dispute with any such person or entity and has furnished security satisfactory to District insuring against claims therefrom. Any payment so made will be credited against sums due Contractor in the same manner as if such payment had been made directly to Contractor. The provisions of this Section are intended solely for the benefit of District and will not extend to the benefit of any third persons, or obligate District or its sureties in any way to any third party. Subject to the terms of this Section, Contractor will at all times keep the District's property, and each part thereof, free from any attachment, lien, claim of lien, or other encumbrance arising out of the Work. The District may demand, from time to time in its sole discretion, that Contractor provide a detailed listing of any and all potential lien claimants (at all tiers) involved in the performance of the Work including, with respect to each such potential lien claimant, the name, scope of Work, sums paid to date, sums owed, and sums remaining to be paid. Contractor waives any right to file mechanic's and construction liens.

#### 8. INSURANCE.

- **a.** At the Contractor's sole expense, the Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:
  - i. Workers' Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
  - ii. Commercial General Liability Insurance covering Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and further including, but not being limited to, Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with subcontractors' operation.
  - iii. Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 per accident or disease.
  - iv. Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less

- than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.
- v. Contractors Pollution Liability with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability.
- b. The District and its respective staff, supervisors, officers, agents, and consultants shall be named as additional insureds on all above listed policies except Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage. No policy may be canceled during the term of this Agreement without at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the District. An insurance certificate evidencing compliance with this section shall be sent to the District prior to the commencement of any performance under this Agreement. Such insurance shall be considered primary and non-contributory with respect to the additional insureds, all such required insurance policies shall be endorsed to provide for a waiver of underwriter's rights of subrogation in favor of the additional insureds. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.
- **c.** The procuring of required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability or to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Agreement.
- **d.** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Agreement and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and retentions to which such policies are subject, whether or not the District is an insured under the policy.
- e. Notices of accidents (occurrences) and notices of claims associated with work being performed under this Agreement shall be provided to the Contractor's insurance company and to the District as soon as practicable after notice to the insured.
- **f.** Insurance requirements itemized in this Agreement and required of the Contractor shall be provided on behalf of all subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Agreement. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to subcontractors.
- g. If Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right (without any obligation to do so, however), to secure such required insurance in which event, Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance to the District and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance. If Contractor fails to pay such cost to the District, the District may deduct such amount from any payment due Contractor.
- **9. INDEMNIFICATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, and in addition to any other obligations of Contractor under the Agreement or otherwise, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the District and its, supervisors, staff, officers, consultants, agents, subcontractors

and employees of each and any of all of the foregoing entities and individuals (together, "Indemnitees") from all claims, liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused, in part or in whole, by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful misconduct of the Contractor, or any subcontractor, supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed or used by any of the Contractor to perform any of the work. In the event that any indemnification, defense or hold harmless provision of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable, the provision shall be reformed to give the provision the maximum effect allowed by Florida law and for the benefit of the Indemnitees. The Contractor shall ensure that any and all subcontractors, and suppliers, include this express paragraph for the benefit of the Indemnitees. This section shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

10. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

#### 11. WARRANTY AND COVENANT.

- a. The Contractor warrants to the District that all materials furnished under this Agreement shall be new, and that all services and materials shall be of good quality, free from faults and defects. The Contractor hereby warrants any materials and services for a period of one (1) year after acceptance by the District or longer as required under Florida law. With respect to any and all plant material provided pursuant to this Agreement, or any separate work authorization issued hereunder, all plant material shall be guaranteed to be in a satisfactory growing condition and to live for a period of one (1) year from planting except for annuals, which will be replaced seasonally. All plants that fail to survive under the guarantee shall be replaced as they fail with the same type and size as originally specified. Contractor further warrants to the District those warranties which Contractor otherwise warrants to others and the duration of such warranties is as provided by Florida law unless longer guarantees or warranties are provided for elsewhere in the Agreement (in which case the longer periods of time shall prevail). Contractor shall replace or repair warranted items to the District's satisfaction and in the District's discretion. Neither final acceptance of the Work, nor monthly or final payment therefore, nor any provision of the Agreement shall relieve Contractor of responsibility for defective or deficient materials or services. If any of the services or materials are found to be defective, deficient or not in accordance with the Agreement, Contractor shall correct remove and replace it promptly after receipt of a written notice from the District and correct and pay for any other damage resulting therefrom to District property or the property of landowners within the District. Contractor hereby certifies it is receiving the property in its as-is condition and has thoroughly inspected the property and addressed any present deficiencies, if any, with the District. Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and warranting all plant material maintained by Contractor as of the first date of the Work.
- **b.** Contractor hereby covenants to the District that it shall perform the Work:
  - i. using its best skill and judgment and in accordance with generally accepted professional standards; and
  - ii. in compliance with all applicable federal, state, county, municipal, building and zoning, land use, environmental, public safety, non-

discrimination and disability accessibility laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, permits and approvals (including any permits and approvals relating to water rights), including, without limitation, all professional registration (both corporate and individual) for all required basic disciplines that it shall perform.

- c. Contractor hereby covenants to the District that any work product of the Contractor shall not call for the use nor infringe any patent, trademark, services mark, copyright or other proprietary interest claimed or held by any person or business entity absent prior written consent from the District.
- 12. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES. The Contractor agrees to use best management practices, consistent with industry standards, with respect to the storage, handling and use of chemicals (e.g., fertilizers, pesticides, etc.) and fuels. The Contractor shall keep all equipment clean (e.g., chemical sprayers) and properly dispose of waste. Further, the Contractor shall immediately notify the District of any chemical or fuel spills. The Contractor shall be responsible for any environmental cleanup, replacement of any turf or plants harmed from chemical burns, and correcting any other harm resulting from the Work to be performed by Contractor.
- 13. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITE. By executing this Agreement, the Contractor agrees that the Contractor was able to inspect the site prior to the time of submission of the proposal, and that the site is consistent with local community standards and that there are no deficiencies. The Contractor agrees to be responsible for the care, health, maintenance, and replacement, if necessary, of the existing landscaping and irrigation system, in its current condition, and on an "as is" basis. No changes to the compensation set forth in this Agreement shall be made based on any claim that the existing landscaping and/or site conditions were not in good condition.
- 14. TAX-EXEMPT DIRECT PURCHASES. The parties agree that the District, in its discretion, may elect to undertake a direct purchase of any or all materials used for the landscaping services, including but not limited to the direct purchase of fertilizer. In such event, the following conditions shall apply:
  - **a.** The District may elect to purchase any or all materials directly from a supplier identified by Contractor.
  - **b.** Contractor shall furnish detailed Purchase Order Requisition Forms ("**Requisitions**") for all materials to be directly purchased by the District.
  - **c.** Upon receipt of a Requisition, the District shall review the Requisition and, if approved, issue its own purchase order directly to the supplier, with delivery to be made to the District on an F.O.B. job site basis.
  - **d.** The purchase order issued by the District shall include the District's consumer certificate of exemption number issued for Florida sales and use tax purposes.
  - e. Contractor will have contractual obligations to inspect, accept delivery of, and store the materials pending use of the materials as part of the landscaping services. The Contractor's possession of the materials will constitute a bailment. The Contractor, as bailee, will have the duty to safeguard, store and protect the materials while in its possession until returned to the District through use of the materials.

- **f.** After verifying that delivery is in accordance with the purchase order, Contractor will submit a list indicating acceptance of goods from suppliers and concurrence with the District's issuance of payment to the supplier. District will process the invoices and issue payment directly to the supplier.
- **g.** The District may purchase and maintain insurance sufficient to cover materials purchased directly by the District.
- **h.** All payments for direct purchase materials made by the District, together with any state or local tax savings, shall be deducted from the compensation provided for in this Agreement.
- 15. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION. The Contractor shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State and Federal laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, permits, licenses, or other requirements or approvals. Further, the Contractor shall notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or an alleged violation, made by any local, State, or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any act or omission of the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, employees, or material men, or appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services. Additionally, the Contractor shall promptly comply with any requirement of such governmental entity after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation.
- 16. **DEFAULT AND PROTECTION AGAINST THIRD-PARTY INTERFERENCE.** A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity for breach of this Agreement, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief, and/or specific performance. The District shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair the District's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Agreement.
- 17. CUSTOM AND USAGE. It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that the District shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of the District in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of the District at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.
- 18. SUCCESSORS; ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the parties to this Agreement, except as expressly limited in this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any purported assignment of this Agreement without such prior written approval shall be void.
- 19. TERMINATION. The District agrees that the Contractor may terminate this Agreement with cause by providing ninety (90) days' written notice of termination to the District; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and regardless of whether any of the procedural steps set forth in Section 4 of this Agreement are taken, the District may terminate

this Agreement immediately with cause by providing written notice of termination to the Contractor. The District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Any termination by the District shall not result in liability to the District for consequential damages, lost profits, or any other damages or liability. However, upon any termination of this Agreement by the District, and as Contractor's sole remedy, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all Work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against the Contractor.

- **20. E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS.** Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and shall comply with all requirements of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, as to the use of subcontractors. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(5)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.
- 21. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor employees of the Contractor, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Contractor agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Contractor, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Contractor shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.
- 22. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 23. AGREEMENT; AMENDMENTS. This instrument, together with its attachments which are hereby incorporated herein, shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the District and Contractor relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. To the extent of any inconsistency between this document and the exhibits attached hereto, this Agreement shall control. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the District and the Contractor.
- **24. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT.** In the event that either the District or the Contractor is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and costs for trial, mediation, or appellate proceedings. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any legal actions regarding this Agreement shall be Polk County, Florida.
- **25. AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and the Contractor, both the District and the Contractor have complied with all the requirements of law, and both the District and the Contractor have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

**26. NOTICES.** Any notice, demand, request or communication required or permitted hereunder ("**Notice**") shall be in writing and sent by hand delivery, United States certified mail, or by recognized overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

**A. If to the District:** Crosswinds East CDD

c/o Governmental Management Services – CF, LLC

219 East Livingston Street Orlando, Florida 32801 Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

517 East College Avenue Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Attn: Crosswinds East CDD, District Counsel

| B. | If to Contractor: | [Contractor] |
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Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for the Contractor may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Contractor. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

- 27. THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and the Contractor and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the District and the Contractor any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the District and the Contractor and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.
- **28. PUBLIC RECORDS.** The Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is **Jill Burns** ("**Public Records Custodian**"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; 3) ensure that public records which 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 the contract term if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Contractor, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

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 (407) 841-5524, OR BY EMAIL AT JBURNS@GMSCFL.COM, OR BY REGULAR MAIL AT 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801.

- **29. SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.
- **30. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Contractor as an arm's length transaction. The District and the Contractor participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.
- 31. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument.
- **32. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING REQUIREMENTS.** Contractor certifies, by acceptance of this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals utilize coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with Section 787.06(13), *Florida Statutes*, and acknowledges that if Contractor refuses to sign said affidavit, the District may terminate this Agreement immediately.
- **33. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**. Contractor represents that in entering into this Agreement, Contractor has not been placed on the convicted vendor list as described in Section 287.133(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, within the last thirty-six (36) months and, if Contractor is placed on the convicted vendor list, Contractor shall immediately notify the District whereupon this Agreement may be terminated by the District.
- **34. FOREIGN INFLUENCE.** Contractor understands that under Section 286.101, *Florida Statutes*, that Contractor must disclose any current or prior interest, any contract with, or any grant or gift from a foreign country of concern as that term is defined within the above referenced statute.

35. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES STATEMENT. In accordance with Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, Contractor represents that in entering into this Agreement, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, Florida Statutes, and in the event such status changes, Contractor shall immediately notify the District. If Contractor is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement as set forth below.

| CROSSWINDS EAST<br>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT<br>DISTRICT |            |  |  |  |
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| By: _  |            |  |  |  |
| •  | VTRACTOR], |  |  |  |
| <br>By: _  |            |  |  |  |

**Exhibit A:** Scope of Services

**Exhibit B:** Proposal Pricing (Part IV of Proposal Form)

Exhibit C: Other Forms
Exhibit D: Maintenance Map

# EXHIBIT A Scope of Services

## **Crosswinds East Community Development District**

#### LANDSCAPE SCOPE OF WORK

The work for the landscape maintenance is to include the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, accessories, and services necessary or incidental to meet the requirements outlined in this scope below. The intention is to sustain all turf and plant materials in a healthy, vigorous growing condition, free from weeds, diseases, insects, and nutritional deficiencies as well as a completely operational irrigation system. All associated planted areas are to be kept in a continuous healthy, neat, clean and debris free condition for the entire life of the contract. The below scope is divided into "elements" to define the elements involved and required in the maintenance of the property.

# General Services- Component "A"

#### **Turf Maintenance**

Turf maintenance is defined as all mowing, edging, trimming and cleanup of lawn areas. High traffic and high-profile areas such as the entrances and Amenity/clubhouse areas will be completely mowed, edged, trimmed and cleaned up prior to normal business hours of operation. In the event it becomes necessary to make a change in the mowing schedule for any reason, the CDD Management must be notified prior to adjustment of schedule. Mowing during inclement weather will not alleviate the contractor of responsibility for damage caused by the mowing of wet areas.

#### Mowing

Prior to mowing, remove and dispose of normal litter and debris from all landscape areas. Contractor will not run over litter with mowers.

Irrigated common area turf of all turf types (St Augustine, Zoysia, Bermuda, Irrigated Bahia) shall be mowed weekly during the growing season from April 1st through September 30th and bi-weekly during the winter season. It is understood that the contractor may be required to periodically add or delete mowing cycles based on weather or other factors with the consent of the CDD Management. Contractor should anticipate 42 mows annually for all common areas. Unirrigated bahia and pond areas and banks will be mowed 32 times annually as needed.

St. Augustine, zoysia and Bahia turf shall be cut with rotary mowers to maintain a uniform height. Bahia will be cut between 3.5" and 4.5". St Augustine will be cut between 4.5" and 5.5". Mowing heights will be set at 2"–3" for Zoysia turf. Bermuda turf shall be cut at a height of no more than 2.5". Mowing blades shall be kept sufficiently sharp and properly adjusted to provide a cleanly cut grass blade. Variation in the mowing pattern shall be carried out when possible so as to not rut or cause paths.

Mowing of all ponds or wetland buffer areas shall be done with a 50" mower or larger **discharging clippings away from the water**. Any pond edges that cannot be reached with the full size mower will be string trimmed every other mow cycle at minimum. Additional pond edge string trimming can be requested as needed to maintain an intended look as per the discretion of CDD management.

Visible clippings that may be left following mowing operations shall be removed from the site each visit. Discharging grass clippings into beds, tree rings or maintenance strips is prohibited and if it occurs they shall be removed prior to the end of each service day. Contractor will take special care to prevent

damage to plant material as a result of the mowing. Contractor is responsible for damages they cause while mowing.

#### **Edging**

Sidewalks, curbs, and concrete slabs, and other paved surfaces will be edged in conjunction with mowing operations each time. Beds, tree rings, and other landscape edges will be edged once during each detail rotation, every three weeks. Edging is defined as removal of unwanted turf and vegetation along the above borders by use of a mechanical edger. String trimmers are not to be used for edging and a proper edger will be used. Care will be taken to maintain bed edges as designed in either straight or curvilinear lines.

#### **String Trimming**

String Trimming shall be performed around road signs, guard posts, trees, shrubs, utility poles, and other obstacles where mowers cannot reach. Grass shall be trimmed to the same desired height as determined by the turf height specifications. String trimming shall be completed with each mowing cycle.

Maintaining grass-free areas by use of chemicals may be the preferred method in certain applications. Such use will only be done with prior approval of the CDD management.

Turf around the edge of all waterways shall be moved or string trimmed to the natural water's edge during every other moving cycle at minimum.

For the protection of private property, landscapers will not perform string trimming in a manner that results in direct contact with private fences. A buffer zone of approximately 4 to 6 inches will be maintained along all private fencing. The maintenance of any grass or vegetation within this buffer area will be the responsibility of the respective property owner.

#### **Blowing**

When using mechanical blowers to clean curbs, sidewalks and other paved surfaces, care must be taken to prevent blowing grass clippings into beds, onto vehicles or onto other hardscape surfaces. In addition, care also must be taken to not disrupt mulch from beds and any mulch blown out of beds must be placed back and raked smooth.

#### **Damage Prevention/Repair**

Special care shall be taken to protect building foundations, fencing, light poles, sign posts, monuments and other hardscape elements from mowing, edging or string trimming equipment damage. Contractor will agree to have repairs made by specialized contractors or reimburse the CDD or homeowners within 30 days for any damage to property caused by their crew members or equipment.

#### **Pond Disking**

Mechanically disk dry pond bottoms to improve aesthetics and control invasive vegetation while preserving the percolation of the pond bottoms. Work will be performed using a tractor-mounted disk. Disking will be done in multiple passes to achieve thorough soil disturbance. Care will be taken to avoid sensitive areas. Ponds will be disked 6 times per year. The schedule is typically every other month but can adjusted based on need after discussions with CDD management.

### Detailing

Detailing of planted areas will be performed weekly in a sectional method, each section representing one-third of the entire property. Based on three sections, the contractor will completely detail the entire property once every three weeks at least. The exception will be the entrances, clubhouse areas and any other high profile or focal areas which should be tended to each week the crew is onsite. The detailing process will include trimming, pruning and shaping of all shrubbery, ornamental trees and groundcover, removal of tree suckers, structural pruning or cutbacks of select varieties of plant material and ornamental grasses as directed, as well as the defining of bed lines, tree saucers and the removal of all unwanted vegetation. A detail crew will be onsite at least one day per week 52 times per year to accomplish the full amount of detail rotations. The size and duration the detail crew is onsite should depend on the extent needed to accomplish the rotation.

#### **Pruning**

Prune trees, shrubs and groundcovers to encourage healthy growth and create a natural appearance. Prune to control the new plant growth, maintain the desired plant shape and remove dead, damaged, or diseased portions of the plant.

Use only hand pruners or loppers on trees and shrubs, particularly groundcover Juniper varieties. Hand shears or Topiary shears will be the preferred method of trimming most formal shrubs. Only use power shears on formal hedges where previous practice was to shear, or as directed by the CDD management.

Pruning of trees up to a height of 12 feet and palms up to 15' is included in the scope of the work. If pruning is required above the height of 12 feet for non palms, contractor shall propose an extra service to the CDD representative and acquire approval prior to performing the work. Palm pruning of palms over 15' is defined in **Component E.3.** 

The branching height of trees shall be raised only for the following reasons:

- 1. Provide clearance for pedestrians, vehicles, mowers and buildings. Minimum 8ft of clearance is required along all walkways and parking areas.
- 2. Maintain clearance from shrubs in bed areas.
- 3. Improve visibility in parking lots and around entries. Extra care should be taken when considering sight lines on the road and the vendor should report any identified visibility concerns to CDD management.
- 4. Prune trees to remove weak branching patterns and provide corrective pruning for proper development. Cut back to the branch collar without leaving stubs. Provide clean and flush cut with no tearing of the tree bark.
- 5. Prune to contain perimeter growth within intended bed areas. Established groundcover shall be maintained 4" to 6" away from adjacent hardscape and turf. Bevel or roll leading edges to avoid creating a harsh boxed look. Mature groundcover shall be maintained at a consistent, level height to provide a smooth and even appearance and separation from adjacent plant material.

Structural pruning will be required for several varieties of plants bi-annually, annually or semi- annually to maintain their scale and performance within the landscape. The methodology employed is to structurally prune one plant group throughout the entire property during the sectional detail rotation. All needed structural pruning will be done once per year at minimum. All Ornamental Grasses are to be haystack cut one time per year.

Crepe Myrtles are to be trimmed once per year in the winter months. Trimming should include removal of old blooms, sucker growth and any cross branching. Trimming should be done in such a way that cuts are no less than 12" away from previous year's cuts.

Pruning of all palms less than 15' in height will be included in the sectional rotation. Pruning consists of removal of all dead fronds, seedpods, and any loose boots.

#### **Weed Control**

Bed areas are to be left in a weed free condition after each detail service. While pre and post- emergent chemicals are acceptable means of control, weeds in bed areas larger than 3" shall be pulled by hand or string trimmed.

Hardscape cracks and expansion joints are to be sprayed in conjunction with the detail cycle to control weeds. Chemical practices shall not be a substitute for hand weeding where the latter is required.

For the protection of private property, landscapers will not perform chemical edging in a manner that results in direct contact with private fences or along private fences. A buffer zone of approximately 4 to 6 inches will be maintained along all private fencing. The maintenance of any grass or vegetation within this buffer area will be the responsibility of the respective property owner.

#### **Trash Removal**

Removing trash from all landscape areas will be the responsibility of the contractor. The contractor will remove trash from all focal areas, including medians, around amenity areas, and monuments every visit. Other trash will be removed during normal detail rotations.

#### **Policing**

Contractor will police the grounds during each service visit to remove trash, debris and fallen tree litter as needed prior to mowing and edging. Contractor is not responsible for removal of excessive storm debris which would be performed with prior approval with a supplemental proposal.

As needed, the contractor will dedicate supplemental personnel and specialized equipment to the removal of seasonal leaf drop from all landscape and hardscape areas during the months of November through April.

All litter shall be removed from the property and disposed of off-site.

#### Communication

Daily, the contractor will communicate with the CDD representative for any landscape issues requiring immediate attention.

Communication is of the utmost importance. The contractor will provide a weekly written report in a form approved by the CDD representative which highlights the main aspects of the previous week's maintenance activities. This can just be a checklist sent via email on Fridays or Mondays.

When requested by CDD management, the contractor will provide a Monthly Service Calendar for the

upcoming period. A copy of the preceding month's Irrigation Maintenance report and Lawn and Ornamental Fertilization report will be provided monthly. A copy of these documents should be submitted to the CDD representative by the 5th of each month electronically, or in person. This is only necessary should management request, likely due to performance concerns, however the vendor should always have them should management request.

Contractor agrees to take part in regular weekly, bi-weekly or monthly inspections, as decided by CDD management, of the property to ensure their performance is satisfactory. *Contractor also agrees to complete any work that appears on punch lists resulting from inspections or reviews within three weeks of receiving them.* Contractor will have their Account Manager participate on its behalf and have their Lawn and Ornamental and Irrigation Managers or Technicians available for inspection meetings as needed or requested by CDD management.

### Staffing

The Contractor shall have a well-experienced Foreman/Supervisor supervising all work onsite. This person should have knowledge of horticultural practices and be capable of properly supervising others. The Foreman/Supervisor should communicate regularly, daily when needed, with CDD management. Further, In order to maintain continuity, the same Foreman/Supervisor shall direct the scheduled maintenance operations throughout the year. Any anticipated changes in supervisory personnel shall be brought to the attention of the CDD representative prior to any such change. The intent is for maintenance personnel to familiarize themselves with the site.

The crew members should be properly trained to carry out their assigned task and should work in a safe professional manner. Each crew member should be in full uniform at all times.

Contractor is expected to staff the property with trained personnel experienced in commercial landscape maintenance. All personnel applying fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides must be certified by the state of FL. These individuals should be Best Management Practices Certified and hold a Limited Certification for Urban Landscape Commercial Fertilizer or a Certified Pest Control Operator or an employee with an ID card working under the supervision of a CPCO.

Contractor agrees to screen all crew members for criminal background. Also, contractor agrees to follow all INS guidelines for hiring and to maintain an I-9 and other required documents on each employee.

Holidays observed that do not require staffing include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, and any other day agreed to by CDD Management. Normal working hours are from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. No power equipment will be operated near homes before 9:00 AM. Efforts will be made such that ALL work performed around the Amenity Areas and pool area is to be completed prior to busy attendance hours. Saturdays will be made available for makeup work due to inclement weather from 8:00 AM until 5 PM.

# Component "B" – Turf Care Program - Fertilization and Pest Control

### **Chemical Application Maintenance Information**

All hardscape surfaces are to be blown off immediately following a fertilizer application to prevent staining.

The irrigation system will be fully operational prior to any fertilizer application.

Soils shall be tested at a reliable testing facility once per year to monitor for pH, Nematodes, and other relevant factors based on turf types. Soil samples should include all Root Rot and chemical make-up. The results will be provided to management along with the contractor's recommendation as to any changes in the turf care program based on these results.

### St Augustine

Application Schedule - Minimum schedule, if more is needed it is up to the contractor to recommend.

Monthly Application schedule - St. Augustine

- January: Winter fertilization, broadleaf weed control and disease control
- March: Spring granular fertilization, broadleaf weed control, insect, and disease control
- May: Late spring heavy, 100% slow-release Nitrogen fertilization with Arena and weed Control
- October: Heavy fall granular fertilization and broadleaf weed/disease control

#### **Application Requirements: ST AUGUSTINE**

Contractor will submit a schedule of materials to be used under this program along with application rates. The annual program will include a maximum of 4 lbs. of N/1000 square feet with a minimum of 50% slow release and a high Potassium blend in the fall fertilization to promote root development unless soil samples indicate the presence of sufficient Potassium. The winter liquid fertilization should contain a maximum of .5lbs of N/1000 square feet.

#### Bahia – Where Applicable (Irrigated areas only)

**Application Schedule - Minimum schedule, if more is needed it is up to the contractor to recommend.** 

Monthly Application Schedule - Bahia

- March: Complete liquid fertilizer and broadleaf weed control to include blanket pre-emergent herbicide application.
- June: Chelated Iron application and Mole Cricket control.
- October: Complete liquid fertilizer and broadleaf weed control to include blanket pre-emergent.

#### **Application Requirements: BAHIA**

Contractor will submit a schedule of materials to be used under this program along with application rates. Annual program will include a minimum of 2 lbs. of N/1000 square feet with a minimum of 30% slow release and a high Potassium blend in the late summer fertilization to promote root development unless soil samples indicate the presence of sufficient potassium.

#### Bermuda - Sports Field

**Application Schedule** – Minimum schedule, if more is needed it is up to the contractor to recommend.

- January:Liquid or granular Fertilization Disease & Insect Control
- February: Liquid or granular Fertilization
- March: Core Aeration
- April: Liquid or granular Fertilization Sedge & Broadleaf Weed Control/Disease & Insect Control
- June: Disease & Insect Control as needed.
- July: Liquid or granular Fertilization
- August: Sedge & Broadleaf Weed Control/Disease & Insect Control
- September: Liquid or granular Fertilization

- October: Disease & Insect Control
- December: Liquid or granular Fertilization

#### Bermuda - Standard

**Application Schedule** – Minimum schedule, if more is needed it is up to the contractor to recommend.

- January: Liquid or granular Fertilization Disease & Insect Control
- March: Spring Granular fertilization with broadleaf weed control, insect and disease control
- May: Slow release with Weed Control
- July: Slow Release (Nitrogen) with insect and weed control
- October: Liquid or Granular and Disease & Insect Control

#### **Application Requirements: BERMUDA**

All fertilizers utilized under this program are to be custom blended with a balanced nutrient package. A complete minor and trace element package will be included with each application to ensure that all the requirements of grasses are met. If soil samples indicate a high pH, all fertilizers utilized will be Sulphur coated products.

### Zoysia

Application Schedule - Minimum schedule, if more is needed it is up to the contractor to recommend.

Monthly Application Schedule - Zoysia

- January: IPM spot treatment for weeds as necessary and inspect/treat fungal activity. February: Pre-emergent herbicide/spot treatment for weeds and fungal activity.
- March: Fertilization. Spot treat weeds and treat fungal and insect activity as necessary.
- April: Liquid Fertilization with .5lb N, with Iron, post emergent weed control, insect/disease control as necessary.
- May: Fertilization
- June: Insect/weed/disease control as necessary.
- July: Insect/weed/disease control as necessary.
- August: spot treat weeds as necessary, inspect/treat fungal activity.
- September: Liquid Fertilization with emergent weed control, insect/disease control as necessary. October: Fertilization Weed/insect/disease control as necessary.
- November: Blanket Pre-emergent herbicide, w/Liquid Iron. Spot treat weeds and inspect/treat fungal activity.
- December: Blanket potash weeds as necessary, inspect/treat fungal activity.

#### **Application Requirements: ZOYSIA**

All fertilizers utilized under this program are to be custom blended with a balanced nutrient package. A complete minor and trace element package will be included with each application to ensure that all the requirements of grasses are met. If soil samples indicate a high pH, all fertilizers utilized will be Sulphur coated products.

#### General

#### Insect/Disease Control - ALL TURF

The reduction of irrigation water during the winter season will dramatically reduce the potential for

fungus/disease problems. Contractor will be responsible for managing settings of irrigation timers and should always have the irrigation times adjusted and set appropriately based on turf type and season.

Supplemental insecticide applications will be provided by the contractor when the contractor identifies a need for supplemental programs in order to control pests.

Contractor will provide recommendations for TopChoice applications when needed. They will also keep ant bait treatment on mowers or detail vehicles for spot treatment. Ants should be treated near any walking or amenity areas or common use areas such as parks.

### **Weed Control - ALL TURF**

Weed control will be limited to the broadleaf variety and sedge type grasses under this program.

Contractor shall alert management of outbreaks of Crabgrass, wild Bermuda, Alexander and Dove grasses. Failure to do so will make the contractor liable for resulting turf loss. Supplemental insecticide applications will be provided in addition to the normal preventive program as needed to provide control.

### **Warranty - ALL TURF**

If the grass covered under this turf care program dies due to insect infestation, disease or improper fertilizer application, the affected grass will be replaced at no charge. The contractor will not be held responsible for turf loss due to conditions beyond their control. This includes nematodes, diseases such as Take-All Root Rot and weeds such as Crabgrass which are untreatable with currently available chemicals, high traffic areas, drainage problems, or acts of God. In the event these conditions exist, the contractor is responsible to employ whatever cultural practices can be reasonably performed to extend the life of the affected material.

### Component "C" – Tree/Shrub Care Program

Application Schedule – Trees and Shrubs

Monthly Application Schedule -

- March/April: Insect/disease control/fertilization. May/June: Insect/disease control as needed.
- July/August: Minor nutrient blend with insect/disease control.
- October: Disease control as needed December. Insect/disease control/fertilization as needed.

### **Application Requirements: Fertilization**

Contractor will submit a schedule of materials to be used under this program along with application rates. Fertilizers selected must be appropriate for the plant material to be fertilized such as an acid forming fertilizer for Azaleas which require a lower soil pH.

Contractor will submit a schedule of materials to be used under this program along with application rates. Annual program will include a minimum of 50% slow-release Nitrogen and a high Potassium blend in the fall fertilization to promote root development unless soil sample results indicate the presence of sufficient Potassium.

All fertilizers utilized under this program are to be custom blended with a balanced nutrient package. A complete minor and trace element package will be included with each application to ensure that all the requirements of plant material are met. If soil samples indicate a high pH, all fertilizers utilized will be Sulphur coated products.

This program covers all fertility requirements on all existing shrubs and palms, as well as all newly installed shrubs, trees, and palms up to 35'. All native trees or transplanted trees over 35' in overall height will require special consideration and are therefore excluded from this program.

There will be a deep root feeding on an as needed basis to establish newly planted trees. Fertilizer will be distributed evenly under the drip zone of each plant. Special care will be taken not to "clump" fertilizer neither at the base nor in the crown of plants.

The irrigation system will be fully operational prior to any fertilizer application.

Soil testing will be carried out when needed at contractors' recommendation. Any changes to the fertilization schedule, products used, or techniques will be discussed with CDD management and agreed to by CDD management.

### **Insect/Disease Control**

Insect and disease control is intended to mean a thorough inspection of all plantings for the presence of insect or disease activity and the appropriate treatment applied. All insect and disease infestations require follow-up applications for control and are included in this program.

Contractor is responsible for the continuous monitoring for the presence of damaging insects or disease. Any problems noted between regularly scheduled visits will be treated as a service call and responded to within 48 hours. Service calls due to active infestations are included in this program.

This program covers all disease and insect activity on all existing shrubs and palms, as well as all newly installed shrubs, trees, and palms up to 35'. All native trees or transplanted trees over 35' in overall height will require special consideration and are therefore excluded from this program.

Contractor will be required to apply all pesticides in accordance with labeled directions including the use of any Personal Protective Equipment.

### **Specialty Palms**

Considering the investment in Specialty Palms such as Phoenix varieties (i.e. Dactylifera, Sylvester, Senegal Date etc.), contractor will include in their proposed Tree/Shrub program, a comprehensive quarterly fertilization and root/bud Drench and or OTC Injections for potential disease and infestation. Only those treatments relevant to the variety of palm should be included.

When applicable, the contractor will monitor site tubes that have been installed to monitor ground water build up around the root ball of specimen palms to de-water them as necessary.

### Warranty

If a plant or tree dies from insect or disease damage while under this Tree/Shrub Care Program, it will be replaced with one that is reasonably available by the contractor if it is reasonably decided to be from

negligence by the contractor determined by CDD management. Exclusions to this warranty would be Acts of God, along with pre- existing conditions, i.e. soil contamination or poor drainage, nematodes, borers, locusts and insects such as Asian Cycad Scale. Also excluded are diseases such as Verticillium and Fusarium Wilt, TPDD, Lethal Bronzing, Entomosporium Leaf Spot Fungus and Downey Mildew that are untreatable with currently available chemicals. In the event these conditions exist, the contractor is responsible to promptly report any detection to the CDD representative.

### Component "D" - Irrigation Maintenance

### Frequency of Service

Contractor will perform the following itemized services under "Specifications" on a monthly basis completing 25% of the inspection each week. The irrigation inspection should be performed during the same week(s) each month. Repairs under \$500 should be carried out each month with just verbal confirmation. Anything over \$500 requires written approval.

### **Specifications**

- Activate each zone of the system.
- Visually check for any damaged heads or heads needing repair.
- Visually check all landscape areas irrigated with Netafim drip lines to ensure proper water flow and pressure.
- Clean filters located at each zone valve monthly if applicable. Clean, straighten or adjust any heads not functioning properly.
- Straighten, re-attach to bracing and touch up paint on riser heads as needed. Report any valve or valve box that may be damaged in any way.
- Leave areas in which repairs or adjustments are made free of debris.
- Adjust controllers to the watering needs as dictated by weather conditions, seasonal requirements, and water management district restrictions including adjusting of rain sensors.
- Contractor will provide a written report of the findings by zone.
- Repairs that become necessary and that are over and above the routine monthly inspections
  will be done on a time and material basis. Hourly irrigation repair rates will be defined in the
  overall landscape maintenance contract.
- Request for authorization must be submitted to the CDD representative for approval. A
  description of the problem, its location and estimated cost should be included. All repairs must
  be approved by the CDD representative prior to initiating any work. It is up to CDD
  management's discretion to allow the contractor to proceed with repairs at an agreed threshold
  without prior approval.

### **Service Calls**

Service Calls required between scheduled visits will be billed on a time and material basis at the rates extra pricing rates.

When not an emergency, request for authorization must be submitted in written form to the CDD representative for approval. A description of the problem, its location and estimated cost should be included. All repairs must be approved by the CDD representative prior to initiating any work.

Contractor will pay special attention during irrigation (IMC) maintenance inspections to ensure that

sprinkler heads are positioned so that water does not spray directly onto buildings, windows, or parking areas.

Contractor will be held responsible for any accident that arises from the over spray of water on hard surfaces if it is determined that the contractor was negligent in performing monthly irrigation maintenance.

Damage resulting from contractor's crews working on the property (i.e., mower and edger cuts) will be repaired at no charge to the CDD within 24 hours of being detected.

Contractor shall not be held responsible for any system failure caused by lightning, construction work, pre-existing conditions, freeze or other acts of God.

Contractor shall not be held responsible for damage to the landscape caused by mandatory water restrictions placed on the property by the governing water management district.

Contractor will visually inspect the irrigation system weekly while performing routine maintenance. Contractor will provide a 24 hour "Emergency" number for irrigation repairs. Contractor shall take all required readings from meters or at pump stations as required and work with the CDD representative to file all quarterly and/or semi-annual reports to the Water Management District.

### Component "E" - Additional Services

To be priced separately but as part of the landscape contract. These services are subject to bids at management's discretion at any point.

Note: Additional services work is to be considered as a supplement of the overall Landscape Maintenance contract. All Special Services work is to be performed by supplemental crews. CDD management can bid out these services at their discretion and work is to be completed according to this scope, or as CDD Management agrees. In addition, contractors should and are expected to recommend when they believe these services should be carried out in their bid documents. Additionally, all "Additional Services" will be billed in the month they are performed as a separate line item on that month's invoice. Additional services costs will not be spread out across the full annual contract.

### E. 1 - Bedding Plants – Annuals (If Applicable)

The nature and purpose of "Flower Beds" is to draw attention to the display. The highest level of attention should be placed on their on-going care.

### Schedule

The most appropriate seasonal annuals will be used. A standard yearly rotation includes but is not limited to: All flower beds on the property will be changed out four (4) times per year during the months of January, April, July, and October. Changes to the amounts of annuals, rotations timing, or date of installation can be made at CDD management discretion.

Contractor recognizes that flower beds are intended to highlight and beautify high profile areas and should be selected for color, profusion, and display.

All newly planted beds will have a minimum of 50% of the plants in bloom at the time of installation and they shall be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  individual pots.

Contractor will obtain prior approval of plant selection from the CDD representative 2 weeks before installation.

### Installation

Plants are to be installed utilizing a triangular spacing of 9" O.C. between plants.

Annually, prior to the Spring change out, existing soil will be removed to a depth of 6" in all annual beds and replaced with a clean growing medium composed of 60% peat and 40% fine aged Pine Bark.

All beds will be cleaned, and hand or machine cultivated to a depth of 6" prior to the installation of new plants.

Create a 2" trench where the edge of the bed is adjacent to turf or hardscape.

A granular time-release fertilizer and a granular systemic fungicide will be incorporated into the bedding soil at the time of installation.

All beds should be covered with 1" layer of Pine bark Fines after planting.

Follow-up applications of fertilizer, fungicide and insecticide are provided as needed.

Annuals that require replacement due to over-irrigation or under-irrigation will be replaced immediately by contractor without charge to the CDD.

### Maintenance

Flower beds unique to the property will be reviewed daily or at each service visit for the following:

Removal of all litter and debris.

Beds are to remain weed – free at all times.

All declining blooms are to be removed immediately.

Inspect for the presence of insect or disease activity and treat immediately.

Seed heads are to be removed from plants as soon as they appear. "Pinching" of certain varieties weekly is to be a part of the on-going maintenance as well. Frequent "pinching" will result in healthier, more compact plants.

Prolific bloomers such as Salvia require that 10% to 20% of healthy blooms are to be removed weekly. Pre-emergent herbicides are not to be used in annual beds.

Contractor guarantees the survivability and performance of all annual plantings for a period of 90 days. Any plant that fails to perform during this period will be immediately replaced at the contractor's expense.

### Warranty

Any bedding plant that dies due to insect damage or disease will be replaced under warranty.

Exclusions to this warranty would be freeze, theft, or vandalism.

### E.2 - Bed Dressing

Application of designated mulching to community bed spaces.

### **Schedule**

Mulching will be carried out at least once per year. However in many cases the mulch application will be divided into one heavy application in Spring and one lighter application in the fall. The most desirable months are May and Early November. Mulch will be priced "per yard". Application will be completed within a two-week time period.

### Installation

Prior to application, areas will be prepared by removing all foreign debris and establishing a defined, uniform edge to all bed and tree rings as well as a 1" to 2" deep trench along all hardscape surfaces to include equipment pads, in order to hold the mulch in place. Bed dressing should be installed in weed free beds that have been properly edged and prepared.

Bed Dressing should be installed to maintain a 2" thickness in all bed areas, including tree rings in lawn areas and maintenance strips unless otherwise directed by the CDD representative. Some areas will require more mulch than others. Focal areas are to be prioritized. If at any point the application does not allow enough yards to maintain 2-inch depth across beds, then an additional proposal will be created by the contractor for the additional needed yards.

### E.3 - Palm Trimming Schedule

Specimen Date Palms such as Phoenix varieties (i.e. Dactylifera, Sylvester, Senegal Date,etc.) in excess of 15' will be trimmed at least once per year in May. All vegetation will be removed from their trunk. Any palm nuts and loose or excessive boots will be removed and/or cross cut during this process. Contractor will monitor for disease and recommend treatment if necessary. Full debooting is a separate billable job but removing those loose and hanging should be included.

All palms less than 15' will be trimmed as needed by the detail crew during the regular detail rotation as outlined in General Services.

All palms in excess 15' will be trimmed at least once per year in the month of May. Any additional trimmings can be added at the discretion of the board or management and will be done at the same cost and rate as the proposed May trimming. Therefore, the fee summary must include the cost per palm for trimming.

Trimming shall include removal of all dead fronds, loose boots and seed stalks.

Trim palms so that the lowest remaining fronds are left at a ten and two o'clock profile or nine and three o'clock at the discretion of management. "Hurricane" cuts are only to be done at the direction of the CDD representative.

When trimming, cut the frond close to the trunk without leaving "stubs".

It is imperative that the contractor use clean and sanitized tools, sanitizing their tools thoroughly from

tree to tree.

### EXHIBIT B Proposal Pricing

### Crosswinds East Community Development District Landscape Fee Summary

| Contractor:   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                | Property: Crosswinds East CDD |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| Address:  |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        | Address:                               | 219 E Livingst<br>Orlando, FL 32 |                      |        |
| Fax:  |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| Contact:  |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  | -                                | , Marshall Tinda     |        |
| Email:  |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        | Email                                  | : Csmith@gmscfl.co               | om, mtindall@gmscfl. | com    |
| YEAR 1 Pricing Break Down                                     | JAN    | FEB    | MAR    | APRIL  | MAY                | JUN           | JUL            | AUG                           | SEP    | ост                                    | NOV                              | DEC                  | TOTAL  |
| Turf Maintenance and Detailing                                |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| (Component A) -   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      | \$0.00 |
| Turf Maintenance/Detailing/Communication/Staffing             |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| TURF CARE   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| (Component B)   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      | \$0.00 |
| Bahia/St Augustine/Zoysia                                     |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| TREE/SHRUB CARE Includes OTC if Applicable                    |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| (Component C)   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      | \$0.00 |
| Tree/Shrub Fert/OTC/Drenching                                 |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| IRRIGATION MAINT.   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| (Component D)   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      | \$0.00 |
| Irrigation Inspections  |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| ANNUAL CHANGES - None at this time - Provide per annual price |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| (Component E.1)   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      | \$0.00 |
| Per Annual Pricing:   | 1000*  |        |        | 1000*  |                    |               | 1000*          |                               |        | 1000*                                  |                                  |                      |        |
| BED DRESSING - Estimate mulch yds - Cocoa Brown Mulch         |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| (Component E.2)   |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      | \$0.00 |
| [Mulch Type] Per Yard Pricing:                                |        |        |        |  | 800                |               |                |                               |        |  | 200                              |                      |        |
| PALM TRIMMING 1x Per Year                                     |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| (Component E.3) Per Palm Price:                               |        |        |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      | \$0.00 |
| Palm counts: Review for estimate of # of palms over 15'       |        |        |        |  | TBD                |               |                |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
| TOTAL FEE PER MONTH:  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00   | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00         | \$0.00                        | \$0.00 | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00                           | \$0.00               | \$0    |
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| Fee Schedule with Extra Services                              | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00   | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00         | \$0.00                        | \$0.00 | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00                           | \$0.00               |        |
| Fee Schedule Essential Services Only                          | \$0    | \$0    | \$0    | \$0  | \$0                | \$0           | \$0            | \$0                           | \$0    | \$0                                    | \$0                              | \$0                  |        |
| Essential Services  |        |        | 1      | Addit  | onal Year P        | Pricina       |                |                               |        | 7                                      | OTC INJECT                       | ON Per Palm          |        |
| Mowing/Detailing/Irrigation/Fert and Pest                     | \$0.00 |        |        | Additional Year Pricing  YEAR 2 - Essential Services ONLY Annual Pricing -                                   |                    |               |                |                               |        | Price                                  |                                  |                      |        |
|   |        |        |        | TEAK E-1   | .sscrittar oci vic | CO ONL! AIIIG | ui i iiciiig - |                               |        |  | Estimated Quantity               | of Palms needing     |        |
| Extra Services  |        |        | 1      | YEAR 3 - Essential Services ONLY Annual Pricing  |                    |               |                |                               | 1      |  |                                  |                      |        |
| Annual Changes, Palm Pruning, Mulch                           | \$0    | .00    |        | 1.2.4.7 2555   |                    |               |                |                               |        | Pond Disking - 6 T<br>Dry ponds marked | Times Annually -                 |                      |        |
|   |        |        | -      | YEAR 4 - E   | ssential Service   | es ONLY Annu  | al Pricing -   |                               |        |  |                                  |                      |        |
|   | en.    | .00    |        |  |                    |               |                |                               |        | _                                      | Estimated Tota fulfill Essentia  | I Man Hours to       |        |
| TOTAL   |        |        | ]      | YELLOW AREAS 1st year Price - Areas highlighted in yellow and red - Current Development areas - Notes on Map |                    |               |                | Entire Year                   |        |  |                                  |                      |        |

### EXHIBIT C Other Forms

[See following pages]

### **DAILY WORK JOURNAL**

| DATE:                                |
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| DESCRIPTION OF WORK PERFORMED TODAY: |
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| ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION:          |
| (Please notify District Rep. if any) |
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## CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PEST MANAGEMENT REPORT

| DATE:   |
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| LOCATION:   |
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| ESTIMATED MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR TREATMENT:                           |
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| CERTIFIED PESTICIDE APPLICATOR'S NAME:                                |
| REPRESENTATIVE NAME:  |
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(THE INVOICE FOR THIS WORK MUST MATCH THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS SERVICE REQUEST)

## CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IRRIGATION REPAIR REQUEST FORM

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| PROBABLE CAUSE OF DAMAGE:                              |                            |
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| REPRESENTATIVE NAME:                                   |                            |
| REFRESENTATIVE NAME;                                   |                            |
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### EXHIBIT D Maintenance Map

## **CROSSWINDS EAST CDD**

CONDGON TOWNHOMES PH1&2, CROSSWINDS EAST PH 1 & 2C

### Legend

Amenity/Park [Landcaper]

Common Areas [Landscaper]

Drainage pond - Wet/Marshy [Aquatics]

Drainage pond - Dry - [Landscaper]

Drainage - Stone/Rock basin (NOT disced)

Wetland/Conservation Area/Wooded [NO landscaping]

Include upcoming wall area - [Landcaper]

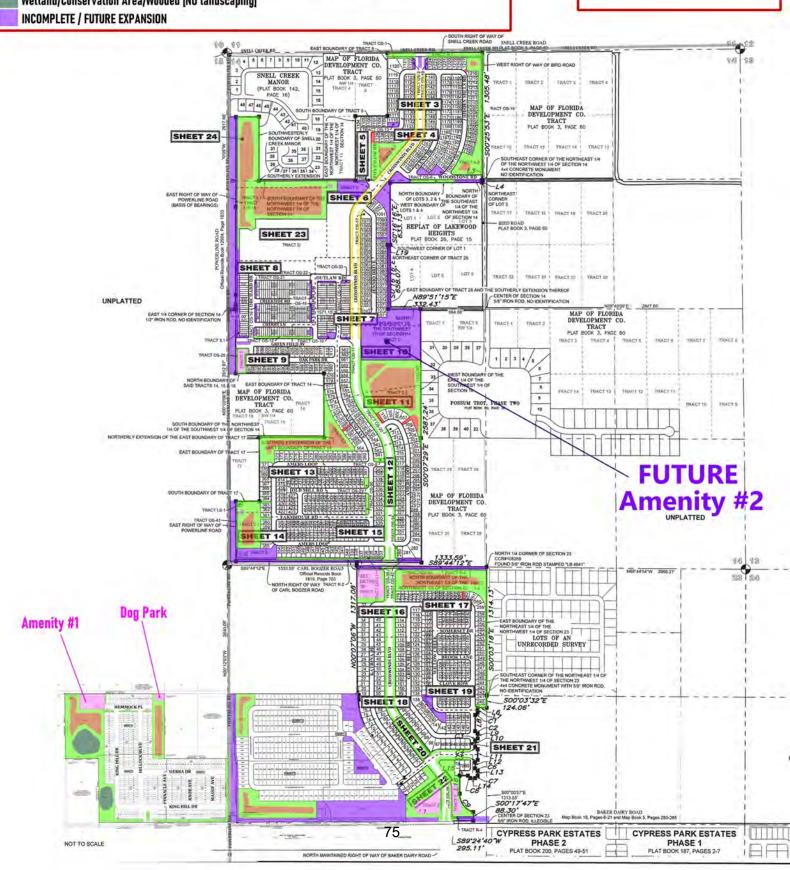
- Use the existing landscaping along Croswinds Blvd wall. Assume same for these areas.

Include upcoming common Areas [Landscaper]

- Plan as unirrigated Bahia.

### NOTE

For the purpose of landscaping: Areas marked in light green, pink, gray, yellow, red, and brown are to be included. Dry pond bottoms are to be disced.



# SECTION V



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August 7, 2025

Board of Supervisors Crosswinds East Community Development District 219 East Livingston Street Orlando, FL 32801

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Crosswinds East Community Development District, Polk County, Florida ("the District") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Crosswinds East Community Development District as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. In addition, we will examine the District's compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415 Florida Statutes. This letter serves to renew our agreement and establish the terms and fee for the 2025 audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the District's basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 2) Budgetary comparison schedule

The following other information accompanying the financial statements will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and our auditor's report will not provide an opinion or any assurance on that information:

1) Compliance with FL Statute 218.39 (3) (c)

### **Audit Objectives**

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and will include tests of the accounting records of the District and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's financial statements. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the financial statements is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

### **Examination Objective**

The objective of our examination is the expression of an opinion as to whether the District is in compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in accordance with Rule 10.556(10) of the Auditor General of the State of Florida. Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and will include tests of your records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion. We will issue a written report upon completion of our examination of the District's compliance. The report will include a statement that the report is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and the Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinion on the District's compliance is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the examination or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or issue a report, or may withdraw from this engagement.

### **Other Services**

We will assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of the District in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

### **Management Responsibilities**

Management is responsible for compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 and will provide us with the information required for the examination. The accuracy and completeness of such information is also management's responsibility. You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements and related notes and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. In addition, you will be required to make certain representations regarding compliance with Florida Statute 218.415 in the management representation letter. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining effective internal controls, including evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; following laws and regulations; and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and all accompanying information in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for confirming to us in the written representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that we report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying and providing report copies of previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

### **Audit Procedures—Internal Control**

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards and *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Audit Procedures—Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Grau & Associates and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to a cognizant or oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Grau & Associates personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties acknowledge that various documents reviewed or produced during the conduct of the audit may be public records under Florida law. The District agrees to notify Grau & Associates of any public record request it receives that involves audit documentation.

Furthermore, Grau & Associates agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Auditor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is the District Manager ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Grau & Associates shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; 3) ensure that public records which 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 the contract term if Auditor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Grau & Associate's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Grau & Associates, Grau & Associates shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF GRAU & ASSOCIATES HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE PUBLIC RECORDS CUSTODIAN AT: C/O GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CENTRAL FLORIDA LLC, 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801, OR RECORDREQUEST@GMSCFL.COM, PH: (407) 841-5524.

Our fee for these services will not exceed \$5,800 for the September 30, 2025 audit, unless there is a change in activity by the District which results in additional audit work or if additional Bonds are issued. This agreement is automatically renewed each year thereafter subject to the mutual agreement by both parties to all terms and fees. The fee for each annual renewal will be agreed upon separately.

We will complete the audit within prescribed statutory deadlines, which requires the District to submit its annual audit to the Auditor General no later than nine (9) months after the end of the audited fiscal year, with the understanding that your employees will provide information needed to perform the audit on a timely basis.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. Invoices will be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of this agreement. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate.

The District has the option to terminate this agreement with or without cause by providing thirty (30) days written notice of termination to Grau & Associates. Upon any termination of this agreement, Grau & Associates shall be entitled to payment of all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against Grau & Associates.

We will provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any letter of comment, and any subsequent peer review reports and letters of comment received during the period of the contract. Our 2022 peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Crosswinds East Community Development District and believe this letter accurately summarizes the terms of our engagement and, with any addendum, if applicable, is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between Grau & Associates and the District with respect to the terms of the engagement between the parties. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Grau & Associates

Antonio J. Grau

### RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Crosswinds East Community Development District.

Signed by:

Runie Heath

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Title: Chairman

Date: 8/11/2025





Peer Review Program

FICPA Peer Review Program Administered in Florida by The Florida Institute of CPAs

AlCPA Peer Review Program Administered in Florida by the Florida Institute of CPAs

March 17, 2023

Antonio Grau Grau & Associates 951 Yamato Rd Ste 280 Boca Raton, FL 33431-1809

Dear Antonio Grau:

It is my pleasure to notify you that on March 16, 2023, the Florida Peer Review Committee accepted the report on the most recent System Review of your firm. The due date for your next review is December 31, 2025. This is the date by which all review documents should be completed and submitted to the administering entity.

As you know, the report had a peer review rating of pass. The Committee asked me to convey its congratulations to the firm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely.

FICPA Peer Review Committee

Peer Review Team FICPA Peer Review Committee

850.224.2727, x5957

cc: Daniel Hevia, Racquel McIntosh

Firm Number: 900004390114 Review Number: 594791

# SECTION VI



### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Board of Supervisors; District Staff

From: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

Date: September 1, 2025

Re: Updated Provisions of the District's Rules of Procedure

Please find attached to this memorandum an updated version of the previously adopted Rules of Procedure ("Rules"). Revisions were made to maintain consistency between the Rules and current Florida law, including statutory changes adopted in the 2025 Legislative Session, as well as to facilitate greater efficiency in the operation of the District. An explanation of each material change to the Rules is provided below. Minor formatting or proofreading changes are not summarized. Should you have any questions regarding the revisions to the Rules, please do not hesitate to contact your KVW attorney.

### **Business Hours**

Language was added to Rules 1.0(3) and 3.11(1)(d) to clarify that the normal business hours of the District are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

### Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops

Language was added to Rule 1.3(1)(d) to provide an earlier deadline for individuals to request accommodations for meeting participation. An individual requiring special accommodations to participate in the meeting, hearing, or workshop must contact the office of the District Manager at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting, hearing, or workshop.

Language was added to Rule 1.3(3) to provide examples of what may constitute "good cause" to amend a meeting agenda.

Language was added to Rule 1.3(6) to require that the notice for an emergency meeting include the specific reasons for the emergency meeting.

### **Notice of Rule Development**

Rule 2.0(2) was revised to reflect the recent legislative change requiring the Notice of Rule Development to be published at least seven (7) days prior to the notice of rulemaking and thirty-five (35) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule. Rule 2.0(2) was also revised to require the Notice of Rule Development to include the following: (1) the grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule and the law being implemented; and (2) the proposed rule number.



### **Notices of Rulemaking**

Rule 2.0(3) was also revised to reflect the recent legislative changes requiring the Notice of Rulemaking to include the following: (1) the proposed rule number; (2) the name, email address, and telephone number of the staff member who may be contacted regarding the intended action; and (3) the website where the statement of estimated regulatory costs may be viewed in its entirety, if applicable.

Rule 2.0(3) was further revised to require any material proposed to be incorporated by reference be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of publication of the Notice of Rulemaking and to permit the Notice of Rulemaking to be delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule or who have requested advance notice of rulemaking.

### **Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking**

Rule 2.0(5) was revised to require the District's Board of Supervisors to initiate rulemaking proceedings within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a petition to initiate rulemaking proceedings, in accordance with Florida Statutes.

### **Emergency Rule Adoption**

Rule 2.0(8) was amended to permit the District's Board of Supervisors to adopt an emergency rule if it is necessitated by immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, or if the Legislature authorizes the Board of Supervisors to adopt emergency rules. Notice of the emergency rules must include the Board of Supervisors' findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority.

### **Rule Variances**

Rule 2.0(12)(a) was amended to include safety-related concerns as an example of a "substantial hardship" which could justify a rule variance.

### **Competitive Purchases**

Rule 3.0(3) was revised to incorporate the recent legislative change that prohibits the District from penalizing a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the District or rewarding a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the District on a public works project as defined in Section 255.0992, *Florida Statutes*. A public works project is defined as "an activity that is paid for with any local or state-appropriated funds and that consists of the construction, maintenance, repair, renovation, remodeling, or improvement of a building, road, street, sewer, storm drain, water system, site development, irrigation system, reclamation project, gas or electrical distribution system, gas or electrical substation, or other facility, project, or portion thereof owned in whole or in part by any political subdivision." A public works project does <u>not</u> include the provision of goods, services, or work incidental to the public works project, such as security services, janitorial services, landscape services, maintenance services, or any other services that do not require a construction contracting license or involve supplying or carrying construction materials for a public works project.



### **Auditor Selection Committee Notices**

Rule 3.2(6) was revised to require seven (7) days' notice of Auditor Selection Committee meetings, in accordance with Florida Law regarding meeting notices.

### **Purchase of Insurance**

Rule 3.3(2)(g) was amended to remove "geographic location" from the list of evaluation criteria for the purchase of insurance.

### **Construction Contract Bids**

Rule 3.5(2)(e) was amended to clarify that mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board provided such corrections do not result in a material change to the bid amount or create an unfair advantage.

### **Emergency Construction Service Purchases**

Rule 3.5(5) was amended to clarify the circumstances under which the District may undertake an emergency purchase of construction services.

### **Bid Protests**

Rules 3.11(4) and (5) were amended to provide additional details regarding the required procedures for bid protests.

### Facsimile Notices, Generally

Changes were made throughout the Rules to remove facsimile as a method of notice and to add electronic mail as an acceptable method of notice where permitted by law.

# SECTION A

### **RESOLUTION 2026-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS,** Crosswinds East Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within Polk County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") is authorized by Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board previously adopted *Rules of Procedure* to govern the operation and administration of the District and now wishes to set a public hearing to consider amendments thereto.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the District's Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., at 346 E. Central Avenue, Winter Haven, Florida.

**SECTION 2.** The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 120.54, *Florida Statutes*.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

| ATTEST:                       | CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT |
|-------------------------------|--|
|                               |  |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chairperson, Board of Supervisors              |

**Exhibit A:** Proposed Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

# RULES OF PROCEDURE [DISTRICT] COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

### EFFECTIVE AS OF [DATE]

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### Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The [District] Community Development District ("District") was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules ("Rules") is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 1.1** Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

- (1) <u>Board of Supervisors.</u> The Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board ("Supervisors") appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
  - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
  - (b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
  - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.
  - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) <u>Officers.</u> At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
  - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a

meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.
- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District

- (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) <u>Committees.</u> The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation. Florida Open Meetings Laws apply to such Committees.
- (4) <u>Record Book.</u> The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
  - (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The Board member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

## Rule 1.2 District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.

- (1) <u>District Offices.</u> Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:
  - (a) Agenda packages for prior twenty-four (24) months and next meeting;
  - (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
  - (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
  - (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
  - (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
  - (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
  - (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
  - (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
  - (i) District policies and rules;
  - (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
  - (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

Qublic Records. District public records include, but are not limited to, all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules

is appointed as the District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) <u>Service Contracts.</u> Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting **(4)** person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature ander volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be

- due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.
- (5) <u>Records Retention.</u> The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) <u>Policies.</u> The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to theihis or her affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.

# **Rule 1.3** Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, **(1)** at least seven (7) days' public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week, and shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
  - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
  - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
  - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
  - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hoursthree (3) business days before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
  - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

(f) The following or substantially similar language: "The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record."

The date, time, and place of each meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board shall additionally be posted on the District's website at least seven (7) days before each meeting, hearing, or workshop.

- (2) <u>Mistake.</u> In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the (3) Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval ("Meeting Materials"). Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as "meeting materials" shall not convert such materials into Meeting Materials. For good cause, which includes but is not limited to emergency situations, time-sensitive matters, or newly discovered information essential for Board consideration, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format, or similar format, in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

Call to order
Roll call
Public comment
Organizational matters
Review of minutes
Specific items of old business
Specific items of new business
Staff reports

- (a) District Counsel
- (b) District Engineer
- (c) District Manager
  - 1. Financial Report

2. Approval of Expenditures Supervisor's requests and comments Public comment Adjournment

- (4) <u>Minutes.</u> The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) <u>Special Requests.</u> Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to prepay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, including the specific reasons for the emergency meeting. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) Public Comment. The Board shall set aside a three (3) minutes per person, unless extended or reduced by the Chairperson based on the number of speakers and meeting agenda and other reasonable factors reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) <u>Budget Hearing.</u> Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the

funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

- (9) <u>Public Hearings.</u> Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.
- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist. Extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, illness, family emergencies, or other significant schedule conflicts which prevent in-person meeting attendance.
- (11) <u>Board Authorization.</u> The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, an opportunity for final board discussion and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) <u>Continuances.</u> Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
  - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
  - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
  - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.

- (13)Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.
- (14) <u>Security and Firesafety Board Discussions</u>. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, *Florida Statutes*, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

- Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls (1) designed to:
  - Prevent and detect "fraud," "waste" and "abuse" as those terms are (a) defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
  - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
  - Support economical and efficient operations; and (c)
  - Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and (d)
  - Safeguard assets. (e)
- Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be (2) adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

# **Rule 2.0** Rulemaking Proceedings.

(1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A "rule" is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District ("Rule"). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

#### (2) Notice of Rule Development.

- (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) at least seven (7) days before the notice of rulemaking described in Section 2.0(3), infra., and at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule and law being implemented. include the proposed rule number, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
- (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

#### (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.

(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forthincluding: a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, the proposed rule number (if applicable), a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific, and the name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the staff member who may be contacted regarding the intended action. The notice shall include a summary of the District's statement of the estimated regulatory costs and the website address where

the complete statement of estimated regulatory costs may be viewed, if such a statement has been prepared pursuant ton its entirety, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2). of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule <u>and any material proposed to be incorporated by reference</u> shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
- (c) The notice shall be mailed, or delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing publication of the notice, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) <u>Rule Development Workshops.</u> Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60)thirty (30) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-

- case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.
- (6) <u>Rulemaking Materials.</u> After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:
  - (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
  - (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
  - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
  - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that it is necessitated by immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action, or if the Legislature authorizes the Board to adopt emergency rules. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of the emergency rules together with the Board's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority—shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule provided that such procedure as long as it protects the public interest and complies with applicable law ands determined by the District and otherwise emplies with these provisions.

- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.
- (10) <u>Rulemaking Record.</u> In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:
  - (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
  - (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
  - (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
  - (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
  - (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
  - (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.
- (11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.
  - (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
  - (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
  - (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within ten (10) days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other <u>qualified</u> person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within thirty (30) days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.

- (d) Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
  - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
  - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
  - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
  - (iv) Enter orders; and
  - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
- (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) <u>Variances and Waivers.</u> A "variance" means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A "waiver" means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
  - (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, <u>safety-related</u>, or other significantor other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
  - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District's Rule. Each petition shall specify:
    - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;

- (ii) The type of action requested;
- (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
- (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
- (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.
- (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) <u>Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges.</u> All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 120.54, 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

# **Rule 3.0** Competitive Purchase.

- (1) <u>Purpose and Scope.</u> In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, designbuild services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) <u>Board Authorization.</u> Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board

#### (3) Definitions.

- (a) "Competitive Solicitation" means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
- (b) "Continuing Contract" means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
- (c) "Contractual Service" means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.
- (d) "Design-Build Contract" means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

- (e) "Design-Build Firm" means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
  - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
  - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- "Design Criteria Package" means concise, performance-oriented drawings (f) or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District's Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performancebased criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) "Design Criteria Professional" means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) "Emergency Purchase" means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) "Invitation to Bid" is a written or electronically posted solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) "Invitation to Negotiate" means a written or electronically posted solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) "Negotiate" means to conduct legitimate, arm's length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) "Professional Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) "Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District" means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
  - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
  - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
  - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) "Purchase" means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

- (o) "Request for Proposals" or "RFP" is a written or electronically posted solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) "Responsive and Responsible Bidder" means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. "Responsive and Responsible Vendor" means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
  - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
  - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
  - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
  - (iv) The geographic location of the entity's/individual's headquarters or office in relation to the project;
  - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
  - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual, provided that for a public works project as defined in Section 255.0992, Florida Statutes, the District may not penalize a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the District or reward a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the District;

- (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
- (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise as defined in Section 287.0943, *Florida Statutes*.
- (q) "Responsive Bid," "Responsive Proposal," "Responsive Reply," and "Responsive Response" all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0992, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

# **Rule 3.1** Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) <u>Qualifying Procedures.</u> In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
  - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
  - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

(3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise The Board has the right to reject any and all valid procurement process.

qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

# (4) <u>Competitive Selection.</u>

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
  - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
  - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
  - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
  - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
  - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
  - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
  - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants

by United States Mail, hand delivery, <u>emailelectronic mail</u>, <u>faesimile</u>, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

# (5) <u>Competitive Negotiation.</u>

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (6) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

- Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract (7) between a consultant and the District.
- Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without (8) complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.2** Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

# (1) <u>Definitions.</u>

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.
- (2) <u>Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee.</u> Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.
- (3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
  - (a) <u>Minimum Qualifications.</u> In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
  - (i) Ability of personnel;
  - (ii) Experience;
  - (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
  - (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) <u>Public Announcement.</u> After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (5) Request for Proposals. The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and

place for submitting proposals.

(6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed at least seven (7) daysfor a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.

#### (7) Board Selection of Auditor.

- (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) <u>Contract.</u> Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
  - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
  - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
  - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
  - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, electronic mail, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.3** Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) <u>Scope.</u> The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
  - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.
  - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
  - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
  - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
  - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, relevant business presence and capability to servicethe geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District's needs, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium

stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

(h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

# **Rule 3.4** Pre-qualification

- (1) <u>Scope.</u> In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
  - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed prequalification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days' notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
  - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
  - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, or faesimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
  - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
  - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
  - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.
- (j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, faesimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice

shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

# (3) <u>Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification</u>

- (a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:
  - i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, has occurred.
  - ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
  - iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
  - iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
  - v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
  - vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.
  - vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension,

- revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.
- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
- ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
- x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
- xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
- xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
  - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
  - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- xiii. Any other circumstance constituting "good cause" under Section 337.16(2), *Florida Statutes*, exists.
- (b) The pre-qualified status of a contractor found delinquent under Section 337.16(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall be denied, suspended, or revoked. A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within ten (10) days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued in writing within fifteen (15) business days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) If a contractor's pre-qualified status is revoked, suspended, or denied and the contractor receives an additional period of revocation, suspension, or denial of its pre-qualified status, the time periods will run consecutively.
- (f) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
- ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
- iii. Complaints from the public;
- iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
- v. The potential for repetition;
- vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
- vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- (g) The District shall deny or revoke the pre-qualified status of any contractor and its affiliates for a period of 36 months when it is determined by the District that the contractor has, subsequent to January 1, 1978, been convicted of a contract crime within the jurisdiction of any state or federal court. Any such contractor shall not act as a prime contractor, material supplier, subcontractor, or consultant on any District contract or project during the period of denial or revocation.

#### (4) Reapplication and Reinstatement

(a) A contractor whose qualification to bid has been revoked or denied because of

contract crime may, at any time after revocation or denial, file a petition for reapplication or reinstatement. However, a contractor may not petition for reapplication or reinstatement for a period of 24 months after revocation or denial for a subsequent conviction occurring within 10 years of a previous denial or revocation for contract crime.

- (b) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is denied, the contractor cannot petition for a subsequent hearing for a period of nine months following the date of the final order of revocation or denial.
- (c) If the petition for reapplication or reinstatement is granted, the contractor must file a current Application for Qualification with the Contracts Administration Office. Reinstatement shall not be effective until issuance of a Certificate of Qualification.

#### (5) Emergency Suspension and Revocation

- (a) The District may summarily issue an emergency suspension of a contractor's qualification to bid if it finds that imminent danger exists to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (b) The written notice of emergency suspension shall state the specific facts and reasons for finding an imminent danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists.
- (c) The District, within 10 days of the emergency suspension, shall initiate formal suspension or revocation proceedings in compliance with Rule 3.4(3), except the 10-day notice requirement shall not be construed to prevent a hearing at the earliest time practicable upon request of the aggrieved party.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.; §§ 14-22.012, 14-22.0121, 14-22.014, Fla. Admin. Code.

# **Rule 3.5** Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to (b) Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

- (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.
- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
  - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
  - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of <u>competent</u> <u>jurisdiction of</u> any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past five (5) years <u>shall be deemmay be considered</u> ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

(f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids,

proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board, provided such corrections do not result in a material change to the bid amount or create an unfair advantage. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) <u>Sole Source; Government.</u> Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules- only when there exists an immediate and serious need for construction services that cannot be met through normal procurement methods and the lack of such services would seriously threaten: (i) the District's ability to perform essential services; (ii) the preservation or protection of property or improvements; or (iii) the health, safety, or welfare of any person. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary, along with a detailed description of the basis for the emergency determination, shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) <u>Exceptions.</u> This Rule is inapplicable when:
  - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
  - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
  - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or

(d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.6** Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

(1) <u>Scope.</u> The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

#### (2) <u>Procedure.</u>

- (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
- (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
- (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
  - (i) <u>Qualifications-Based Selection.</u> If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.

- (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:
  - 1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
  - 2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, or faesimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
  - 3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
    - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
    - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
    - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;

d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past five (5) years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

- The proposals, or the portions of which that include the 4 price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the In consultation with the Design Criteria District. Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
- 5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
- 6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District,

- which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.
- 7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking 8. the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- 9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.

- 10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (3) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (4) <u>Emergency Purchase.</u> The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- (5) <u>Exceptions.</u> This Rule is inapplicable when:
  - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
  - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
  - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
  - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.7** Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) <u>Scope.</u> This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) <u>Discretionary Bond.</u> At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

#### Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of "goods, supplies, and materials" do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, or faesimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
  - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
    - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
    - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of

Florida shall be awarded a preference of five percent (5%). If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) <u>Renewal.</u> Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.**

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) <u>Procedure.</u> When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, or hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
  - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
  - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
    - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
    - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

- entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) <u>Exemptions.</u> Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) <u>Renewal.</u> Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (5) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (6) <u>Emergency Purchases.</u> The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 3.10** Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
- (2) <u>Contracts; Public Records.</u> In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

#### Rule 3.11 Protests with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

#### (1) <u>Filing.</u>

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

- 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.
- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- (2) <u>Contract Execution.</u> Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) <u>Informal Proceeding.</u> If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via <u>certified mafaesimile</u>, <u>hand delivery</u>, or <u>email with delivery confirmation United States Mail</u>, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) <u>Formal Proceeding.</u> If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other <u>qualified</u> person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
  - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
  - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
  - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

- (d) Enter orders; and
- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the recommended order days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

- (5) <u>Intervenors.</u> Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors by filing a motion to intervene within 10 calendar days of the initial protest filing, onen appropriate terms that which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (7) <u>Settlement.</u> Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

#### **Rule 4.0 Effective Date.**

These Rules shall be effective [DATE], except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat. Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

## **SECTION VII**

## SECTION B

## SECTION 1



#### Sent Via Email: jburns@gmscfl.com

August 21, 2025

Ms. Jill Burns, District Manager Crosswinds East Community Development District c/o Governmental Management Services 219 East Livingston Street Orlando, Florida 32801

Subject: Work Authorization 2026-1

**Crosswinds East Community Development District** 

**District Engineering Services - FY 2026** 

Polk County, Florida

Dear Ms. Burns:

Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Engineer) is pleased to submit this work order to provide professional consulting services for the Crosswinds East Community Development District (District). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement ("District Engineer Agreement") as follows:

With this information in mind, we propose the following tasks and corresponding fees:

#### I. **General Engineering Services**

The District will engage the services of Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Engineer) as District Engineer to perform those services as necessary, pursuant to the District Engineering Agreement, including attendance at Board of Supervisors meetings, review and approval of requisitions, or other activities as directed by the District's Board of Supervisors.

Our fee for this task will be based on time and materials, in accordance with the enclosed Schedule of Charges. The referenced Schedule of Charges is valid for fiscal year 2026 only. We estimate a budget of \$15,000, plus other direct costs.

#### II. Other Direct Costs

Other direct costs include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, et cetera. This does not include any of the application fees for the various agencies, which are the owner's responsibility and have not been accounted for in this proposal. We estimate a budget of \$100.

#### III. **Additional Services**

Any Additional Services requested that are not a part of this work authorization will be invoiced either on a time and materials basis, in accordance with the enclosed Schedule of Charges, or on a mutually agreed upon fee. Authorization under this task must be in writing.

Ms. Jillian Burns Crosswinds East CDD Work Authorization #2026-1 August 21, 2025

This Work Authorization, together with the referenced Engineering Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the District and the Engineer with regard to the referenced work authorization. If you wish to accept this work authorization, please sign where indicated and return one complete copy to Aimee Powell, Senior Office Administrator, in our Orlando office at 800 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 1000, Orlando, Florida 32803 (or via email at apowell@dewberry.com). Upon receipt, we will promptly schedule our services.

Thank you for choosing Dewberry Engineers Inc. We look forward to working with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Joey V. Duncan, PE Principal Engineer Reinardo Malavé, P.E. Associate Vice President

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APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

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| •   | Authorized Representative of                   |
|     | Crosswinds East Community Development District |
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## SECTION C

## Crosswinds East CDD

Field Management Report



October 07<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Marshall Tindall Field Manager GMS

#### Complete

## Landscaping Review

- Overall site maintenance is satisfactory.
- Landscaping at The Groves at Crosswinds looks good.
- Beds are neat and mowing completed.
- King Hill Dr shrubs are being monitored after some were replaced under warranty.



## Complete

#### Pond Review

- Dry ponds are being monitored throughout the district.
- Within the scope area, pond slopes are mowed, and disc'ing is complete.

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## Complete

## Amenity Review

- The Grove at Crosswinds' amenity facilities were opened.
- Some final loose ends were wrapped up predominantly focused on ISP setup hurdles.



#### In Progress

#### **New Phase Areas**

- Assessing new landscaping areas as they are completed for areas of concern. Establishment period of new plants is a high water usage time.
- Coordinating with development project team with any notes and items of concern as tracks progress.



#### Conclusion

For any questions or comments regarding the above information, please contact me by phone at (407) 346-2453, or by email at <a href="mailto:mtindall@gmscfl.com">mtindall@gmscfl.com</a>. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Marshall Tindall

## SECTION 1

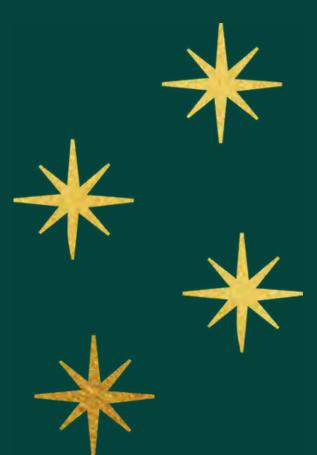
## SECTION (a)

# THE GROVE AT CROSSWINDS

2025 Holiday Light Proposal



Where Holiday Magic Comes to Life!



ABOUT US

Ourphilosophy is simple; spread the magic! It isthisphilosophy that lies at the heart of every productwe offer and every service we provide. We believe that by helping you bring smiles, spread joy, create memories, and share hope with as many people as possible during the holiday season and beyond, together - we can make the world a better place. The hope that lighting brings extends far beyond the holiday season.



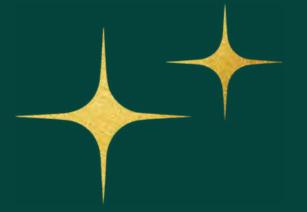
We have designed a proposal for you that we believe best fits your needs. However - all of our services are priced "a la carte". If you do not like a service or design idea that we have proposed - please simply let us know that you wish to remove that line item from your total. We believe this process is best - as it puts YOU in full control of your holiday light display, as well as your budget.

All prices include lease of materials for the holiday season, installation, maintenance, removal at the conclusion of the holiday season and temperature controlled storage. We are certified and insured. COI available upon request.

Owner and Founder: Jeb Bennett

Co-Founder: Taylor Bennett

## ENTRY SIGN



## Lighting

LED C9 Bulbs - Warm White on the top of the pillar, on the top of the entry sign, and on the stone ledge, just beneath the entry sign → \$1,440.00

Trunk wrap Six Palm trees with warm white LED mini lights → \$1,550.00



Entry Sign Total = \$3,790.00

## Greenery for Entry Sign

48- inch Douglas Fir Wreath lit with LED Mini Lights – Warm White - 2 wreaths needed - 1 per side → \$400 x 2 = \$800.00

Power is available at the sign but an outlet needs to be installed.

# AMENITY CENTER

## Lighting:

LED C9Bulbs - Warm White will align the edge of the roofline on all sides of the amenity center → \$2,780.00

Trunk wrap Two Palm trees with warm white LED mini lights → \$520.00



## Amenity Center Total = \$3,600.00

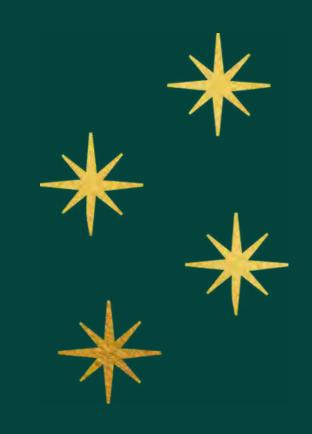
## Greenery for Entry Sign:

Small Douglas Fir Wreath lit with LED Mini Lights – Warm White to be hung under peak of amenity center (above entrance) → \$300.00

# PROPOSAL TOTAL

Entry Sign Total = \$3,790.00

Amenity Center = \$3,600.00





Total = \$7,390.00



## SECTION (b)



### **ESTIMATE**

# EST-1425639

Estimate Date: Oct 01, 2025

Expiry Date: Nov 12, 2025

FROM:

Sloan lighting solutions

Email: sloanhaus1225@yahoo.com

Phone: (407) 635-7479

TO:

**Crosswinds East Cdd - The Grove At Crosswinds** 

Attn: Marshall Tindall 219 East Livingston Street

Orlando, FL, 32801 Phone: (407) 839-1526

JOB:

Grove at Crosswinds

JOB LOCATION: Clubhouse 4112 Hummock pl

4112 Hummock pl Haines City, FL, 33844

| # Services             |                     | Qty  | Price         | Total      |
|------------------------|---------------------|------|---------------|------------|
| 1 Holiday Decorations  |                     |      |               |            |
|                        |                     | 1.00 | \$9,000.00    | \$9,000.00 |
|                        |                     |      | Subtotal      | \$9,000.00 |
|                        |                     | Gran | nd Total (\$) | \$9,000.00 |
|                        |                     |      | Deposit Due   | \$4,500.00 |
|                        |                     |      |               |            |
| Payment Schedule       |                     |      |               |            |
| Deposit (50.00%)       |                     |      |               | \$4,500.00 |
| Final Payment (50.00%) | Due on Jan 09, 2026 |      |               | \$4,500.00 |

#### Accepted payment methods

Check, Cash, Venmo, Zelle

#### Message

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to lighting up your holidays!

#### **Terms**

By signing a contract you are signing a legally binding contract for work to be performed.

This estimate is an approximation and is not guaranteed. Actual cost may change once all project elements are finalized or negotiated. Prior to any changes of cost, the client will be notified.

Services. Upon acceptance, we will perform the services described in this estimate. Any additional services requested by you and not included in this estimate will incur additional charges.

Schedule. The services will be completed and will be made in accordance with the schedule agreed upon.

Changes. Changes in the specifications, quantities, schedule or other aspects of the services that are requested or approved by you do not become binding unless accepted in writing. Any such changes may result in additional or increased charges, and you agree to pay such increased charges.

Taxes. You will be responsible for payment of all applicable federal, state and local taxes.

Payment Terms. All invoices for services covered by the estimate are payable upon completion of work or date stated on the invoice.

Late Charges; Interest. Any invoices not paid by you on the date of completion may bear interest after the due date until the invoice is paid.

We abide to all of the statements stated on this estimate - Service Terms and Conditions.

If applicable, client agrees to authorize us on their property for the purposes of performing the services stated on this estimate. Client understands that although we try our best to provide you with an accurate timeframe, there is no set timeframe for the completion of services and several visits to the property may be required. The time stated on your appointment is just an arrival window, we will be sure to contact you when we are on our way. We also have permission to visit the property with little or no notice to assess service needs prior to the date of service, as well as to check completion after services have been rendered.

Client agrees to allow us to utilize any photos, descriptions, reviews, quotes, texts or videos of the property for marketing purposes.

By inquiring about our services or doing business with us, you are giving your consent to receive notifications and messages (e-mail or text) regarding our promotions or services.

Again, we appreciate you agreeing to these terms and conditions as we only set them in place to ensure everyone's safety and satisfaction. If you have any questions regarding these Terms and Conditions, please reach out to us.

You can be confident, that our goal is to provide you with the highest quality of service! We look forward to working with you!

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## SECTION (c)



#### **American Illuminations**

Crosswinds East CDD

mtindall@gmscfl.com

| ESTIMATE      | #433        |
|---------------|-------------|
| ESTIMATE DATE | Oct 4, 2025 |
| DEPOSIT DUE   | \$3,250.00  |

**CONTACT US** 

8247 Westhaven Dr Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

(757) 572-3732

william@american-powerwashing.com

#### **ESTIMATE**

Services amount

Crosswinds East holiday lighting

\$6,500.00

Community sign (@ Baker Dairy Rd & Congdon Rd)
 Install LED C9 lights on the monument
 Install 48" pre-lit wreath w/ bow on each side (2 total)
 Install warm white LED mini lights on 6 palm tree trunks

2. Amenity center
Install LED C9 lights on roofline (3 sides)
Install 48" pre-lit wreath w/ bow
Install warm white LED mini lights on 2 palm tree trunks
Install warm white LED net lights on shrubs

Services subtotal: \$6,500.00

Total \$6,500.00

Deposit \$3,250.00

Pricing is for a 1-Year Premium Service agreement for calendar year 2025.

American Illuminations & Decor will install, maintain throughout the season, and takedown all lights & decor at the end of the season.

American Illuminations & Decor maintains ownership of all lights, equipment and decor at the end of the season.

American Illuminations & Decor will be responsible for refurbishments at the end of each season to ensure that the following year(s) installs will be identical to the original install.

American Illuminations & Decor will be responsible for storage in the "offseason" and will work with CDD Board and District Manager for future installs. American Illuminations & Decor will provide a lift for install and for takedown and will provide their own safety harnesses.

## SECTION 2

#### AGREEMENT FOR AQUATIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024, by and between:

**CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located within Polk County, Florida with a mailing address of c/o Governmental Management Services — Central Florida, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 ("**District**"); and

**AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT, INC.,** a Florida corporation, with a principal address of 4925 White Claypit Road, Haines City, FL 33844 (hereinafter "**Contractor**," together with District the "**Parties**")

#### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, which was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain public infrastructure supporting community development within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has a need to retain an independent contractor to provide the services described herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a proposal and represents that it is qualified to provide the services identified in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement ("Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District and Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the recitals, agreements, and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties agree as follows:

- **SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein as a material part of this Agreement.
- **SECTION 2. DUTIES.** District agrees to use Contractor to provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The duties, obligations, and responsibilities of the Contractor are described in **Exhibit A** hereto.
  - **A. Scope.** Contractor shall provide the Services identified in **Exhibit A**, including any effort reasonably necessary to allow the District to receive the maximum benefit of all of the Services and items described herein. To the extent any of the provisions of this Agreement conflict with the provisions of **Exhibit A**, this Agreement controls. Should any error or inconsistency appear in the Services, Contractor, before proceeding with the Services, must notify the District for the proper adjustment, and in no case proceed with the Services in uncertainty.

- **B.** *Property.* This Agreement grants to Contractor the right to enter the District property that is subject to this Agreement, for those purposes described in this Agreement, and Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. To the extent the Contractor needs to use or access non-District property while providing the Services, Contractor shall coordinate such use in advance with the District Representative (as defined herein).
- **C.** *Permits and License.* All permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.
- **D. Standard of Performance.** Contractor shall perform all Services in a neat and workmanlike manner and shall use industry best practices and procedures when carrying out the Services. In the event the District in its sole determination, finds that the work of Contractor is not satisfactory to District, District shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and will only be responsible for payment of work satisfactorily completed and for materials incorporated into the Services.
- **E.** *Means and Methods*. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District. While providing the Services, the Contractor shall assign such experienced staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects of the Services to ensure efficient and full completion.
- **F. District Representative.** Contractor shall report directly to Jill Burns, who serves as District Manager, or his or her designee (the "District Representative"). Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its residents, and landowners from damage. Contractor agrees to complete repair of any damage resulting from Contractor's activities within twenty-four (24) hours in instances affecting health, safety or welfare, and otherwise within five (5) calendar days.
- G. *Timing.* Contractor shall coordinate commencement and completion of the Services with the District Representative. Contractor shall notify the District Representative in writing immediately upon recognizing any potential for a delay delivering the Services caused by itself or another contractor. Contractor must coordinate the Services with others performing work for the District as may be necessary to successfully and safely complete the Services or as the District directs.
- H. Clean-Up. Contractor shall keep the premises and surrounding area free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by operations under the Agreement. At completion of the Services, the Contractor shall remove from the site waste materials, rubbish, tools, construction equipment, machinery and surplus materials. If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided herein, the District may do so, and the cost thereof shall be charged to the Contractor and may be applied as an offset to the final payment to Contractor.
- **I. Subcontractors.** Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the District for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as Contractor is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by Contractor. Nothing contained herein shall create contractual relationships between any subcontractor and the District.

#### SECTION 3. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT.

- A. Amount. In accordance with unit prices set forth in Exhibit A, the District shall pay Contractor a total of Two Hundred Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$200.00) per month, for an annual total not to exceed Two Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$2,400.00), for the Services identified in Exhibit A. Such amounts include all equipment, materials, permits and labor necessary for full execution of the Services. Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices.
- **B.** *Payments and Invoices.* All payments and invoices shall be subject to Florida's Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Sections 218.70 through 218.80, *Florida Statutes*, and the District's adopted *Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures*. The invoice shall contain, at a minimum, the District's name, Contractor's name, the invoice date, an invoice number, an itemized listing of all costs billed on each invoice with a sufficient description of each, the timeframe within which the Services were provided, and the address or bank information to which payment is to be remitted.
- C. Additional Services. If the District should desire additional work or services, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to an addendum, addenda, or change order(s) to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the Parties and agreed to in writing.
- D. Conditions Precedent to Payment. The District may require, as a condition precedent to making any payment to the Contractor, that all subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers be paid and require evidence, in the form of lien releases or partial waivers of lien, to be submitted to the District by those subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers, and further require that the Contractor provide an affidavit relating to the payment of said indebtedness. Further, the District shall have the right to require, as a condition precedent to making any payment, evidence from the Contractor, in a form satisfactory to the District, that any indebtedness of the Contractor, as to services to the District, has been paid and that the Contractor has met all of the obligations with regard to the withholding and payment of taxes, Social Security payments, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation contributions, and similar payroll deductions from the wages of employees.

#### SECTION 4. TERM AND TERMINATION.

- A. *Term.* This Agreement shall become effective as of the date first above written and shall remain in effect for one (1) year unless terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Thereafter, this Agreement shall automatically renew for one (1)-year terms unless terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Renewals are contingent upon satisfactory performance and subject to the availability of funds.
- **B.** *Termination*. The District agrees that Contractor may terminate this Agreement for cause by providing thirty (30) days' written notice of termination to the District. Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing a written notice of termination to Contractor. The District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all material and labor provided up until the

effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or offsets the District may have against Contractor.

SECTION 5. WARRANTY. The Contractor warrants to the District that all materials furnished by Contractor under this Agreement shall be new, and that all services and materials shall be of good quality, free from faults and defects, and will conform to the standards and practices for projects of similar design and complexity in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the best interest of the District. In addition to all manufacturer warranties for materials purchased for purposes of this Agreement, if any, which Contractor shall assign to the District as necessary to give the District the benefit of said warranties, all Services provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be warranted for labor and workmanship for one (1) year from the date of acceptance of the Services by the District. Contractor shall replace warranted items to the District's satisfaction and in the District's discretion. Neither final acceptance of the Services, nor final payment therefore, nor any provision of the Agreement shall relieve Contractor of responsibility for defective or deficient materials or Services. If any of the materials or Services are found to be defective, deficient or not in accordance with the Agreement, without intending to limit any other remedies, Contractor shall correct, remove and replace it promptly after receipt of a written notice from the District and correct and pay for any other damage resulting therefrom to District property or the property of landowners within the District.

Contractor hereby covenants to the District that it shall perform the Services: (i) using its best skill and judgment and in accordance with generally accepted professional and design standards and practices for projects of similar design and complexity as the development occurring within the District; (ii) in compliance with all applicable federal, state, county municipal, building and zoning, land use, environmental, public safety, non-discrimination and disability accessibility laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, all professional registration (both corporate and individual) for all required basic disciplines that it shall perform; and (iii) in an expeditious and economical manner consistent with the best interest of the District.

#### **SECTION 6. INSURANCE.**

**A.** *Limits*. The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement maintain insurance with limits of liability not less than the following:

| Workers Compensation | In accordance with the |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| _                    | laws of Florida        |

Employer's Liability Coverage \$1,000,000 per accident

or disease

General Liability\*

Bodily Injury (including contractual) \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 Property Damage (including contractual) \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000

\*Must include Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors' operation

Automobile Liability covering any owned, nonowned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed

\$1,000,000 combined single limit

- **B.** Requirements. The District and its officers, supervisors, agents, managers, counsel, engineers, staff and representatives (together, "Additional Insureds") shall be named as additional insured parties on the Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies. The Contractor shall furnish the District with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement prior to commencing the Services. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida, shall be considered primary and non-contributory with respect to the Additional Insureds, and shall be endorsed to provide for a waiver of underwriter's rights of subrogation in favor of the Additional Insureds
- **C.** Failure to Obtain Insurance. If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance.

#### **SECTION 7. INDEMNIFICATION.**

- A. *Indemnification by Contractor*. To the fullest extent permitted by law, and in addition to any other obligations of Contractor under this Agreement or otherwise, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the District and its officers, supervisors, agents, managers, counsel, engineers, staff and representatives (together, "Indemnitees"), from all claims, liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused, in part or in whole, by (i) the negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful misconduct of the Contractor, or any employee, agent, subcontractor, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed or used by any of them to perform any of the Services, (ii) the Contractor's performance of, or failure to perform, Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Agreement or any Services or Contractor's performance of any activities in connection therewith, and (iii) any breach of any warranty, representation, covenant, or agreement made by Contractor in this Agreement or any Services.
- **B.** *Obligations*. Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to waive or alter any other remedies that the District may have as against the Contractor. The provisions of this Section 7 are independent of, and will not be limited by, any insurance required to be obtained by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise obtained by Contractor, and the provisions of this Section 7 survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement with respect to any claims or liability arising in connection with any event occurring prior to such expiration or termination.
- C. Subcontractors. Contractor shall ensure that all subcontracts related to the Services include

this Section for the benefit of the Indemnitees.

**SECTION 8. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or the District's limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under such limitations of liability or by operation of law.

SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Contractor and each of its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public or governmental authority having appropriate jurisdiction, including all laws, regulations and rules relating to immigration and/or the status of foreign workers. Contractor shall initiate, maintain, and supervise all safety precautions and programs in connection with its obligations herein. Contractor shall ensure that all of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor observe Contractor's rules and regulations of safety and conduct. Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to all its employees, agents and subcontractors performing its obligations herein and other persons who may be affected, and any material, equipment and other property. Contractor shall remedy all damage or loss to any property caused in whole or in part by Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, or by anyone for whose acts Contractor may be liable. Contractor shall indemnify District for all damage or losses it may incur or be exposed to because of Contractor or any of its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor's failure to comply with the provisions contained herein.

**SECTION 10. LIENS AND CLAIMS.** The Contractor shall promptly and properly pay for all labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Contractor shall keep the District's property free from any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, and the Contractor shall immediately discharge any such claim or lien. If the Contractor does not pay or satisfy such claim or lien within three (3) business days after the filing of notice thereof, the District, in addition to all other remedies available under this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement to be effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination.

#### SECTION 11. DEFAULT AND ENFORCEMENT.

- A. **Remedies.** A default by either Party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of actual damages and/or specific performance.
- B. *Applicable Law and Venue*. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Each Party consents that the venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in Polk County, Florida.
- C. *Attorney Fees.* If either Party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the Parties agree that the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover from the other all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.
- D. **Third-Party Interference.** The District shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this

Agreement shall limit or impair the District's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Agreement.

E. *Claims for Construction Defects.* To the extent any of the Services described herein are classified as construction services, CLAIMS FOR CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE AND CURE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 558, *FLORIDA STATUTES*.

**SECTION 12. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS.** It is understood and agreed that at all times the relationship of Contractor and its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor to the District is the relationship of an independent contractor and not that of an employee, agent, joint venturer or partner of the District. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the District and Contractor or any of its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor. The Parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall hire and pay all of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, all of whom shall be employees of Contractor and not employees of District and at all times entirely under Contractor's supervision, direction and control.

In particular, the District will not: i) withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor's payments; ii) make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on Contractor's behalf; iii) withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor; iv) make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor; or v) obtain workers' compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

**SECTION 13. NOTICES.** All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

**A. If to Contractor:** Aquatic Weed Management, Inc.

PO Box 1259

Haines City, Florida 33845 Attn: Bill Snively

**B. If to District:** Crosswinds East Community Development District

c/o Governmental Management Services - CF

219 E. Livingston Street Orlando, Florida 32801 Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

517 East College Avenue Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Attn: District Counsel

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for Contractor may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and Contractor. Any Party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other Parties and addressees of any change in name or

address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the Parties and addressees set forth herein.

**SECTION 14**. **THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the Parties hereto any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

PUBLIC RECORDS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any SECTION 15. kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited, to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes; 3) ensure that public records which 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 the contract term if Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Contractor, Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 287.058(c), Florida Statutes, the District may unilaterally cancel this Agreement if the Contractor refuses to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Agreement, unless such records are exempt under Florida law. Contractor acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Jill Burns**.

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524, JBURNS@GMSCFL.COM, OR AT 219 EAST LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, 32801.

#### SECTION 16. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATIONS.

**A.** Capability. Contractor has the capacity to furnish (directly or by subcontract or through vendors) any tools, materials, supplies, equipment and labor necessary to complete the Services required of Contractor under this Agreement and Contractor has sufficient experience and competence to perform the Services under the Agreement and meets the qualification standards set forth herein.

- **B.** Authorization. Contractor is authorized to do business in Polk County and the State of Florida and is properly licensed (to the extent required by law) by all necessary governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Services.
- C. *E-Verify Requirements.* Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and shall comply with all requirements of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, as to the use of subcontractors. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(5)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.
- **D.** *Scrutinized Companies.* In accordance with Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, Contractor represents that in entering into this Contract, neither it nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, members, or agents is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.4725 and 215.473, *Florida Statutes*, and in the event such status changes, Contractor shall immediately notify Owner. If Contractor is found to have submitted a false statement, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the Owner may immediately terminate this Agreement.
- **E.** Anti-Human Trafficking. Contractor certifies, by acceptance of this Agreement, that neither it nor its principals utilize coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes. Contractor agrees to execute an affidavit in compliance with Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes, and acknowledges that if Contractor refuses to sign said affidavit, the District may terminate this Agreement immediately.
- **F. Public Entity Crimes.** Contractor represents that in entering into this Agreement, Contractor has not been placed on the convicted vendor list as described in Section 287.133(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, within the last thirty-six (36) months and, if Contractor is placed on the convicted vendor list, Contractor shall immediately notify the District whereupon this Agreement may be terminated by the District.
- **G.** *Foreign Influence.* Contractor understands that under Section 286.101, *Florida Statutes*, that Contractor must disclose any current or prior interest, any contract with, or any grant or gift from a foreign country of concern as that term is defined within the above referenced statute.

#### **SECTION 17.** MISCELLANEOUS.

- **A. Severability.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.
- **B.** Arm's Length Transaction. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the Parties as an arm's length transaction. The Parties participated fully in the preparation of this

Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

- **C. Execution.** This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall constitute an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document. The Parties agree that electronic signatures may be used to sign this Agreement and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature.
- **D.** Headings for Convenience Only. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- **E.** Agreement; Amendments. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both Parties.
- F. Custom and Usage. It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that the District shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of the District in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of the District at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.
- **G. Successors; Assignment.** This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Parties to this Agreement, except as expressly limited in this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such approval shall be void.
- **H.** *Authorization.* The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the Parties, the Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and the Parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

[signatures on following page]

Exhibit A: Scope of Services

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed this Agreement to be effective on the day and year first written above.

> **CROSSWINDS EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

> > Signed by:

Rennie Heath

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\M Chairperson/ □ Vice Chairperson,

Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_ 10/7/2024

AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT, INC., a Florida corporation

Signed by:

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Bill Snively Print:

Manager Its:

10/07/2024 Date:

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#### Exhibit A: Scope of Services

#### **ESTIMATE**

Aquatic Weed Management, Inc. PO Box 1259 Haines City, FL 33845 WATERWEED1@AOL.COM +1 (863) 412-1919



#### Bill to

Crosswinds East CDD 3879 King Hill Dr Haines City, FL 33844

#### Estimate details

Estimate no.: 1494

Estimate date: 09/19/2024

| # Date         | Product or service | Description   | Qty | Rate     | Amount   |
|----------------|--------------------|---|-----|----------|----------|
| f <sub>e</sub> | Scope of Work      | Monthly pond maintenance on two dry<br>ponds controlling all vegetation to the mow<br>line. | 1   | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
|                |                    | Total   |     | \$       | 200.00   |

## SECTION 3



200 S. F. Street Haines City, Florida 33844

Phone 863-422-5207 | Fax 863-422-1816

Polk County License # 214815

| Date: September 30, 2025   |  |                               |                           |                                 |    |           |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-----------|
| SUBMITTED TO: Job Name / Location:   |  |                               |                           |                                 |    |           |
| GMS Services   | The Grove @  | Crosswin                      | ds                        |                                 |    |           |
| 135 W. Central Blvd  | Haines City,                                       | FL 33844                      |                           |                                 |    |           |
| Orlando, FL 32801  |  |                               |                           |                                 |    |           |
| Attn: Marshall   |  |                               |                           |                                 |    |           |
| Phone: 786-238-9473  |  |                               |                           |                                 |    |           |
| Email: <u>Jblanco@gmscfl.com</u>   |  |                               |                           |                                 |    |           |
| PROPOSAL TO FILL IN OR REPLACE   | DEAD PLANTS  | / INSTA                       | ALL CO                    | CO MUL                          | СН |           |
|  |  | Qty                           | Unit                      | Unit Cost                       |    | TOTAL     |
| FoxTail Palm   |  | 1                             | 30gal                     | \$406.25                        | \$ | 406.25    |
| Maple Tree   |  | 2                             | 45gal                     | \$812.50                        | \$ | 1,625.00  |
| Sabal Palm   |  | 1                             | BB                        | \$550.00                        | \$ | 550.00    |
| Red Dwarf Ixora  |  | 24                            | 3gal                      | \$20.00                         | \$ | 480.00    |
| Loripetulum  |  | 20                            | 3gal                      | \$20.00                         | \$ | 400.00    |
| Coco Brown Mulch   |  | 40                            | CY                        | \$75.00                         | \$ | 3,000.00  |
| Irrigation Adjustment  |  | 1                             | EA                        | \$350.00                        |    | \$350.0   |
|  |  |                               |                           | TOTAL                           |    | \$6,811.2 |
| The customer agrees, that by signing this proposal, it shall beco agreements, discussed or implied. The customer further agrees for any/all court and/or attorney fees incurred by Prince and So owed for material and/or work performed by Prince and Sons Ir | to all terms and conditions, Inc.required to obtai | ons set forth on collection f | within and<br>or any port | shall be respon<br>ion of money |    |           |
| Submitted by: <u>Brian Bubendorf/ Jason Rusticus</u>   |  | -                             |                           |                                 |    |           |
| Date Submitted: <u>September 30, 2025</u>  |  | Date Acce                     | pted:                     |                                 |    |           |
|  |  |                               |                           |                                 |    |           |

## SECTION D

## SECTION 1

#### Crosswinds East Community Development District

#### **Summary of Checks**

August 23, 2025 to September 22, 2025

| Bank         | Date    | Check No.'s |          | Amount    |
|--------------|---------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 0 17 1       |         |             |          |           |
| General Fund |         |             |          |           |
|              | 8/25/25 | 402-405     | \$       | 9,416.67  |
|              | 8/28/25 | 406-407     | \$       | 4,121.50  |
|              | 9/9/25  | 408         | \$       | 3,529.11  |
|              | 9/16/25 | 409-412     | \$       | 1,394.17  |
|              |         | To          | otal: \$ | 18,461.45 |
|              |         |             | \$       | 18,461.45 |

AP300R YEAR-TO-DATE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PREPAID/COMPUTER CHECK REGISTER RUN 9/24/25 PAGE 1
\*\*\* CHECK DATES 08/23/2025 - 09/22/2025 \*\*\* CROSSWINDS EAST GENERAL FUND

|                     | В  | ANK A GENERAL FUND             |        |          |                   |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------------|
| CHECK VEND#<br>DATE | INVOICEEXPENSED TO DATE INVOICE YRMO DPT ACCT#                 | VENDOR NAME<br>SUB SUBCLASS    | STATUS | AMOUNT   | CHECK<br>AMOUNT # |
| 8/25/25 00061       | 7/28/25 23650 202507 330-57200-<br>INSTALL BRIDGE/IP CAMERAS   |                                | *      | 5,342.67 |                   |
|                     |  |                                |        |          | 5,342.67 000402   |
| 8/25/25 00013       | 8/14/25 12831 202507 310-51300-<br>ATTORNEY SVCS-JUL25         |                                | *      | 699.00   |                   |
|                     |  | KILINSKI VAN WYK PLLC          |        |          | 699.00 000403     |
| 8/25/25 00032       | 7/28/25 19228 202507 320-53800-<br>RESTRAP THE TREES IN POOL   | 46300                          | *      | 75.00    |                   |
|                     | 7/28/25 19229 202507 320-53800-<br>ONE TIME BUSHHOG            |                                | *      | 600.00   |                   |
|                     | 7/30/25 19294 202507 320-53800-<br>RPLC DEAD VIBURNUMS 7 GAL   |                                | *      | 1,200.00 |                   |
|                     | REIC DEAD VIDORNOMS / GAL                                      | PRINCE & SONS, INC             |        |          | 1,875.00 000404   |
| 8/25/25 00066       | 8/01/25 28429 202508 330-57200-<br>POOL MAINTENANCE-AUG25      |                                | *      | 1,500.00 |                   |
|                     |  | RESORT POOL SERVICES           |        |          | 1,500.00 000405   |
| 8/28/25 00011       | 8/21/25 22459773 202507 310-51300-<br>ENGINEERING SVCS-JUL25   | 31100                          | *      | 57.50    |                   |
|                     |  | DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC.       |        |          | 57.50 000406      |
| 8/28/25 00002       | 8/26/25 28945 202508 320-53800-<br>POLICY CHANGE 08/01/25      |                                | *      | 4,064.00 |                   |
|                     |  | EGIS INSURANCE & RISK ADVISORS |        |          | 4,064.00 000407   |
| 9/09/25 00035       | 9/04/25 09042025 202509 300-15500-<br>PYGRND/EOUIP LEASE-OCT25 |                                | *      | 3,529.11 |                   |
|                     |  | BOWPROP I, LLC                 |        |          | 3,529.11 000408   |
| 9/16/25 00038       | 8/28/25 20178 202508 320-53800-<br>POND MAINTENANCE-AUG25      |                                | *      | 200.00   |                   |
|                     | FOND MAINTENANCE-AUG25   | AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT, INC   |        |          | 200.00 000409     |
| 9/16/25 00055       | 8/26/25 08262025 202508 310-51300-<br>NOTICE FEES-08.26.25     |                                | *      | 25.04    |                   |
|                     | NOTICE FEES-00.20.25   | CITY OF HAINES CITY            |        |          | 25.04 000410      |
| 9/16/25 00055       | 8/27/25 1797CROS 202508 320-53800-<br>HAINES CITY WATER-AUG25  |                                | *      | 106.27   | <b></b>           |
|                     | 8/27/25 4849KATR 202508 320-53800-<br>HAINES CITY WATER-AUG25  | 43200                          | *      | 262.86   |                   |
|                     | TAINES CITT WATER-AUG25  | CITY OF HAINES CITY            |        |          | 369.13 000411     |
|                     |  |                                |        |          | _                 |

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| AP300R YEAR-TO-DATE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PREPAID/COME *** CHECK DATES 08/23/2025 - 09/22/2025 *** CROSSWINDS EAST GENERAL FUND BANK A GENERAL FUND | PUTER CHECK REGISTER | RUN 9/24/25 | PAGE 2            |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| CHECK VEND#INVOICEEXPENSED TO VENDOR NAME DATE DATE INVOICE YRMO DPT ACCT# SUB SUBCLASS  | STATUS               | TRUOMA      | CHECK<br>AMOUNT # |
| 9/16/25 00068 8/27/25 15807 202508 330-57200-48200<br>CLEANING SVCS-AUG25  | *                    | 800.00      |                   |
| CSS CLEAN STAR SERVICES OF   | CENTRAL              |             | 800.00 000412     |
| TOTAL FO   | OR BANK A            | 18,461.45   |                   |
| TOTAL FO   | OR REGISTER          | 18,461.45   |                   |

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## SECTION 2

Community Development District

Unaudited Financial Reporting August 31, 2025



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#### **Community Development District**

#### Combined Balance Sheet August 31, 2025

|                                    |    | General<br>Fund | I  | Debt Service<br>Fund | Ca | pital Projects<br>Fund | Totals<br>Governmental Funds |           |  |
|------------------------------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Assets:                            |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Cash:                              |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Operating Account                  | \$ | 99,363          | \$ | -                    | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 99,363    |  |
| Amenity Account                    | \$ | =               | \$ | -                    | \$ | 761,326                | \$                           | 761,326   |  |
| State Board of Administration      | \$ | 50,164          | \$ | =                    | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 50,164    |  |
| Due from Developer                 | \$ | 163             | \$ | =                    | \$ | 513,112                | \$                           | 513,274   |  |
| Investments:                       |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Series 2024 A1                     |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Construction                       | \$ | -               | \$ | -                    | \$ | 26,500                 | \$                           | 26,500    |  |
| Reserve                            | \$ | -               | \$ | 1,783,400            | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 1,783,400 |  |
| Revenue                            | \$ | -               | \$ | 661,313              | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 661,313   |  |
| Series 2024 A2                     |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Reserve                            | \$ | -               | \$ | 214,492              | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 214,492   |  |
| Revenue                            | \$ | -               | \$ | 172,325              | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 172,325   |  |
| Prepaid Expenses                   | \$ | 6,966           | \$ | -                    | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 6,966     |  |
| Total Assets                       | \$ | 156,656         | \$ | 2,831,530            | \$ | 1,300,937              | \$                           | 4,289,123 |  |
| Liabilities:                       |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Accounts Payable                   | \$ | 24,901          | \$ | _                    | \$ | _                      | \$                           | 24,901    |  |
| Accounts rayable                   | Φ  | 24,901          | Ф  | -                    | Φ  | -                      | ф                            | 24,901    |  |
| Total Liabilites                   | \$ | 24,901          | \$ | -                    | \$ |                        | \$                           | 24,901    |  |
| Fund Balance:                      |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Restricted For:                    |    |                 |    |                      |    |                        |                              |           |  |
| Debt Services - Series 2024 A1     | \$ | -               | \$ | 2,444,713            | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 2,444,713 |  |
| Debt Services - Series 2024 A2     | \$ | -               | \$ | 386,817              | \$ | -                      | \$                           | 386,817   |  |
| Capital Projects - Amenity         | \$ | -               | \$ | -                    | \$ | 761,326                | \$                           | 761,326   |  |
| Capital Projects - Series 2024 A1  | \$ | -               | \$ | -                    | \$ | 539,611                | \$                           | 539,611   |  |
| Unassigned                         | \$ | 131,755         | \$ | -                    | \$ | =                      | \$                           | 131,755   |  |
| <b>Total Fund Balances</b>         | \$ | 131,755         | \$ | 2,831,530            | \$ | 1,300,937              | \$                           | 4,264,222 |  |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Balance   | \$ | 156,656         | \$ | 2,831,530            | \$ | 1,300,937              | \$                           | 4,289,123 |  |
| Total Liabilities & Fully Dalalite | φ  | 130,030         | φ  | 2,031,330            | Ψ  | 1,300,737              | φ                            | 4,207,123 |  |

#### **Community Development District**

#### **General Fund**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For The Period Ending August 31, 2025

|                                  | Adopted       | Prorated Budget Actual |              |    |             |                |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|----|-------------|----------------|
|                                  | Budget        | Th                     | ıru 08/31/25 | Th | ru 08/31/25 | Variance       |
| Revenues:                        |               |                        |              |    |             |                |
| Assessments - On Roll            | \$<br>277,200 | \$                     | 277,200      | \$ | 289,522     | \$<br>12,322   |
| Assessments - Direct (Unplatted) | \$<br>50,000  | \$                     | 50,000       | \$ | 50,000      | \$<br>-        |
| Assessments - Lot Closings       | \$<br>· -     | \$                     | · -          | \$ | 68,596      | \$<br>68,596   |
| Interest Income                  | \$<br>-       | \$                     | -            | \$ | 164         | \$<br>164      |
| Developer Contributions          | \$<br>249,660 | \$                     | 35,000       | \$ | 35,000      | \$<br>-        |
| Total Revenues                   | \$<br>576,860 | \$                     | 362,200      | \$ | 443,282     | \$<br>81,082   |
| Expenditures:                    |               |                        |              |    |             |                |
| General & Administrative:        |               |                        |              |    |             |                |
| Supervisor Fees                  | \$<br>12,000  | \$                     | 11,000       | \$ | 5,400       | \$<br>5,600    |
| Employer FICA Expense            | \$<br>-       | \$                     | -            | \$ | 413         | \$<br>(413)    |
| Engineering                      | \$<br>15,000  | \$                     | 13,750       | \$ | 3,248       | \$<br>10,502   |
| Attorney                         | \$<br>60,000  | \$                     | 55,000       | \$ | 26,580      | \$<br>28,420   |
| Annual Audit                     | \$<br>4,000   | \$                     | 4,000        | \$ | 5,700       | \$<br>(1,700)  |
| Assessment Administration        | \$<br>5,000   | \$                     | 5,000        | \$ | 5,000       | \$<br>-        |
| Arbitrage                        | \$<br>450     | \$                     | 450          | \$ | 900         | \$<br>(450)    |
| Dissemination                    | \$<br>5,000   | \$                     | 5,000        | \$ | 8,000       | \$<br>(3,000)  |
| Trustee Fees                     | \$<br>4,020   | \$                     | 4,020        | \$ | 4,811       | \$<br>(791)    |
| Management Fees                  | \$<br>40,000  | \$                     | 36,667       | \$ | 36,667      | \$<br>0        |
| Information Technology           | \$<br>1,890   | \$                     | 1,733        | \$ | 1,733       | \$<br>-        |
| Website Maintenance              | \$<br>1,260   | \$                     | 1,155        | \$ | 1,155       | \$<br>-        |
| Postage & Delivery               | \$<br>250     | \$                     | 250          | \$ | 3,042       | \$<br>(2,792)  |
| Insurance                        | \$<br>5,980   | \$                     | 5,980        | \$ | 5,408       | \$<br>572      |
| Copies                           | \$<br>750     | \$                     | 688          | \$ | -           | \$<br>688      |
| Legal Advertising                | \$<br>10,000  | \$                     | 9,167        | \$ | 9,825       | \$<br>(658)    |
| Other Current Charges            | \$<br>2,500   | \$                     | 2,292        | \$ | 1,170       | \$<br>1,122    |
| Office Supplies                  | \$<br>625     | \$                     | 573          | \$ | 21          | \$<br>552      |
| Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions   | \$<br>175     | \$                     | 175          | \$ | 175         | \$<br>-        |
| Total General & Administrative   | \$<br>168,900 | \$                     | 156,898      | \$ | 119,247     | \$<br>37,651   |
| Operations & Maintenance         |               |                        |              |    |             |                |
| Field Expenditures               |               |                        |              |    |             |                |
| Property Insurance               | \$<br>8,000   | \$                     | 8,000        | \$ | 7,023       | \$<br>977      |
| Field Management                 | \$<br>15,000  | \$                     | 13,750       | \$ | 13,750      | \$<br>-        |
| Landscaping Replacement          | \$<br>7,500   | \$                     | 6,875        | \$ | 4,425       | \$<br>2,450    |
| Streetlights                     | \$<br>18,000  | \$                     | 16,500       | \$ | 5,883       | \$<br>10,617   |
| Electric                         | \$<br>2,000   | \$                     | 2,000        | \$ | 2,698       | \$<br>(698)    |
| Water & Sewer                    | \$<br>15,000  | \$                     | 15,000       | \$ | 17,953      | \$<br>(2,953)  |
| Landscape Maintenance            | \$<br>58,500  | \$                     | 58,500       | \$ | 87,440      | \$<br>(28,940) |
| Lake Maintenance                 | \$<br>-       | \$                     | -            | \$ | 2,200       | \$<br>(2,200)  |
| Irrigation Repairs               | \$<br>3,500   | \$                     | 3,500        | \$ | 4,878       | \$<br>(1,378)  |
| Maintenance                      | \$<br>8,500   | \$                     | 7,792        | \$ | 2,728       | \$<br>5,063    |
| Field Contingency                | \$<br>100,000 | \$                     | 91,667       | \$ | 200         | \$<br>91,467   |
| Capital Outlay                   | \$<br>-       | \$                     | -            | \$ | 19,732      | \$<br>(19,732) |
| Subtotal Field Expenditures      | \$<br>236,000 | \$                     | 223,583      | \$ | 168,910     | \$<br>54,673   |

#### **Community Development District**

#### **General Fund**

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For The Period Ending August 31, 2025

|   |    | Adopted Prora |          | orated Budget | d Budget Actual |             |         |          |
|---|----|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|----------|
|   |    | Budget        | Tł       | Thru 08/31/25 |                 | ru 08/31/25 |         | Variance |
|   |    |               |          |               |                 |             |         |          |
| Amenities Expenditures                      |    |               |          |               |                 |             |         |          |
| Amenity - Electric                          | \$ | 2,600         | \$       | 2,383         | \$              | -           | \$      | 2,383    |
| Amenity - Water                             | \$ | 6,000         | \$       | 5,500         | \$              | 3,623       | \$      | 1,877    |
| Playground & Furniture Lease                | \$ | 50,000        | \$       | 45,833        | \$              | 38,820      | \$      | 7,013    |
| Internet                                    | \$ | 2,000         | \$       | 1,833         | \$              | -           | \$      | 1,833    |
| Amenity Landscaping                         | \$ | 6,500         | \$       | 5,958         | \$              | -           | \$      | 5,958    |
| Replacement                                 | \$ | 3,500         | \$       | 3,208         | \$              | -           | \$      | 3,208    |
| Amenity Irrigation Repairs                  | \$ | 2,500         | \$       | 2,292         | \$              | -           | \$      | 2,292    |
| Pest Control                                | \$ | 1,500         | \$       | 1,375         | \$              | 190         | \$      | 1,185    |
| Janitorial Services                         | \$ | 16,160        | \$       | 14,813        | \$              | 1,600       | \$      | 13,213   |
| Security Services                           | \$ | 30,000        | \$       | 27,500        | \$              | 5,343       | \$      | 22,157   |
| Pool Maintenance                            | \$ | 23,700        | \$       | 21,725        | \$              | 3,000       | \$      | 18,725   |
| Maintenance                                 | \$ | 10,000        | \$       | 9,167         | \$              | -           | \$      | 9,167    |
| Amenity Access Management                   | \$ | 10,000        | \$       | 9,167         | \$              | 3,750       | \$      | 5,417    |
| Amenties Contingency                        | \$ | 7,500         | \$       | 7,500         | \$              | 14,092      | \$      | (6,592)  |
| Subtotal Amenity Expenditures               | \$ | 171,960       | \$       | 158,255       | \$              | 70,418      | \$      | 87,837   |
| <b>Total Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>   | \$ | 407,960       | \$       | 381,838       | \$              | 239,328     | \$      | 142,511  |
| m · In P                                    |    | F#C 0C0       | <b>.</b> | E00 E04       | Φ.              | 250 555     | <u></u> | 400.464  |
| Total Expenditures                          | \$ | 576,860       | \$       | 538,736       | \$              | 358,575     | \$      | 180,161  |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expend | \$ | -             |          |               | \$              | 84,707      |         |          |
| Fund Balance - Beginning                    | \$ |               | •        | _             | \$              | 47,047      |         |          |
| runu barance - beginning                    | Ф  | -             |          |               | Ф               | 47,047      |         |          |

131,755

**Fund Balance - Ending** 

#### **Community Development District**

#### Series 2024 Assessment Area 1 Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

|   | Adopted         | Pro | ojected Budget |    | Actual      |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----|----------------|----|-------------|-----------------|
|   | Budget          | Th  | ru 08/31/25    | Th | ru 08/31/25 | Variance        |
| Revenues:   |                 |     |                |    |             |                 |
| Assessments - On Roll                             | \$<br>261,800   | \$  | 261,800        | \$ | 273,438     | \$<br>11,638    |
| Assessments - Direct                              | \$<br>1,521,600 | \$  | -              | \$ | -           | \$<br>-         |
| Assessments - Lot Closings                        | \$<br>-         | \$  | -              | \$ | 1,330,900   | \$<br>1,330,900 |
| Interest  | \$<br>-         | \$  | -              | \$ | 88,274      | \$<br>88,274    |
| Total Revenues                                    | \$<br>1,783,400 | \$  | 261,800        | \$ | 1,692,612   | \$<br>1,430,812 |
| Expenditures:                                     |                 |     |                |    |             |                 |
| <u>Series 2024</u>                                |                 |     |                |    |             |                 |
| Interest - 11/1                                   | \$<br>713,200   | \$  | 713,200        | \$ | 713,200     | \$<br>-         |
| Principal - 5/1                                   | \$<br>365,000   | \$  | 365,000        | \$ | 365,000     | \$<br>-         |
| Interest - 5/1                                    | \$<br>713,200   | \$  | 713,200        | \$ | 713,200     | \$<br>-         |
| Total Expenditures                                | \$<br>1,791,400 | \$  | 1,791,400      | \$ | 1,791,400   | \$<br>-         |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures | \$<br>(8,000)   |     |                | \$ | (98,788)    |                 |
| Other Financing Sources/(Uses):                   |                 |     |                |    |             |                 |
| Transfer In/(Out)                                 | \$<br>-         | \$  | -              | \$ | 110         | \$<br>110       |
| Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)              | \$<br>-         |     |                | \$ | 110         |                 |
|   |                 |     |                |    |             |                 |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                        | \$<br>(8,000)   |     |                | \$ | (98,678)    |                 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning                          | \$<br>752,718   |     |                | \$ | 2,543,391   |                 |
| Fund Balance - Ending                             | \$<br>744,718   |     |                | \$ | 2,444,713   | _               |

#### **Community Development District**

#### Series 2024 Assessment Area 2 Debt Service Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

|   | Adopted       | Pr | ojected Budget |    | Actual       |                 |
|---|---------------|----|----------------|----|--------------|-----------------|
|   | Budget        | Tl | hru 08/31/25   | T  | hru 08/31/25 | Variance        |
| Revenues:   |               |    |                |    |              |                 |
| Assessments - Lot Closing                         | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | 428,985      | \$<br>428,985   |
| Interest  | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | 20,896       | \$<br>20,896    |
| Total Revenues                                    | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | 449,880      | \$<br>449,880   |
| Expenditures:                                     |               |    |                |    |              |                 |
| <u>Series 2024</u>                                |               |    |                |    |              |                 |
| Interest - 11/1                                   | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | 57,605       | \$<br>(57,605)  |
| Principal - 5/1                                   | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | 95,000       | \$<br>(95,000)  |
| Interest - 5/1                                    | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | 167,240      | \$<br>(167,240) |
| Total Expenditures                                | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | 319,845      | \$<br>(319,845) |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures | \$<br>-       |    |                | \$ | 130,035      |                 |
| Other Financing Sources/(Uses):                   |               |    |                |    |              |                 |
| Transfer In/(Out)                                 | \$<br>-       | \$ | -              | \$ | (229,807)    | \$<br>(229,807) |
| Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)              | \$<br>-       |    |                | \$ | (229,807)    |                 |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                        | \$            |    |                | \$ | (99,771)     |                 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning                          | \$<br>752,718 |    |                | \$ | 486,589      |                 |
| Fund Balance - Ending                             | \$<br>752,718 |    |                | \$ | 386,817      |                 |

#### **Community Development District**

#### **Amenity Capital Projects**

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

|   | Adopted | Projected | d Budget |    | Actual      |               |
|---|---------|-----------|----------|----|-------------|---------------|
|   | Budget  | Thru 08   | /31/25   | Th | ru 08/31/25 | Variance      |
| Revenues:   |         |           |          |    |             |               |
| Amenity Contributions                             | \$      | - \$      | -        | \$ | 750,000     | \$<br>750,000 |
| Interest  | \$      | - \$      | -        | \$ | 11,326      | \$<br>11,326  |
| Total Revenues                                    | \$      | - \$      | -        | \$ | 761,326     | \$<br>761,326 |
| Expenditures:                                     |         |           |          |    |             |               |
| Capital Outlay                                    | \$      | - \$      | -        | \$ | -           | \$<br>-       |
| Total Expenditures                                | \$      | - \$      | -        | \$ | -           | \$<br>-       |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures | \$      | -         |          | \$ | 761,326     |               |
| Fund Balance - Beginning                          | \$      | -         |          | \$ | -           |               |
| Fund Balance - Ending                             | \$      | -         |          | \$ | 761,326     |               |

#### **Community Development District**

#### Series 2024 Capital Projects Fund

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

|   | Adopted | Pro  | orated Budget |    | Actual       |                    |
|---|---------|------|---------------|----|--------------|--------------------|
|   | Budget  | Th   | ıru 08/31/25  | Tł | nru 08/31/25 | Variance           |
| Revenues  |         |      |               |    |              |                    |
| Developer Contributions                           | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | 15,392,051   | \$<br>15,392,051   |
| Interest  | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | 1,162        | \$<br>1,162        |
| Total Revenues                                    | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | 15,393,213   | \$<br>15,393,213   |
| Expenditures:                                     |         |      |               |    |              |                    |
| Capital Outlay                                    | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | 15,154,176   | \$<br>(15,154,176) |
| Total Expenditures                                | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | 15,154,176   | \$<br>(15,154,176) |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures | \$      | -    |               | \$ | 239,037      |                    |
| Other Financing Sources/(Uses)                    |         |      |               |    |              |                    |
| Developer Advances                                | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | 300,000      | \$<br>300,000      |
| Transfer In/(Out)                                 | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | (110)        | \$<br>(110)        |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)              | \$      | - \$ | -             | \$ | 299,890      | \$<br>299,890      |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                        | \$      | -    |               | \$ | 538,927      |                    |
| Fund Balance - Beginning                          | \$      | -    |               | \$ | 684          |                    |
| Fund Balance - Ending                             | \$      | -    |               | \$ | 539,611      |                    |

#### **Community Development District**

#### Series 2024 Capital Projects Fund

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

|   | Adopted | Prorate | d Budget |    | Actual      |                   |
|---|---------|---------|----------|----|-------------|-------------------|
|   | Budget  | Thru 0  | 8/31/25  | Th | ru 08/31/25 | Variance          |
| Revenues  |         |         |          |    |             |                   |
| Developer Contributions                           | \$      | - \$    | -        | \$ | 2,216,443   | \$<br>2,216,443   |
| Interest  | \$      | - \$    | -        | \$ | 74,558      | \$<br>74,558      |
| Total Revenues                                    | \$      | - \$    | -        | \$ | 2,291,001   | \$<br>2,291,001   |
| Expenditures:                                     |         |         |          |    |             |                   |
| Capital Outlay                                    | \$      | - \$    | -        | \$ | 7,609,625   | \$<br>(7,609,625) |
| Total Expenditures                                | \$      | - \$    | -        | \$ | 7,609,625   | \$<br>(7,609,625) |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures | \$      | •       |          | \$ | (5,318,624) |                   |
| Other Financing Sources/(Uses)                    |         |         |          |    |             |                   |
| Transfer In/(Out)                                 | \$      | - \$    | -        | \$ | 229,807     | \$<br>229,807     |
| Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)              | \$      | - \$    | -        | \$ | 229,807     | \$<br>229,807     |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                        | \$      |         |          | \$ | (5,088,817) |                   |
| Fund Balance - Beginning                          | \$      | -       |          | \$ | 5,088,817   |                   |
| Fund Balance - Ending                             | \$      |         |          | \$ | -           |                   |

#### **Community Development District** Month to Month

|                                  | Oct          | Nov          | Dec         | Jan          | Feb           | March        | April         | May          | June        | July         | Aug         | Se      | pt  | Total      |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|-----|------------|
| Revenues:                        |              |              |             |              |               |              |               |              |             |              |             |         |     |            |
| Assessments - On Roll            | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>3,680  | \$<br>(2,975) | \$<br>-      | \$<br>285,944 | \$<br>2,874  | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 289,522 |
| Assessments - Direct (Unplatted) | \$<br>-      | \$<br>20,348 | \$<br>-     | \$<br>4,652  | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>25,000  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 50,000  |
| Assessments - Lot Closings       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>65,973 | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>2,623  | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 68,596  |
| Boundary Amendment Contributions | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ -       |
| Interest Income                  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>164   | \$      | - : | \$ 164     |
| Developer Contributions          | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>35,000 | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 35,000  |
| Total Revenues                   | \$<br>•      | \$<br>20,348 | \$<br>-     | \$<br>74,304 | \$<br>(2,975) | \$<br>35,000 | \$<br>310,944 | \$<br>2,874  | \$<br>-     | \$<br>2,623  | \$<br>164   | \$<br>- |     | \$ 443,282 |
| Expenditures:                    |              |              |             |              |               |              |               |              |             |              |             |         |     |            |
| General & Administrative:        |              |              |             |              |               |              |               |              |             |              |             |         |     |            |
| Supervisor Fees                  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>1,400  | \$<br>800     | \$<br>800    | \$<br>1,600 | \$<br>-      | \$<br>800   | \$      | - : | \$ 5,400   |
| Employer FICA Expense            | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>107    | \$<br>61      | \$<br>61     | \$<br>122   | \$<br>-      | \$<br>61    | \$      | - : | \$ 413     |
| Engineering                      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>433    | \$<br>348     | \$<br>405    | \$<br>668     | \$<br>810    | \$<br>528   | \$<br>58     | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 3,248   |
| Attorney                         | \$<br>2,662  | \$<br>456    | \$<br>2,820 | \$<br>1,133  | \$<br>3,218   | \$<br>4,826  | \$<br>2,957   | \$<br>4,079  | \$<br>1,811 | \$<br>699    | \$<br>1,921 | \$      | - : | \$ 26,580  |
| Annual Audit                     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>3,500   | \$<br>2,200  | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 5,700   |
| Assessment Administration        | \$<br>5,000  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 5,000   |
| Arbitrage                        | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>900    | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 900     |
| Dissemination                    | \$<br>3,000  | \$<br>500    | \$<br>500   | \$<br>500    | \$<br>500     | \$<br>500    | \$<br>500     | \$<br>500    | \$<br>500   | \$<br>500    | \$<br>500   | \$      | -   | \$ 8,000   |
| Trustee Fees                     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>4,811  | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 4,811   |
| Management Fees                  | \$<br>3,333  | \$<br>3,333  | \$<br>3,333 | \$<br>3,333  | \$<br>3,333   | \$<br>3,333  | \$<br>3,333   | \$<br>3,333  | \$<br>3,333 | \$<br>3,333  | \$<br>3,333 | \$      | - : | \$ 36,667  |
| Information Technology           | \$<br>158    | \$<br>158    | \$<br>158   | \$<br>158    | \$<br>158     | \$<br>158    | \$<br>158     | \$<br>158    | \$<br>158   | \$<br>158    | \$<br>158   | \$      | - : | \$ 1,733   |
| Website Maintenance              | \$<br>105    | \$<br>105    | \$<br>105   | \$<br>105    | \$<br>105     | \$<br>105    | \$<br>105     | \$<br>105    | \$<br>105   | \$<br>105    | \$<br>105   | \$      | - : | \$ 1,155   |
| Postage & Delivery               | \$<br>418    | \$<br>50     | \$<br>117   | \$<br>209    | \$<br>361     | \$<br>496    | \$<br>249     | \$<br>472    | \$<br>129   | \$<br>464    | \$<br>76    | \$      | - : | \$ 3,042   |
| Insurance                        | \$<br>5,408  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 5,408   |
| Copies                           | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ -       |
| Legal Advertising                | \$<br>1,001  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>2,745  | \$<br>-       | \$<br>331    | \$<br>-     | \$<br>5,748  | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 9,825   |
| Other Current Charges            | \$<br>174    | \$<br>107    | \$<br>107   | \$<br>129    | \$<br>167     | \$<br>110    | \$<br>111     | \$<br>111    | \$<br>155   | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 1,170   |
| Office Supplies                  | \$<br>3      | \$<br>0      | \$<br>0     | \$<br>0      | \$<br>0       | \$<br>3      | \$<br>5       | \$<br>0      | \$<br>5     | \$<br>4      | \$<br>1     | \$      | - : | \$ 21      |
| Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions   | \$<br>175    | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-     | \$      | - : | \$ 175     |
| Total General & Administrative   | \$<br>21,436 | \$<br>4,709  | \$<br>7,140 | \$<br>6,000  | \$<br>8,189   | \$<br>18,999 | \$<br>12,447  | \$<br>13,860 | \$<br>8,446 | \$<br>11,069 | \$<br>6,954 | \$      | -   | \$ 119,247 |

#### Community Development District Month to Month

|   | Oct          | Nov            | D     | ec   | Jan    | Feb          | March        | April        | May          | June         | July         | Aug          | Sep | ot   | T             | otal   |
|---|--------------|----------------|-------|------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|------|---------------|--------|
| Operations & Maintenance                        |              |                |       |      |        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |     |      |               |        |
| Field Expenditures                              |              |                |       |      |        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |     |      |               |        |
| Property Insurance                              | \$<br>2,959  | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>4,064  | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 7,023  |
| Field Management                                | \$<br>1,250  | \$<br>1,250 \$ | 1,25  | \$   | 1,250  | \$<br>1,250  | \$  | - 9  | \$ 1          | 13,750 |
| Landscaping Replacement                         | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>3,150  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>1,275  | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 4,425  |
| Streetlights                                    | \$<br>440    | \$<br>527      | 52    | 7 \$ | 1,065  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>1,095  | \$<br>557    | \$<br>557    | \$<br>-      | \$<br>557    | \$<br>557    | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 5,883  |
| Electric  | \$<br>67     | \$<br>77 \$    | 9     | \$   | 91     | \$<br>111    | \$<br>281    | \$<br>106    | \$<br>330    | \$<br>-      | \$<br>921    | \$<br>615    | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 2,69   |
| Water & Sewer                                   | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>5,846  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>154    | \$<br>9,377  | \$<br>2,576  | \$  | - \$ | \$ 1          | 17,95  |
| Landscape Maintenance                           | \$<br>4,097  | \$<br>4,097    | 4,09  | 7 \$ | 4,097  | \$<br>4,097  | \$<br>7,947  | \$<br>8,277  | \$<br>7,947  | \$<br>12,127 | \$<br>12,397 | \$<br>18,260 | \$  | - \$ | \$ 8          | 37,44  |
| Lake Maintenance                                | \$<br>200    | \$<br>200      | 200   | ) \$ | 200    | \$<br>200    | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 2,20   |
| Irrigation Repairs                              | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | 446    | \$<br>1,671  | \$<br>2,096  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>289    | \$<br>91     | \$<br>286    | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 4,87   |
| Maintenance                                     | \$<br>616    | \$<br>1,252    | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>300    | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>520    | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>40     | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 2,72   |
| Field Contingency                               | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>200    | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 20     |
| Capital Outlay                                  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>19,732 | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$ 1          | 19,73  |
| Subtotal Field Expenditures                     | \$<br>9,629  | \$<br>7,403    | 6,17  | 3 \$ | 7,149  | \$<br>10,779 | \$<br>12,869 | \$<br>16,236 | \$<br>31,025 | \$<br>13,822 | \$<br>26,263 | \$<br>27,562 | \$  | - 5  | \$ 16         | 68,91  |
|   |              |                |       |      |        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |     |      |               |        |
| Amenities Expenditures                          |              |                |       |      |        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |     |      |               |        |
| Amenity - Electric                              | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            |        |
| Amenity - Water                                 | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>2,482  | \$<br>1,141  | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 3,62   |
| Playground & Furniture Lease                    | \$<br>3,529  | \$<br>3,529    | 3,529 | \$   | 3,529  | \$<br>3,529  | \$  | - \$ | \$ 3          | 38,82  |
| Internet  | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            |        |
| Amenity Landscaping                             | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            |        |
| Replacement                                     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            |        |
| Amenity Irrigation Repairs                      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            |        |
| Pest Control                                    | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>70     | \$<br>60     | \$<br>60     | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 19     |
| Janitorial Services                             | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>800    | \$<br>800    | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 1,60   |
| Security Services                               | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>5,343  | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 5,34   |
| Pool Maintenance                                | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>1,500  | \$<br>1,500  | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 3,00   |
| Maintenance                                     | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$            |        |
| Amenity Access Management                       | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- \$     | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>1,250  | \$<br>1,250  | \$<br>1,250  | \$  | - \$ | \$            | 3,75   |
| Amenties Contingency                            | \$<br>-      | \$<br>- 5      | ;     | - \$ | -      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>14,092 | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$<br>-      | \$  | - \$ | \$ 1          | 14,092 |
| Subtotal Amenity Expenditures                   | \$<br>3,529  | \$<br>3,529    | 3,52  | \$   | 3,529  | \$<br>3,529  | \$<br>3,529  | \$<br>3,529  | \$<br>17,621 | \$<br>7,332  | \$<br>13,622 | \$<br>7,139  | \$  | - 5  | \$ 7          | 70,41  |
| Total Operations & Maintenance                  | \$<br>13,158 | \$<br>10,932   | 9,70  | 2 \$ | 10,678 | \$<br>14,308 | \$<br>16,398 | \$<br>19,765 | \$<br>48,646 | \$<br>21,154 | \$<br>39,885 | \$<br>34,701 | \$  | - 5  | <b>\$ 2</b> 3 | 39,32  |
| Total Expenditures                              | \$<br>34,594 | \$<br>15,641   | 16,84 | 2 \$ | 16,678 | \$<br>22,497 | \$<br>35,397 | \$<br>32,212 | \$<br>62,505 | \$<br>29,599 | \$<br>50,954 | \$<br>41,656 | \$  | - :  | \$ 35         | 58,57  |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditur | (34,594)     |                |       |      |        |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |     |      | _             | 34,70  |

#### **Community Development District**

#### **Long Term Debt Report**

#### Series 2024 Assessment Area 1, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds

Interest Rate: 4.625%, 5.500%, 5.800%%

Maturity Date: 5/1/2054

Reserve Fund Definition Maximum Annual Debt Service

Reserve Fund Requirement \$1,783,400 Reserve Fund Balance \$1,783,400

Bonds Outstanding - 2/29/24 \$25,785,000 Less: Principal Payment 5/1/25 (\$365,000)

Current Bonds Outstanding \$25,420,000

#### Series 2024 Assessment Area 2, Special Assessment Revenue Bonds

Interest Rate: 4.500%, 5.150%, 5.450%

Maturity Date: 5/1/2054

Reserve Fund Definition 50% Maximum Annual Debt Service

Reserve Fund Requirement \$214,492 Reserve Fund Balance \$214,492

Bonds Outstanding - 8/29/24 \$6,400,000 Less: Principal Payment 5/1/25 (\$95,000)

Current Bonds Outstanding \$6,305,000

#### **Community Development District**

#### Assessment Receipt Schedule

Fiscal Year 2025

ON ROLL ASSESSMENTS

| Gross Assessments | \$<br>298,063.92 | \$<br>281,505.84 | \$<br>579,569.76 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net Assessments   | \$<br>277,199.45 | \$<br>261,800.43 | \$<br>538,999.88 |

|            |                        |               |                  |                          |          |               | 51.43%        | 48.57%                   | 100.00%       |
|------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Date       | Distribution           | Gross Amount  | Discount/Penalty | Commission               | Interest | Net Receipts  | General Fund  | 2024 AA1 Debt<br>Service | Total         |
| 01/13/2025 | 12/16-12/31/24         | \$7,526.88    | (\$225.83)       | (\$146.02)               | \$0.00   | \$7,155.03    | \$3,679.72    | \$3,475.31               | \$7,155.03    |
| 02/03/2025 | 10/1-12/31/24          | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00                   | \$11.06  | \$11.06       | \$5.69        | \$5.37                   | \$11.06       |
| 03/28/25   | INV# 4652204 & 4652205 | (\$5,795.70)  | \$0.00           | \$0.00                   | \$0.00   | (\$5,795.70)  | (\$2,980.64)  | (\$2,815.06)             | (\$5,795.70)  |
| 04/11/25   | 03/01-03/31/25         | \$566,397.72  | \$0.00           | (\$11,327.95)            | \$0.00   | \$555,069.77  | \$285,463.95  | \$269,605.82             | \$555,069.77  |
| 04/30/25   | 01/01-03/31/25         | \$0.00        | \$0.00           | \$0.00                   | \$932.64 | \$932.64      | \$479.64      | \$453.00                 | \$932.64      |
| 05/09/25   | 04/01-04/30/25         | \$5,701.60    | \$0.00           | (\$114.03)               | \$0.00   | \$5,587.57    | \$2,873.60    | \$2,713.97               | \$5,587.57    |
|            | TOTAL                  | \$ 573,830,50 | \$ (225.83)      | \$ (11.588.00) <b>\$</b> | 943.70   | \$ 562,960,37 | \$ 289.521.96 | \$ 273,438,41            | \$ 562,960,37 |

| 104% | Net Percent Collected               |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| 0    | <b>Balance Remaining to Collect</b> |

#### DIRECT BILL ASSESSMENTS

| GLK Real Estate<br>2025-01 |             |                 | Net Assessments | \$<br>1,562,296.69 | \$<br>40,696.69              | \$<br>1,521,600.00             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Date<br>Received           | Due<br>Date | Check<br>Number | Net<br>Assessed | Amount<br>Received | Amt Received<br>General Fund | Amt Received<br>Series 2024 A1 |
| 11/20/24                   | 10/1/24     | 2428            | \$20,348.34     | \$20,348.34        | \$20,348.34                  | \$0.00                         |
| 3/28/25                    | 2/1/25      | 2617            | \$10,174.17     | \$10,174.17        | \$10,174.17                  | \$0.00                         |
|                            | 3/15/25     |                 | \$920,149.46    |                    |                              | \$0.00                         |
| 3/28/25                    | 5/1/25      | 2614            | \$10,174.17     | \$10,174.17        | \$10,174.17                  | \$0.00                         |
|                            | 9/15/25     |                 | \$601,450.53    |                    | \$0.00                       | \$0.00                         |
|                            |             |                 | \$ 1,562,296.67 | \$<br>40,696.68    | \$<br>40,696.68              | \$<br>-                        |

| GLK Real Estate<br>2025-02 |             |                 | Net Assessments | \$<br>438,287.06   | \$<br>9,303.31               | \$<br>428,983.75               |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Date<br>Received           | Due<br>Date | Check<br>Number | Net<br>Assessed | Amount<br>Received | Amt Received<br>General Fund | Amt Received<br>Series 2024 A2 |
| 11/20/24                   | 10/1/24     | 2501            | \$4,651.66      | \$4,651.66         | \$4,651.66                   | \$0.00                         |
| 3/28/25                    | 2/1/25      | 2615            | \$2,325.83      | \$2,325.83         | \$2,325.83                   | \$0.00                         |
|                            | 3/15/25     |                 | \$263,881.25    |                    |                              | \$0.00                         |
| 3/28/25                    | 5/1/25      | 2616            | \$2,325.83      | \$2,325.83         | \$2,325.83                   | \$0.00                         |
|                            | 9/15/25     |                 | \$165,102.50    |                    | \$0.00                       | \$0.00                         |
|                            |             |                 | \$ 438,287.07   | \$<br>9,303.32     | \$<br>9,303.32               | \$<br>-                        |