



INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE

ITN No. N257513LA

Due 2:00 PM, EST on October 31, 2025

Landscaping Services

Electronic Proposals for **Landscaping Services**, as defined on page 25 Detailed Specifications for Awarded Vendor (Scope of Work), will be received at the School Board of Lee County (hereinafter the District), Procurement Services Department, Bonfire Platform. All interested parties must register with Bonfire to view and download documents. Instructions for Vendor Registration can be viewed by clicking the link <https://support.gobonfire.com/hc/en-us/articles/360011135513-Vendor-Registration>. Electronic Proposals must be submitted through the [Bonfire Portal](#) before **2:00 PM, EST on October 31, 2025**. It is the Proposer's responsibility to assure that the proposal is submitted to the Department of Procurement Services, Bonfire Platform prior to the opening date and time specified. The Bonfire electronic platform will not allow submissions after the opening date and time, and therefore late submittals will not be accepted or considered for award.

Business entities interested in providing **Landscaping Services** to The School Board of Lee County are hereby notified that electronic proposals for providing the required services must be submitted by **2:00 PM, EST on October 31, 2025**, at The School Board of Lee County, Procurement Services Department, Bonfire Platform.

PROPOSER INFORMATION SHEET

School Board of Lee County
Department of Procurement Services
(239) 337-8180 Phone

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ITN No.: **N257513LA**

ITN Title: **Landscaping Services**

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Invitation to Negotiate proposals must be electronically submitted to The School Board of Lee County, Department of Procurement Services, Bonfire Platform, no later than **2:00 PM, EST on October 31, 2025** and plainly marked ITN No. **N257513LA, Landscaping Services**. Proposals are due and will be opened at this time.

Proposer Business Name: _____

Proposer Taxpayer Identification Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Name of Owner or Authorized Officer/Agent: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____ Internet URL: _____

Additional Contact Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature of Owner or Authorized Officer/Agent: _____

(Proposal must be signed by an officer or employee having authority to legally bind the Proposer)

Anti-Collusion Statement/Public Domain: I, the Proposer have not divulged, discussed, or compared this proposal with any other Proposer and have not colluded with any other Proposer in the preparation of this proposal in order to gain an unfair advantage in the award of this ITN. I acknowledge that all information contained herein is part of the public domain subject to the Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Proposal Certification: By my signature, I hereby certify that I am submitting the following information as my company's proposal and understand that by virtue of executing and returning this **Proposer Information Sheet**, I further certify complete and unconditional acceptance of the contents inclusive of this Invitation to Negotiate, and all appendices and the contents of any addenda released hereto.

NO RESPONSE – I HEREBY SUBMIT THIS AS A “NO RESPONSE” FOR THE REASON(S) CHECKED BELOW:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient time to respond | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum received too late to respond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specifications were unclear or restrictive | <input type="checkbox"/> Could not meet insurance requirements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our schedule will not permit us to respond | <input type="checkbox"/> We do not offer the services requested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terms & Conditions were unclear or restrictive | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove our company name from this commodity listing only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Could not meet specifications | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep our company on the bid list for future ITN's |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

Proposer: to ensure acceptance of the proposal follow these instructions.

1. **Electronic Proposal Requirements:** The “Proposer Information Sheet”, page 2 of the ITN, must be completed, signed, and returned with each proposal. Proposers must submit one electronic proposal, electronically signed by a representative authorized to legally bind the Proposer to the provisions herein; and all attachments and forms completed as required herein. Unless otherwise specified, Proposers must use the form(s) furnished by the District. **Proposals received that fail to comply with these submittal requirements may not be considered for award.**
2. **Definitions:** For the purpose of this Invitation to Negotiate (ITN), the following words and phrases shall have these meaning:
 - a) “District” shall mean The School Board of Lee County, Florida.
 - b) “Proposer” shall mean any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal pursuant to this ITN.
 - c) “Vendor” shall mean the successful Proposer(s), whether a corporation, partnership, individual or any combination thereof, and its, their or his successors, personal representatives, executors, administrators, and assignees.
3. **Proposer’s Responsibility:** **It is the responsibility of the Proposer to obtain all pages of the ITN package and all attachments thereto, together with any addenda to the ITN package that may be issued prior to the ITN due date.** Proposers are required, before submitting a proposal, to obtain and carefully examine the ITN specifications and to completely familiarize themselves with all of the terms and conditions. Ignorance on the part of a Proposer will in no way relieve them of any of the obligations and responsibilities which are a part of this proposal.
4. **Proposal Submittal:** All proposals electronically submitted using the Bonfire Platform. Proposals having erasure or corrections must be initialed by the Proposer. All proposals must be signed by an officer or employee having authority to legally bind the Proposer. All proposal pricing shall be on the response form provided herein and signed by an authorized officer of the company. By signing, Proposer attests that they fully understand there will be no recourse for negligence or oversight for not doing so. Completed proposal must be submitted in the Bonfire Platform.
5. **Special Conditions:** If a conflict exists between the general conditions and the detailed specifications, then the detailed specifications shall prevail.
6. **Public Entity Crime:** Pursuant to Florida Statute 287.133, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted Vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, Subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO, for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted Vendor list. Proposers shall complete and submit with their Proposal the complete, accurate, and notarized statement required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, Public Entity Crimes Statement, provided herein. Failure to submit a properly completed and notarized form shall be cause for submittal to be judged non-responsive.
7. **Specification Variances:** For purpose of evaluation, the Proposer shall indicate any and all variances from specifications, terms and/or conditions regardless of how slight. If variations are not stated in the proposal, it shall be assumed that the proposed product or service fully complies with the specifications, terms and conditions herein.
8. **Requests for Clarifications:** Any and all questions regarding this ITN, whether technical, procedural or otherwise, must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Procurement Agent designated herein, ten (10) business days prior to the ITN due date, or as otherwise specified in the detailed specifications. All such interpretations and supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the ITN documents and posted on the Bonfire Platform. No correction or clarification of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error in the ITN terms, conditions or specifications will be made to any Proposer orally. Only the interpretation or correction so given by the Procurement Agent, in writing, shall be binding. Proposers are advised that no other source is authorized to give information concerning, explaining, or interpreting the ITN documents. If a Proposer should be of the opinion that the meaning of any part of the proposal specifications are uncertain, obscure, or contains errors or omissions, they should report such opinion to the Procurement Agent in writing no more than three (3) days after the receipt of the documents.
9. **Submission of Proposal:** One proposal must be electronically submitted in the School District of Lee County’s Bonfire Platform no later than the date and time specified on the cover sheet of this ITN, to be considered. Proposals shall be organized and shall include necessary information as to be in full compliance with the ITN specifications. The District reserves the right to reject and not consider any proposal that is not submitted in accordance with the ITN general conditions, specifications or ITN submittal requirements.
10. **Proposal Opening:** Proposal openings shall be public at the date and time stated in the ITN at the Department of Procurement Services of The School District of Lee County, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida 33966-1012, unless otherwise indicated.
11. **Proposals Received Late:** It is the Proposers responsibility to assure that the proposal is received by the Department of Procurement Services, Bonfire Platform prior to the opening date and time specified. The Bonfire electronic platform will not allow submissions after the due date and time and therefore will not be considered for award.
12. **Processing Time:** It is understood that the normal proposal processing time shall be 120 days after the opening date of

this ITN, and that prices reflected by the proposal will be firm through the proposal processing time and the delivery of items awarded.

13. **Original and Renewal Term:** The award resulting from this ITN shall be in effect for the term defined in the detailed specifications commencing upon Board approval or until new proposals are taken and awarded. The award resulting from this ITN (or any portion thereof) has the option of being renewed as defined in the detailed specifications, or extended for a period up to 180 days, upon mutual agreement of both parties, under the same terms and conditions as the original award. The District, through its Department of Procurement Services, will, if considering a renewal or extension, request a letter of intent to renew or extend from one or more awardees, prior to the end of the current contract period. The awardees will be notified when the recommendation has been acted upon by the District. The Proposer agrees to these conditions by signing its proposal.
14. **Lobbying:** From the time that a formal solicitation is released until such time as an award is made by the School Board, Vendors are prohibited from lobbying School Board Members, District employees, or any community member appointed to serve on the relevant selection committee, regarding the formal solicitation. All inquiries must be written and directed to the Department of Procurement Services.
 - (a) Lobbying is defined as any action taken by an individual, firm, association, joint venture, partnership, syndicate, corporation, and all other groups who seek to influence the governmental decision of School Board Members, District employees, or any community member appointed to serve on the relevant selection committee, on the award of a contract. Lobbying by any Proposer or any individual on behalf of a Vendor will result in rejections/disqualification of said response.
 - (b) Violation of the provision regarding lobbying may also result in debarment of the Vendor as provided in Policy 6.071.
15. **Prompt Payment Discount:** Cash discount for prompt payment of invoices, if offered, shall not be considered in evaluating proposals and making awards. Cash discount terms, if offered in the proposal, must be clearly indicated on each invoice.
16. **Brands:** Proposers shall indicate, for each item proposed, the name and model of the brand being proposed. Use of brand names, trade names, make, model, manufacturer, or Vendor catalog number in the specifications is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only. It is not the District's intent to rule out other competition; therefore, the phrase "OR APPROVED EQUAL" is added, unless otherwise indicated in the specifications. However, if a product other than specified is proposed, it is the Proposer's responsibility to submit, with the proposal, samples, descriptive literature and/or detailed specifications which illustrate the product sufficiently for evaluation. Proposals received without this information, or with insufficient information, as determined by the evaluation committee, may not be considered. If the words "ONLY" or "NO SUBSTITUTES" appear in the specification, then no other brands, trade names, makes, models or manufacturers shall be considered. The District shall be the sole judge concerning the merits of proposals submitted. If a Proposer does not indicate what he is offering in the proper blank and if the Proposer is successful in being awarded the item(s) then the Proposer shall be obligated to furnish the item(s) specified by the District.
17. **Warranty/Guarantee:** All materials and/or services furnished under this proposal shall be warranted by the Vendor, distributor and manufacturer to be free from defects and fit for the intended use. Unless otherwise requested, the items proposed must be new and equal to or exceed specifications. The manufacturer's standard guarantee or warranty shall apply. During the guarantee or warranty period, the Vendor must repair and/or replace the unit without cost to the District with the understanding that all replacements shall carry the same guarantee or warranty as the original equipment. The Vendor shall make any such repairs and/or replacements immediately upon receiving notice from the District.
18. **Proposal Evaluation and Award:** Proposals shall be reviewed in accordance with the ITN specifications and conditions and the best interest of the District. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in part or in whole, waive minor variations, informalities, irregularities, omissions or technicalities, request new proposals, and/or consider alternate proposals which meet the general specifications set forth. Proposals which contain any alteration, addition, conditions, limitations, unauthorized alternates or show irregularities of any kind may be rejected by the District. The District reserves the right to award proposals on such products and/or services it deems will best serve the District's best interest from the standpoint of price (including any applicable preference pursuant to Section 287.084, F.S.), quality, and suitability for the intended purpose, including product life cycle costs, and any other determining factors.
 - a) Proposals will be evaluated, scored and ranked based on the written responses to the proposal grading criteria specified herein. Based on the rankings, one or more firms may be selected to commence negotiations. The District reserves the right to create, and select Proposers from a "short list" in order to enter into final contract negotiations with one or more Proposers, with the intent of awarding a contract and producing terms and conditions to reflect the outcome of the negotiations.
 - b) The District reserves the right to conduct optional interviews/presentations with none, some or all Proposers.
 - c) The District reserves the right to negotiate individually or collectively with one or more top ranked firms, and to evaluate, score and rank Proposers who enter into final contract negotiations, based on the grading criteria specified herein. Proposers invited to negotiate shall make available at each and every negotiation their representatives with the responsibility and authority to legally commit the Proposer to final terms and conditions. Proposers are cautioned to present their best offer with their proposal as the District may select a proposal for award without further negotiation.
 - d) After final evaluation, ranking, and/or negotiation of one or more proposals, a tabulation of the responses with

intent to award shall be posted for review by interested parties on the School District of Lee County's website <http://www.leeschools.net/procurement> for a period of no less than three (3) days.

- e) A recommendation for award will be presented to the Superintendent, and subsequently to the School Board for consideration. The School Board exercises the authority to accept or reject proposals.

19. **Notification of Award/Purchase Orders:** Upon Board approval to award a contract, participating Proposers, successful and unsuccessful, shall be notified of the award configuration in writing by the Department of Procurement Services. Proposers who are awarded a contract resulting from this ITN are cautioned not to provide goods or services to any District site or to any District employee prior to receiving purchase orders issued by the District's Department of Procurement Services. Notification of Award is not to be construed as authorization to provide goods or services.

20. **Contract Documents:** The submission of a proposal constitutes an offer by the Proposer. Upon Board approval the Department of Procurement Services will issue a letter of award. This ITN, any addenda to this ITN, the submitted proposal, revisions to such documents agreed upon by both parties in writing during the negotiation process, and the corresponding purchase order(s) and change order(s) will constitute the complete agreement between the successful Proposer and the District. If a specific contract document is requested by the District, it shall be included with the above-mentioned items as part of the contract agreement. Each proposal is received with the understanding that an acceptance in writing by the District of the offer to furnish any or all of the services and materials described shall constitute a contract between the Proposer and the District. This contract shall bind the Proposer to furnish and deliver the services and materials quoted, at the prices stated and in accordance with the terms conditions of said accepted proposal. It is agreed that the Proposer will not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest in or to the same, or any part thereof, without previous consent of the District and any sureties.

21. **General Information about the District:** The District and its School Board of Lee County were created pursuant to Section 4, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Florida. The District is an independent taxing and reporting entity managed, controlled, operated, administered, and supervised by District school officials in accordance with Chapter 1001, Florida Statutes.

- a) The School Board consists of seven elected officials responsible for the adoption of policies, which govern the operation of District public schools. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the administration and management of the schools within the applicable parameters of State Laws, State Board of Education Rules, and School Board policies. The Superintendent is also specifically delegated the responsibility of maintaining a uniform system of records and accounts in the District by Section 1001.51, Florida Statutes as prescribed by the State Board of Education.

b) The District serves the entire area of the county, including the cities of Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel and the Village of Estero. The District's enrollment is approximately 99,300 pre-K-12 students. With approximately 12,000 employees (including full-time, part-time, substitutes, short-course instructors, and hourly employees), the District is the second largest employer in Lee County.

22. **Price Adjustments:** The District may, in its sole discretion, make an equitable adjustment in the contract terms and/or pricing if pricing or availability of supply are affected by extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace, that is, by circumstances that satisfy all of the following criteria:

- a) The volatility is due to causes wholly beyond the Vendor's control
- b) The volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Vendor's source of supply
- c) The effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial
- d) The volatility so affects the Vendor that continued performance of the contract would result in substantial loss or financial hardship.

The determination as to whether a situation represents "extreme" volatility of the marketplace and/or whether the effect on pricing or availability is "substantial" shall be solely at the discretion of the District. Requests for adjustments must be made to the Director of Procurement Services within twenty-four hours after receipt of an order from the District for the affected product and will not be considered more than once in a 120-day period. For contracts with an initial award period exceeding one (1) year, prices shall remain firm for the first year.

23. **Substitutions:** Should a particular product become unavailable after award due to discontinuance by manufacturer, extreme market demand or inability of manufacturer to produce the product for a certain period of time, or quality or compatibility as solely determined by the District, Vendor may propose a substitute product to the District. The Vendor shall provide specifications for the proposed substitute product, or if requested by the District, a sample of the proposed substitute. Vendor will also provide documentation as to the unavailability of the original awarded product to the District for its review. Such a substitute will only be considered if the District has a continued need for the product within a specified time frame where the original awarded product will be unavailable. Whether a substitute is necessary and whether the proposed substitute is acceptable are solely within the discretion of the District.

24. **Vendor Performance:** The Vendor shall provide competent, suitable, qualified personnel to perform any project required by the ITN. The Vendor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order while on District property. Vendor employees and Subcontractor employees (if authorized) assigned to this contract must be pre-screened and will be thoroughly reviewed for but not limited to current certification and documentation. When on District property:

- a) The Vendor shall furnish all equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery,

tools, appliances, fuel, power, heat, light, telephone, water and sanitary facilities and incidentals necessary for the execution, testing, initial operation and completion of any project unless otherwise specified.

- b) The Vendor shall be responsible for the appearance and demeanor of all personnel assigned to the project and shall require that all employees wear shirts with visible company logo and personal identification of the individual employee while on District property. Uniforms and/or dress code shall be inclusive of, but not limited to, neat and clean company uniforms or attire that are appropriate and easily identifiable. District identification badges shall be worn and clearly visible while on any District property.
- c) The Vendor's personnel shall have no contact with students or school staff, other than administrative staff or designated representatives, with the exception of emergency situations. The Vendor employees shall refrain from using foul, abusive, or profane language on District property.
- d) Upon arrival and departure onto any District school campus, the Vendor's employees shall enter their company information into the School Log Book provided in the Administrative office of each campus.
- e) The Vendor's personnel shall be aware that all District sites are smoke free areas. The use of tobacco products is prohibited on any property owned by the District. Vendor's personnel shall be aware that it is illegal to have in one's possession any firearm, illegal drug or alcoholic beverage while on District property; or be under the influence of any illegal drug or alcoholic beverage while on District property.
- f) When on District property, the Vendor shall strictly limit its operations to the designated work areas and shall not permit any employees to enter any other portions of District property without District's expressed prior written consent.
- g) All employees are prohibited from distributing any papers or other materials upon District property, and are strictly prohibited from using any District telephones or other office equipment.
- h) All employees shall enter and leave District facilities only through the ingress and egress points designated, from time to time, by the District.
- i) The Vendor shall be responsible for the removal of all trash and debris occasioned by this contract. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the costs of the performance of this work by others being charged to the Vendor.
- j) The Vendor shall be responsible for all damages caused by the Vendor, its Subcontractors and employees of each, and shall be held responsible for replacing or repairing any damage due to negligence on their part to any person(s) and/or property. The District may withhold payment or make such deductions as deemed necessary to ensure reimbursement or replacement for loss or damage to property.
- k) Any existing surface or subsurface improvements, including, but not limited to, pavements, curbs, sidewalks, pipes, utilities, footings, structures, trees and

shrubbery, not indicated in the contract documents to be removed or altered, shall be protected by Vendor from damage during the prosecution of any project. Any such improvements so damaged shall be restored by Vendor to condition at least equal to that existing at the time of Vendor's commencement of any project.

- l) Vendor acknowledges that work may be performed at a particular project site where the District simultaneously is conducting and continuing its operations upon the same site. In such event, Vendor shall coordinate its work so as to cause no unreasonable interference with or disruption to the District's operations. The District may perform other work related to any particular project at the site by the District's own forces, have other work performed by utility owners or let other direct contracts.
- m) If during the performance of any project, Vendor or any Subcontractor, sub-Subcontractor, agent, employee or anyone else for whom Vendor is legally liable, causes a disruption to any utilities service to other facilities or customers within a project area, Vendor shall take all actions necessary and required to immediately restore such utilities service. If Vendor fails to take such immediate actions the District shall have the right to take whatever actions it deems necessary and required to immediately restore the disrupted services, and all costs incurred by the District as a result thereof shall be reimbursed to the District by Vendor within five (5) business days of written demand for same from the District.
- n) Vendor is responsible for the safety and protection of all persons and property on or about the project site during the progress of any project. Further, it is Vendor's responsibility to protect from damage or loss all material and equipment to be incorporated into any project which may be stored off the project site. Vendor shall develop and implement, in accordance with the requirements of the contract documents (including any District rules or regulations), a safety plan for any project, as required. Vendor shall comply with all applicable codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the District and any public body having jurisdiction over any project, including all of their safety codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. If Vendor observes that the Contract Documents are at variance therewith, it shall promptly notify the District in writing.
- o) When requested, Vendor shall cooperate with any ongoing District investigation involving personal injury, economic loss or damage to the District's facilities or personal property therein.
- p) Proper safety barricades, protective, and covering devices shall be used to divert traffic and protect personnel. Normal safety signs, necessary lighting and temporary fencing/barricades around work areas shall be installed and maintained in accordance with OSHA requirements while the work is in progress. Materials must be secured in accordance with OSHA regulations when not in use.
- q) The Vendor shall be responsible for instructing their employees in all safety measures. All equipment used by

the Vendor shall be free from defects or wear that may in any way constitute a hazard to any person or persons on District property. At no time shall equipment be operated without guards, shields, or other manufacturers recommended safety accessories in place and functioning as intended by the manufacturer. All current OSHA safety standards shall be reinforced including, but not limited to, the following rules:

- i. All OSHA and Federal required safety equipment shall be installed and functioning on all equipment.
- ii. All equipment shall be in sound working condition and must meet all OSHA Safety Standards. All workers shall be aware of and trained in the operation of all safety equipment required for this project.
- iii. The Vendor shall ensure that employees are equipped with proper safety items such as glasses, hard hats, gloves, etc.
- iv. All incidents on campus involving District property or personnel shall be reported to the Director of Maintenance Services Department and the Campus Administrator immediately upon occurrence.
- v. All debris shall be removed to an environmentally approved landfill or recycling center.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.

25. **Inspection, Identification and Acceptance:** Vendors shall be responsible for delivery of items in new condition meeting specification at point of destination. Vendor shall file with the carrier all claims for breakage, imperfections and other losses. If the material and/or services supplied to the District is found to be defective or does not conform to specifications, the District reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the seller and return the product to the seller at the seller's expense.
26. **Bid Bonds:** Bid bonds, when required, shall be submitted with the bid in the amount specified in the detailed specifications. Bid bonds will be returned to unsuccessful Proposers.
27. **Performance Bonds:** When required and after acceptance of a proposal, the District will notify the successful Proposer to submit a recorded payment and performance bond in the amount specified in the detailed specifications.
28. **Worker's Compensation:** Vendors shall obtain and maintain during the life of the contract Workers' Compensation Insurance in compliance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes for all of their employees employed on the project. In case any work is sublet, Vendor shall require Subcontractors similarly to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance.
29. **Scrutinized Companies:** By submitting a proposal, Proposer certifies that it complies with House Bill 545 which prohibits a company that is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in a boycott of Israel from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract with an agency or local government entity for goods or services of any amount. The bill also requires a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of any amount entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2018, to contain a provision that allows for the

termination of the contract at the option of the awarding body if the company has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. An agency or local governmental entity is authorized to make a case-by-case exception to the prohibition of contracting with companies that are on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in a boycott of Israel if certain conditions are met. Additionally, the bill requires a company to provide certification that it is not engaging in a boycott of Israel before submitting a bid or entering into or renewing a contract with an agency or local governmental entity. The bill provides for preemption of any ordinance or rule of any agency or local governmental entity involving public contracts for goods or services of any amount with a company that has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

30. **Cancellation/Termination:** In the event any of the provisions of the contract awarded as a result of this ITN are violated by the Vendor, the Superintendent or designee shall give written notice to the Vendor stating the deficiencies and unless the deficiencies are corrected within ten (10) calendar days, recommendation may be made to the Board for immediate cancellation. Upon cancellation hereunder, the Board may pursue any and all legal remedies as provided herein and by law. The Board reserves the right to terminate any contract resulting from this invitation at any time and for any reason, upon giving seven (7) days prior written notice to the other party. If said contract should be terminated for convenience as provided herein, the Board will be relieved of all obligations under said contract. The Board will only be required to pay to the Vendor that amount of the contract actually performed to the date of termination. Repeated instance of failure to perform may result in cancellation of the contract and removal of the Proposer from consideration on other District contracts for the duration of the document contract period or for three years, whichever is longer, at the discretion of the Director of Procurement. The contract may be terminated in accordance with Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, by the District if:

- a) Vendor is found to have submitted a false certification concerning inclusion on a Scrutinized Companies List;
- b) Vendor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel;
- c) Vendor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; or
- d) Vendor has been engaging in business operations in Cuba or Syria.
- e) The District may at any time by written notice to the Vendor stop all or any part of the work for this ITN award. Upon receiving such notice, the Vendor will take all reasonable steps to minimize additional costs during the period of work stoppage. The District may subsequently either cancel the stop work order resulting in an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule and/or the price, or terminate the work in accordance with the provisions of the ITN terms and conditions.

- f) Failure of the Vendor to provide products within the time specified in the ITN shall result in the following: The Buyer shall notify Vendor in writing within five (5) calendar days via the Vendor Performance Form and provide five (5) calendar days to cure. If awarded Vendor cannot provide product, the District reserves the right to purchase product from the next lowest responsive and responsible awarded Vendor. The defaulting Vendor may be responsible for reimbursing the District for price differences.
31. **Default:** In the event that the awarded Proposer should breach this contract, the District and the School Board reserve the right to seek all remedies in law and/or in equity.
32. **Liability:** Where Vendors are required to enter or go onto District property to deliver materials, perform work or provide services as a result of a proposal award, the awarded Vendor assumes full duty, obligation and expense of obtaining all necessary licenses, permits and insurance, and shall be fully responsible for its own negligent or willful acts or omissions. Refer to the Attachment C (Insurance Requirements form) for the District's insurance requirements.
33. **Indemnity: This General Condition of the ITN is NOT subject to negotiation and any proposal that fails to accept these conditions may be rejected as "non-responsive", unless Vendor is entitled to sovereign immunity by action of the Florida Legislature.** The District agrees to assume liability in the amounts and for the cause established in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes for only injuries or damage caused by the negligence of the District, its agents or employees in performance of the duties of this contract. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the District. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by the District to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract. Vendor shall hold harmless and defend the District and its agents and employees from all suits and actions, including attorney's fees and all costs of litigation and judgments of any name and description arising out of or incidental to the performance of this contract or work performed there under. This provision shall also pertain to any claims brought against the District by an employee of the named Vendor, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them. The Vendor's obligation under this provision shall not be limited in any way by the agreed upon contract price as shown in this Contract or the Vendor's limit of, or lack of, sufficient insurance protection.
34. **Taxes:** The District is exempt from any Taxes. State Exemption Certificate certified on request. State Sales Tax Exemption Certificate is No. 85-8012622066C-4, and Federal Tax Identification is No. 59-6000701.
35. **Laws and Regulations:** Vendors will comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws, statutes and ordinances including, but not limited to the rules, regulations and standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Federal Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated under these Acts. Vendors agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, gender, religion, color, age or national origin. Lack of knowledge of applicable laws, statutes and ordinances by the Proposer shall not constitute a cognizable defense against actual or potential damages caused thereby.
36. **Occupational Safety Hazards Act Requirements:** The Proposer certifies that all material, equipment, etc., contained in the Proposal meets all Occupational Safety Hazards Act (OSHA) requirements. The Proposer further certifies that if he or she is the successful Proposer and the material, equipment, etc., delivered is subsequently found to be deficient pursuant to any OSHA requirement in effect on the date of delivery, all costs necessary to bring the material, equipment, etc. into compliance with aforementioned requirements shall borne solely by the Vendor.
37. **Governing Law & Venue:** All agreements as a result of an award hereto and all extensions and modifications thereto and all questions relating to its validity, interpretation, performance or enforcement shall be governed and construed in conformance to the laws of the State of Florida. In the event of a legal proceeding, the venue for state court shall be in Lee County Florida or for federal court shall be United States District Court, Southwest District of Florida.
38. **Drug-Free Workplace/Identical Tie Proposals:** Whenever two or more proposals, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a proposal received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall comply with the requirements of Florida Statute 287.087. If all tied businesses comply with the Drug-Free Workplace requirement, a coin flip will break the tie.
39. **Ethics:** All awarded Vendors shall comply with the requirements of law regarding ethics as set forth in Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, rules promulgated by the Florida Commission of Ethics, and District Purchasing and Bidding Policies.
40. **Conflict of Interest:** Proposer is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112 Florida Statutes. The Proposer must disclose with their response the name of any company owner, officer, director, agent or representative who is also an employee of the School District of Lee County or their immediate family which owns any interest of any amount in the Proposer's company, partnership or agency.
41. **Use of Other Contracts:** The District reserves the right to utilize other District contracts, State of Florida Contracts, contracts awarded by other city or county governmental agencies, other school boards, other community college/state university system cooperative proposal agreement, or to directly negotiate/purchase per School Board policy and/or State Board Rule 6A-1.012(5) in lieu of any offer received or award made as a result of this proposal, if it is in its best interest to do so. The District also reserves the right to separately propose any single order to purchase any item on this proposal if it is in its best interest to do so.
42. **Authority to Piggyback:** The School District of Lee County is a member of S.W. Florida Cooperative Purchasing Consortium. Other members include governmental entities in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties. The District is also a member of the Bay Area Schools Purchasing Consortium;

other members include the school boards of Brevard, Charlotte, Florida Virtual Schools, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Manatee, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and Seminole; and additional Florida school boards may join the Consortium. Upon award of this proposal, if mutually agreed upon between the successful Proposer(s) and governmental entity, submission of any proposal in response to this request constitutes a proposal made under the same conditions, for the same price, and for the same effective period as this proposal, to any other participating members of the above referenced Consortium entity.

43. **Invoicing and Payment:** Orders shall be processed or work performed only upon receipt of authorized purchase orders issued by The School District of Lee County Procurement Department.

- a) The Vendor will provide **copy of the original invoice to The School District of Lee County, Financial Accounting Department via email FinanceInvoices@LeeSchools.net**
- b) All invoices shall include purchase order number for proper identification. Invoices must be prepared properly to avoid unnecessary delays in payment. Upon receipt of invoices forwarded from the Finance Department, the user school/department will approve payment for requested work that has been completed satisfactorily. All invoices and correspondence shall be legible and dated.
- c) The District utilizes an ePayables Program through the MASTERCARD network. **Preferably, Vendors would presently have the ability to accept these credit cards for payment. The District reserves** the right to revise this program at its sole discretion.

44. **Liquidated Damages Recovery:** Vendor agrees to the use of Liquidated Damages Recovery in the event the Vendor fails to perform in accordance with contract provisions. On any occasion where the Vendor fails to perform or defaults on the contract, or any material provision thereof, the District may procure the necessary supplies/services from other sources and hold the Vendor financially responsible for any excess costs incurred. The difference between the contracted price of the products and the actual price paid in this circumstance may be deducted from funds owed to the non-performing Vendor.

45. **Contact Information:** The Vendor shall appoint a person or persons to act as a primary contact with the District. This person or their designated back up shall be readily available during normal business hours by phone or in person; knowledgeable of the terms, conditions and procedures involved; and respond to messages within 24 hours. The District shall appoint a person or persons to act as the District Representative. The Vendor shall have access to the site after school hours, on weekends, and during school hours at the discretion of District Representative. All scheduling shall be coordinated with the District Representative.

46. **Bid Protest:** All solicitations and notices of intended decisions with respect to contract awards shall include the following statement: "Failure to follow the requirements of the bid protest procedures established by The School District of Lee County, Florida, shall constitute a waiver of all protest rights. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section

120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

47. **Maintaining Public Records:** Parties awarded a contract as a result of this solicitation who provide a service acting on behalf of the District shall:

- a) Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service.
- b) Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in the Chapter 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
- c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the Vendor does not transfer the records to the District.
- d) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the District all public records in possession of Vendor and keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service. If Vendor transfers all public records to the District upon completion of the contract, Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, Vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request of the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.
- e) **PUBLIC RECORDS NOTICE: If the Vendor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to its duty to provide public records relating to the agreement, contact the Custodian of Public Records, (239) 461-8420, PublicRecords@LeeSchools.net 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966.**

48. **Confidential, Proprietary or Trade Secret:** All responses received in response to this solicitation shall be considered a public record pursuant to Chapter 119 Florida Statutes disclosure and will **not** be confidential with the exception of financial statements.

- a) Redacted Copies: If the Proposer considers any portion of the documents, data or records submitted in response to this solicitation to be confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure pursuant to Chapter

119 Florida Statutes, the Florida Constitution or other authority, the Proposer must also simultaneously provide the School District with a separate redacted copy uploaded in Bonfire.

- b) The redacted copies shall contain the School District's solicitation name, number, and the name of Proposer on the cover, and shall be clearly titled "Redacted Copy." The Redacted Copies shall be provided to the School District at the same time Proposer submits its response to the solicitation and must only exclude or obliterate those exact portions which are claimed confidential, proprietary, or trade secret.
 - c) Proposer shall be responsible for defending its determination that the redacted portions of its response are confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure. Further, Proposer shall protect, defend and indemnify the School District for any and all claims from or relating to Proposer's determination that the redacted portions of its response are confidential, proprietary, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure.
 - d) If the Proposer fails to submit Redacted Copies with its response, the Department is authorized to produce the entire documents, data or records submitted by Proposer in response to a public records request for these records.
 - e) **Public Meetings/Evaluations:** All evaluations of solicitations are subject to discussion at public meetings. If during the course of the evaluation, pertinent facts cannot be disclosed or discussed in a public forum due to the Proposer's designating such materials as confidential, the Proposer's response may be deemed non-responsive and rejected from further consideration of award and any rights to protest is thereby waived.
49. **Access to Records:** The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:
- a) The Vendor agrees to provide any state agency, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
 - b) The Vendor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
 - c) The Vendor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
 - d) In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the OWNER, and the Vendor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.
50. **Patents, Copyrights & Royalties:** Vendors agree to indemnify and save harmless the School District, its officers, employees, agents, or representatives from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process or article of manufactured or used in the performance of the contract award hereunder. If the Vendor uses any software design, device or materials covered by royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device or material in any way involved in the product or services shall be included in the price proposal of the Vendor.
51. **ITN Preparation Costs:** Neither the School District nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a response to the ITN.
52. **State Purchasing Agreements:** Prior to the release of this ITN, a review of State of Florida purchasing agreements was conducted to determine if their use would be economically advantageous to the District.
53. **E-Verify: State of Florida, Executive Order 11-116.** The employment of unauthorized aliens by any Vendor is considered a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Vendor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of the contract. In addition, pursuant to Executive Order 11-116, for all contracts providing goods or services to the state in excess of nominal value; (a) the Vendor will utilize the E-Verify system established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Vendor during the Contract term, (b) require that Vendor include in such subcontracts the requirement that subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract utilize the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term. Executive Order 11-116 may be viewed at https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2011/11-116-suspend_10-7.pdf.
54. **Vendor Background Screening Requirements:** Vendor will comply with all requirements of Florida Statutes 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468, by certifying that the Vendor and all of its employees who provide services under this contract have completed the background screening required by the referenced statutes and meet the standards established by the statutes. This certification will be provided to the District in advance of the Vendor providing any services on campus while students are present. The Vendor will bear the cost of acquiring the background screening and any fee imposed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain the fingerprints provided with respect to Vendor and its employees. Vendor will provide the District a list of its employees who have completed background screening as required by the referenced statutes and meet the statutory requirements. Vendor will update these lists in the event that any employee listed fails to meet the statutory standards or new employees who have completed the background check and meet standards are added. Vendor agrees that in the event the Vendor or any employee who the Vendor has certified as completing the background check and meeting the statutory standards then is convicted of any disqualifying offense, the Vendor» will notify the District within 48 hours of such.

- a) The parties agree that in the event that Vendor fails to perform any of the duties described in this paragraph, this will constitute a material breach of the contract entitling the District to terminate immediately with no further responsibility to make payment or perform any other duties under this contract. Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its officers and employees from any liability in the form of physical injury, death, or property damage resulting from Vendor's failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph of the Florida Statutes.
- b) Effective October 1, 2005 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement opened a new shared fingerprint database that is available to all School Districts in Florida. Vendor and their employees who were fingerprinted within the last five (5) years in any county in Florida should be in the State fingerprinting database. Vendors and their employees who have been fingerprinted in one of the School Districts should have the ability to notify other School Districts Human Resources Department of their fingerprinting status by providing the name of the School District in which they were fingerprinted, employee name and social security number. This legislation alleviates the issue of requiring Vendors to be fingerprinted in every District in which they provide services.
- c) Vendor must provide a list of employees that will participate in this contract for fingerprinting appointments to the District's Department of Professional Standards and Equity at 239-337-8331.
- d) Any costs associated with obtaining District badges through the Department of Professional Standards and Equity shall be the sole responsibility of the Vendor.

55. **Vendor Process for Fingerprinting: Vendors who will never be present on a school district campus are not required to be fingerprinted.** Upon award, Vendor is required to comply with the requirements of Florida Statutes, Section 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468 and the Lee County School Board Policy 5.04, Fingerprinting and Background screening, sections 4 and 5. Among other compliance items included in this policy, section 5 (a) and (b) state: **(NO EXCEPTIONS TO BELOW)**

- (a) Prior to the start of work on any District site, all construction Vendors and other Vendors including but not limited to construction manager, company owners, architects, engineers, specialty Vendors, subcontractors and personnel for the same shall be subject to a criminal background check to determine eligibility to perform work on a District site, unless the individual meets an exception contained in the School Board Policy. Individuals subject to a criminal background screening under this section shall pay the processing and maintenance fee required for all appropriate background checks.
- (b) In the event a contract results in the deployment of personnel, whether they are a direct employee of the Vendor or a subcontractor, to a District construction site or any District property it is the responsibility of the Vendor to follow the requirements of this policy.

Vendor Fingerprinting - Frequently Asked Questions and Cost: The cost for fingerprinting, and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to the fingerprinting process, are located on the School District's website: https://www.leeschools.net/our_district/departments/human_resources/professional_standards_equity - Vendor Fingerprinting.

Effective May 12, 2014, fingerprinting services for Vendors with the District will be provided by Fieldprint. There are currently multiple local locations that offer Fieldprint fingerprinting services. Those locations, as well as the locations of additional authorized service centers in Florida and other states, are available on the Fieldprint registration website at <http://www.fieldprintflorida.com>.

FEDERAL GRANTS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For any solicitation that involves, receives or utilizes Federal Grants funding, the following terms and conditions shall be considered a part of the solicitation and resulting award and the Vendor accepts and acknowledges that it is and will continue to comply with said terms and conditions for the term of the award.

- 56. **Illegal Alien Labor:** Vendor shall comply with all federal and state laws prohibiting the hiring and continued employment of aliens not authorized to work in the United States. Vendor must not knowingly employ unauthorized aliens and should such violation occur shall be cause for cancellation of the contract. The Vendor and its Subcontractors will utilize the E-Verify system established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of its employees.
- 57. **Recovered Material (2 CFR §200.322): applies to all contracts greater than \$10,000.00.** Vendor must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000.00 or the value of the quantity acquired during the District's preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.00; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.
- 58. **Federal Drug-Free Workplace:** Vendor agrees to comply with the drug-free workplace requirements for federal contracts pursuant to 41 U.S.C.A. § 8102.
- 59. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352): applies if contract is greater than or equal to \$100,000.00.** Vendor certifies that it has filed the required certification and that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any

Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Vendor must disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

60. **Energy Efficiency / Conservation (42 U.S.C. 6201):** Vendor agrees to comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

61. **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 Et Seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended applies to contracts and subgrants in excess of \$150,000:** Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Vendor shall report any and all violations to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the EPA, and notify the District concurrently within 30 days of notice of the violation.

62. **Debarment and Suspension:** Vendor certifies that it complies fully with the Federal Debarment Certification regarding debarment suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion. In accordance with 2 CFR part 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. Furthermore, Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

63. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** During the performance of this contract, the Vendor agrees as follows:

- a) The Vendor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Vendor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b) The Vendor will, in all solicitations or advancements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c) The Vendor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in

which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Vendor's legal duty to furnish information.

- d) The Vendor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a Record Retention and access requirements to all records. The Vendor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Vendor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- e) The Vendor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- f) The Vendor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- g) In the event of the Vendor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Vendor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- h) The Vendor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor or Vendor. The Vendor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the Vendor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a Subcontractor or Vendor as a result of such direction, the Vendor may

request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

64. **Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276C):**

The Vendor certifies that it is, and will continue to be, for the term of this contract in for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, Vendor and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each Vendor or sub recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

65. **Davis-Bacon Act, as Amended (40 U.S.C. 276a to A-7):**

Vendor, certifies that it is, and will continue for the term of this contract, to be in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146- 3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, the Vendor is herein required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Vendor agrees to pay wages not less than once a week. The Vendor must provide a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. Vendor acknowledges that the decision to award this contract or subcontract is conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination which the Vendor accepts. The Vendor agrees to report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency and to notify the District concurrently. The Vendor certifies that it is, and will continue to be, for the term of this contract in full compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, Vendors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each Vendor or sub recipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

66. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333):**

Vendor, certifies that it is, and will continue for the term of this contract, to comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each Vendor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The

requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or underworking conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

67. **Health and Safety Standards in Building Trades and Construction Industry (40 U.S.C. 3704):**

No laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous.

68. **Buy American (7CFR PART 210.21(D)):**

For commercial food products, served in the school meals program, Vendor must purchase to the maximum extent practicable domestic commodity or product pursuant to the Buy American provision (7 CFR 210.219d).

69. **Civil Rights:**

The Vendor shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; USDA regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Age Discrimination Act of 1975; 7 C.F.R. Parts 15, 15a, and 15b; and FNS Instruction 113-1, Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement—Nutrition Programs and Activities, and any additions or amendments.

70. **No Obligation by Federal Government:**

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

71. **Fraud and False Related Acts:**

The Vendor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Vendor actions pertaining to this contract.

72. **SAM.gov Registration Requirement:**

Vendor must be actively registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM.gov) prior to the execution of this contract and must maintain an active registration for the duration of the contract.

PROPOSER INSTRUCTIONS

ITN No. N257503LA

Landscaping Services

- 1. Overview:** One electronic proposal for **Landscaping Services**, must be received from eligible Proposers, submitted to the School Board's Procurement Services Department, Bonfire Platform no later than **2:00 PM EST, on October 31, 2025**, to be considered. Proposers that do not comply with the School Board's procedures or deadlines will not be considered. The School Board will retain all proposer information received. The Bonfire electronic platform will not allow submissions after the opening date and time, and therefore late proposals will not be accepted or considered for award.

The District intends to purchase under this ITN, the services to provide mowing services, delivery and installation of various plants, trees, palms and shrubbery, general landscaping and tree trimming services. Duties may include, but not be limited to re-planting current shrubs, cleaning shrub beds, adding shrubs to existing beds, new installations, hauling debris, etc. Projects which fall under this ITN are required by the District for the upkeep of existing grounds and therefore the need exists to have a proper source of Awarded vendors that are responsive and readily available to meet the District needs and requirements with minimum delay in service. All potential Proposers, who wish to be considered for the award of these services, shall fulfill the requirements as listed herein.

Project scope is the purchase of services related to the Landscaping Services used at approximately 141 facilities/properties including schools and administrative sites. Contract pricing will be based on time and materials and shall be inclusive of all labor charges regardless of time of day or day of week, with the exception of emergencies, that the work is performed. There are three categories of required services:

- A. Mowing Services
- B. Plant & General Landscaping Services
- C. Tree Trimming Services

Each category is independent of the other and different requirements apply. The District anticipates awarding multiple contracts to multiple Awarded vendors. Proposers may submit a response for consideration in any individual category, any combination of categories, or all categories, and may be awarded accordingly. Post award, work will be distributed among awarded vendors at the discretion of the District. The District desires to secure firm prices for landscaping services for various locations throughout the District on an as needed basis. Proposers may submit a response for one, some or all products/services.

The District does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, social, political, ideological interests, marital status, pregnancy, disability if otherwise qualified, or any other unlawful factor.

- 2. Desired Requirements:** The following requirements are desired for proposals to be considered for evaluation.
 - a) Proposer shall hold or obtain a **Florida State Ornamental Spray License**, within 90 days, for Category A. Awarded vendor shall submit a copy of the license upon receipt. *It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor(s) to provide the District with updated copies of current licenses, prior to expiration or personnel change any time during the awarded period.*
 - b) Proposer shall be a licensed **Florida State Arborist** for Category B -Plant & General Landscaping Services and Category C – Tree Trimming Services. Awarded vendor shall submit a copy of the current license with the response. *It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor(s) to provide the District with updated copies of current licenses, prior to expiration or personnel change any time during the awarded period.*
 - c) Proposer must maintain an office or branch, staffed by its own employees, with adequate storage and warehouse facilities to support the equipment, vehicles, and materials necessary to perform the work outlined in this ITN. This office must be currently open and operational and must have been so continuously for the past two (2) years. As part of the proposal submission, Proposers shall include a copy of their current business license or a printout from the SunBiz website demonstrating compliance with this requirement.
 - d) To fulfill the District's requirement for prompt and responsive service, Proposers must have the capability to respond to the project location within two hours.

3. **Questions About the ITN:** Any questions concerning the Invitation to Negotiate shall be directed to Lauri Adams, Procurement Agent at LauriA@leeschools.net.

All questions must be received no later than **October 17, 2025 at 2:00 PM**. All questions received will be compiled and official responses will be developed by appropriate District employees. The compilation of questions and official responses will be issued by the Department of Procurement Services in the form of addenda and placed on the Procurement Department [Bonfire Portal](#). Proposer shall be responsible for the acknowledgement of each addendum on Attachment D, the Addenda Acknowledgement Form.

Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the District's Department of Procurement Services where proposal documents will be kept on file.

No verbal or written information which is obtained other than by information in this document, by addendum to this ITN, or by other contract documents approved and signed by the District, will be binding on the District.

4. **Contract Term:** The District anticipates awarding a contract for three (3) years commencing upon Board approval or until new proposals are taken and awarded. An alternate award strategy may be implemented at the sole discretion of the District. The contract (or any portion thereof) has the option of being renewed for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, for a total duration not to exceed six (6) years, upon mutual agreement of both parties, under the same terms and conditions. The District, through its Department of Procurement Services, will, if considering renewal, request a letter of intent to renew from each awardee, prior to the end of the current contract period. The awardee will be notified when the recommendation has been acted upon by the District. The Proposer agrees to this condition by signing its proposal. Post award project work will be distributed at the discretion of the District.
5. **Orders and Payment:** All orders will be placed directly to the awarded Vendor by the District and/or other authorized personnel via a blanket purchase order. No stipulation will be accepted for minimum or maximum orders. The District utilizes an ePayables Program through the MASTERCARD network. Preferably, Vendors would presently have the ability to accept these credit cards for payment. The District reserves the right to revise this program at its sole discretion.
6. **Guarantee/Warranty:** All Proposers must submit Attachment I - with the proposal. Products that are deemed inferior, of poor quality, or unacceptable by representatives of the District shall be returned at no cost to the District and must be replaced within 48 hours from time of notice of unacceptability with an acceptable product. Consistent shipment of unacceptable products may result in immediate termination of this contract.
7. **Addition or Deletion of Sites:** The District reserves the right to add or delete locations at its discretion at any time throughout the term of this ITN. Any additional equipment/facility added during the term of this agreement will be handled in accordance with the conditions and prices of this agreement.
8. **Substitutions/Additions:** For the duration of the awarded contract, upon request of the District, products or services of a similar nature and cost may be substituted or added, when approved in writing by the authorized District office in advance. Awarded Vendor(s) must provide detailed product specification of substitute or additional products.
9. **New Products and/or Services:** New products and/or Services may be added during the term of the contract, upon completion of successful price negotiations between the District and the Vendors.
10. **Qualifications:** Proposals will be considered only from Vendors, manufacturers, authorized distributors or dealers who are normally engaged in the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials requested herein. The Proposer must have adequate organization, facilities, equipment and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to the District.

11. Estimated Timeline

September 26, 2025	Release of ITN No. N257503LA
October 17, 2025	Written questions due in the Department of Procurement Services by 2:00 PM, local time. Email questions to LauriA@leeschools.net .
October 31, 2025	Proposals due on or before 2:00 PM local time Department of Procurement Services Bonfire Portal
November 7, 2025	Evaluation Committee Meeting Review and Scoring of Written Proposals 10:30 AM local time 2855 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida 33966-1012
November 14, 2025	Optional interviews, schedule at the District's discretion
January 2026	School Board Action

Dates and times are estimated and are subject to change. Notification of changes to the time schedule will be made to registered Proposers. Response to inquiries regarding the status of a proposal will not be made prior to the posting of award recommendation.

12. Proposal Submittal Requirements - Information to be Included in the Proposal: In order to maintain comparability and facilitate the review process, it is required that proposals be organized in the manner specified below. Include all information requested herein in the proposal. All responses to the ITN shall be submitted electronically in the Procurement Department [Bonfire Portal](#). **Failure to comply with response submittal requirements may be grounds for response rejection.**

Proposer will upload a total of **4 DOCUMENTS** into the [Bonfire Portal](#):

DOCUMENT 1 PROPOSAL

- a. **Proposal Information Sheet:** The Proposer Information sheet is the second page of the proposal.
- b. **Table of Contents:** Include a clear identification of the material by section and by page number.
- c. **Letter of Transmittal:** Proposer shall include the following information in the letter of transmittal:
 - i. Names of the persons who will be authorized to make representations for the Proposer, their titles, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers. Indicate if the Proposer is a firm or individual.
 - ii. Indicate any and all variances from the ITN specifications, terms and/or conditions regardless of how slight. If no variations are stated, it shall be assumed that the proposed product or service fully complies with the specifications, terms and conditions of the ITN.
- d. **Certifications and License:** Proposer shall provide current copies of the following:
 - i. The proposer must hold a valid **Florida State Ornamental Spray License** – Category A (Mowing Services) and shall submit a current copy of this license with the proposal. If the proposer does not currently hold this license, a signed statement of intent to obtain and provide the license within ninety (90) days of award must accompany the proposal. It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor(s) to provide the District with updated copies of current licenses, prior to expiration or personnel change any time during the awarded period.
 - ii. Proposer shall be a licensed **Florida State Arborist** for Category B – Plant & General Landscaping Services- and Category C – Tree Trimming Services. Proposer shall submit a copy of the current license with the

- proposal. It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor(s) to provide the District with updated copies of current licenses, prior to expiration or personnel change any time during the awarded period.
- iii. Proposer must maintain an office or branch, staffed by its own employees, with adequate storage and warehouse facilities to support the equipment, vehicles, and materials necessary to perform the work outlined in this ITN. This office must be currently open and operational and must have been so continuously for the past two (2) years. As part of the proposal submission. Proposers shall include a copy of their **current business license** or a **printout from the SunBiz website** demonstrating compliance with this requirement.
 - e. **Corporate Overview:** Describe how and when the Proposer's firm was founded, the location of the office from which service will be performed, the number of partners, managers, supervisors, senior management, other professional staff, the type of organization, and the organizational structure. In addition, respond to each question using the numbered format below:
 - i. Ownership (describe in detail).
 - ii. Date of business inception under current name: ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy).
 - iii. Describe Proposer's regulatory agency actions and litigation in the past 5 years, both as complainant and defendant.
 - iv. Describe the ethics standards in place at Proposer's firm and provide a copy of such.
 - f. **Business Profile:** Describe the organizational structure. In addition, respond to each question using the numbered format below:
 - i. For each category, the Proposer shall submit with its proposal the number of supervisors, laborers and other positions employed by the proposer who either already possesses or will be able to obtain, prior to the start of any work, a Universal Badge or District issued badge. (See Terms & Conditions section 55).
 - ii. Proposer may submit any other employees with State Licenses, certificates or other licensure, which will further demonstrate the capabilities of its staff who either already possesses or will be able to obtain prior to the start of any work a Universal Badge or District issued badge. (See Terms & Conditions section 55).
 - iii. For each category the Proposers submits, Proposer shall list and describe the type of equipment and quantity owned.
 - g. **Related Experience:** Proposer shall describe experience providing services similar in size, scope and complexity to those requested in the ITN.
 - i. For each category Proposer submits a response, please describe the scope of work your firm currently has for similar size customers and multiple locations.
 - ii. Proposer shall designate a primary Point of Contact, as well as any other key personnel who will be assigned to support the District. The proposal must include a description of each individual's relevant experience, highlighting the knowledge, skills, and qualifications that demonstrate their ability to help the District achieve its objectives and deliver high-quality work products. Resumes for all proposed key personnel must be submitted and should include, at a minimum: tenure with the Proposer, prior industry experience, professional certifications, educational background, and other relevant qualifications. The designated Point of Contact will be responsible for scheduling and dispatching technicians to any District location as needed. This individual must be available by phone during the District's normal business hours, which are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - iii. The District requires Proposer to designate an **After-hours Designee** who will schedule and dispatch technicians between the hours of 4:01pm – 6:59 am Monday through Friday, weekends and holidays in the event the District requires service after hours or on holidays.
 - iv. Provide the names of personnel who currently hold a Universal vendor Badge for the Florida School Districts or who hold a current District vendor Badge.
 - h. **List of Equipment:** Proposer shall provide a list of all equipment including year, make and model.
 - i. **Project Approach: (For Interview ONLY)** If interviews are required, a project will be provided at that time. Proposer shall describe the approach to be applied to implement the tasks defined in the Scope of Work herein.
 - i. For each category Proposer submits a response, describe how each task will be implemented.
 - ii. Describe measures of success for each task and deliverable.

- iii. Provide a project timeline depicting schedule, Proposer resources, District resources, and milestones.

DOCUMENT 2

PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORM

Title: Proposal Response Form. The type of document is an Excel Bid Table.

Alternate products, cost of materials, rental equipment and sub-awarded vendor labor rates shall be paid as specified on Table 1 – Fixed Rate Schedule.

i. **Category A – Mowing Services**

Proposers must submit proposed hourly labor rates per-location, per-visit basis for any facility or property. All proposed pricing must be all-inclusive and account for all materials and equipment required to perform the installation and/or maintenance services in accordance with the specifications, excluding items provided by the District. Pricing must also include, but is not limited to, all necessary insurance, licenses, bonds, overhead, profit, vehicles, and labor—including supervisory labor. Labor rates provided in the proposal must be inclusive, regardless of the day of the week or time of day the work is performed. It is anticipated that some projects may require work to be conducted outside of regular school hours, which vary by location.

The District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to furnish equipment and materials for any job or scope of work performed under this contract.

ii. **Category B – Plants & General Landscaping Services**

- Proposers must submit proposed hourly labor rates. All pricing must be all-inclusive and account for any additional equipment required to perform installation and/or maintenance services in accordance with the specifications, excluding equipment provided by the District. All-inclusive pricing shall cover, but is not limited to: insurance, licenses, bonds, overhead, profit, vehicles, labor (hourly), and supervision. Labor rates must remain consistent regardless of the day of the week or time of day the services are performed. It is anticipated that certain projects will require work outside of standard school hours, which may vary by site. Proposed pricing for materials directly related to the specific items described herein shall be included in Table 1: Fixed Fee Rate Schedule, unless otherwise noted in this ITN and/or on the Proposal Response Form. *The District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to supply equipment and materials for any portion of the work performed under this contract.*

iii. **Category C – Tree Trimming Services**

Proposer must submit proposed hourly labor rates. All pricing shall include all materials, and equipment (beyond what is provided by the District) required to perform the installation/ maintenance according to the specification. Pricing shall be all inclusive. For example, pricing shall include all required insurance, licenses, and bonds; overhead; profit; vehicles; and labor per hour and supervision. Pricing for labor provided in Proposer’s response shall be inclusive of all labor regardless of day of week/time of day work is performed. For certain projects is anticipated that Awarded vendors will be required to work outside of normal school hours. School hours vary by site. *The District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to furnish equipment and materials for any and all jobs or work performed pursuant to this contract.*

Additional Labor Rates

- Proposer shall supply hourly labor rates for any and all additional services that fall outside the main scope of services or for work at the request of the District as described herein. Rates shall be provided for a Supervisor and a general laborer/helper. All labor rates shall include all supervision, labor costs, equipment, machinery, insurances, overhead, vehicle use charges, profit, travel time, mileage; and all tools, chemicals, materials and hand tools normally associated with the trade or industry standard and be exclusive of taxes as well as any other items necessary for the proper execution and completion of any services rendered.
- Hourly rates shall be provided for normal business and emergency services.
- All hourly rates and times shall start on the “job site”. Any travel time expenses shall be borne by the Awarded vendor and will not be reimbursed by the District.

Additional Material Pricing

- All materials directly related to the specific items (shrubs, plants, etc.) described herein shall be included in Table 1: Fixed Fee Rate Schedule, unless otherwise noted in this ITN and/or on the Proposal Response Form.
- Awarded vendor(s) shall provide documentation of the cost for additional materials (i.e. invoices, receipts, etc.) for any item requested by the District. All documentation shall be supplied within three (3) business days of request. Failure to provide documentation may be cause for non-payment or delay in payment. Continual non-compliance will be cause for termination of contract.

Additional Debris Hauling Pricing

- All debris and debris hauling requirements directly related to a specific item (shrubs, plants, etc.) described herein shall be included in Table 1: Fixed Fee Rate Schedule, unless otherwise noted in this ITN and/or on the Proposal Response Form. Disposal tickets issued by the approved landfill shall be included with invoices.
- Proposer shall provide a per cubic yard price for the hauling of any additional debris for any additional projects outside of the specific items listed herein, in the appropriate area on the Proposal Response Form. If no price is listed, then it will be assumed that all hauling and disposal of debris is included in the other rates listed herein and will be included in services at no additional cost to the District.

Supervisor

- Proposer shall list on the Proposer Response Form, the individual who will be the Supervisor for any and all work under this ITN. Failure to list or provide Supervisor information may be grounds for rejection of proposal.

Additional Materials

- All materials for the landscaping and planting services for the specific items (trees, shrubbery, re-staking, etc.) listed shall be included in the pricing per item on the Proposal Response Form. Additional projects that do not fall under the categories listed may have additional materials that may be necessary to complete any additional projects as required by the District. Awarded vendor will be required to obtain these materials. Such materials may include, but not limited to: plastic borders, crushed shell/rock, various mulches, steppingstones and other landscaping materials/items. Materials purchased for landscaping and planting projects shall be selected by the Maintenance Services Department or designated District representative and match existing items, if possible, at the specific site. All materials may be reimbursed using the Table 1: Fixed Fee Rate Schedule.
- The District reserves the right to purchase the products or services listed in this solicitation elsewhere when a state of emergency is declared.

DOCUMENT 3

FILLABLE FORMS

- a. **Required Submittal Checklist** – Proposer shall complete form to ensure all required information is submitted.
- b. **Attachment A – Insurance Requirements Form:** Proposer shall respond to the Districts insurance requirements.
 - i. Provide a current copy of the Certificate of Insurance naming the School **Board** of Lee County as an additional insured for all coverages except Workers Compensation and Professional Liability policies.
It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor(s) to provide the District with updated copies of current Certificate of Insurance, prior to expiration any time during the awarded period.
- c. **Attachment B – Addenda Acknowledgement Form:** Proposer shall complete form with all required information and all signatures as specified. The enclosed Addenda Acknowledgement Form must be signed and returned in order for the proposal to be considered.
- d. **Attachment C – Debarment Form:** Proposer shall complete form with all required information and all signatures as specified. The enclosed Debarment Form must be signed and returned.
- e. **Attachment D – Drug-Free Workplace Certification:** Proposer shall complete form with all required information and all signatures as specified. The enclosed Drug-Free Workplace Form must be signed and returned.
- f. **Attachment E – Public Entity Crimes Form:** Proposer shall complete form with all required information and all signatures as specified. The enclosed Public Entity Crimes Form must be signed and **notarized**.

- g. **Attachment F – Emergency / Storm Related Catastrophe Agreement Form:** Proposer shall complete form with all required information and all signatures as specified. The enclosed Emergency/Storm Related Catastrophe Agreement Form must be signed and returned.
- h. **Attachment G – Scrutinized Company Certification Form:** Proposer shall complete form with all required information and all signatures as specified. The enclosed Scrutinized Company Certification Form must be signed and returned.
- i. **Attachment H – Guarantee/Compliance/Distance to Site Form:** Proposer shall complete form with all required information and all signatures as specified. The enclosed Guarantee/Warranty/Distance to Site Form must be signed and returned.

DOCUMENT 4

REFERENCES

Reference Request Form: Three (3) references are required to be received by the District via email no later than the proposal due date, from Proposer’s clients. Proposer’s clients shall email the completed Reference Form to LauriA@leeschools.net and copy the Proposer. The references must be uploaded into the [Bonfire Portal](#) by the Proposer. Failure to provide references as stated herein, may result in proposal being deemed non-responsive.

ITN SELECTION CRITERIA

Evaluation of Proposals – Evaluation Criteria: Proposals shall be scored using a weighted scale of 0 to 10 (0 - Does Not Meet, 5 - Partially Meets, 8 – Meets, 10 – Exceeds). The scoring criteria is as following:

SCORING OF WRITTEN PROPOSALS

EVALUATION CRITERIA #1		WEIGHTED PERCENT
1	<p><u>PRICING:</u> Proposers must submit proposed hourly labor rates per-location, per-visit basis for any facility or property. All proposed pricing must be all-inclusive and account for all materials and equipment required to perform the installation and/or maintenance services in accordance with the specifications, excluding items provided by the District. Pricing must also include, but is not limited to, all necessary insurance, licenses, bonds, overhead, profit, vehicles, and labor—including supervisory labor. Labor rates provided in the proposal must be inclusive, regardless of the day of the week or time of day the work is performed.</p>	30%
EVALUATION CRITERIA #2		
2	<p><u>CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE:</u> Proposer shall provide current copies of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Proposer shall hold or obtain a Florida State Ornamental Spray License, within 90 days, for Category A. Awarded vendor shall submit a copy of the license upon receipt. ii. Proposer shall be a licensed Florida State Arborist for Category B and C. Awarded vendor shall submit a copy of the current license with the response. <p>Proposer must maintain an office or branch, staffed by its own employees, with adequate storage and warehouse facilities to support the equipment, vehicles, and materials necessary to perform the work outlined in this ITN. This office must be currently open and operational and must have been so continuously for the past two (2) years. As part of the proposal submission. Proposers shall include a copy of their current business license or a printout from the SunBiz website demonstrating compliance with this requirement.</p>	30%
EVALUATION CRITERIA #3		
3	<p><u>RELATED EXPERIENCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. For each category Proposer submits a response, please describe the scope of work your firm currently has for similar size customers and multiple locations. ii. Proposer shall identify a Point of Contact and any other key personnel who shall be assigned to the District. Describe the experience of the individual(s) that demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and ability to support the District in achieving the stated goals and delivering quality work products. Include resume(s) for proposed key personnel. Resumes should include, but not be limited to: length of employment with Proposer, any employment in industry, certifications, education and further related experience. The District requires the Proposers Point of Contact will schedule and dispatch technicians to any District location. The designated individual(s) must be available by phone during normal business hours of 7:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. iii. The District requires Proposer to designate an <u>After-hours Designee</u> who will schedule and dispatch technicians between the hours of 4:01pm – 6:59 am Monday through Friday, weekends and holidays in the event the District requires service after hours or on holidays. 	20%

	iv. Provide the names of personnel who currently hold a Universal Awarded vendor Badge for the Florida School Districts or who hold a current District Awarded vendor Badge.	
EVALUATION CRITERIA #4		
4	<u>BUSINESS PROFILE</u> i. For each category, the Proposer shall submit with its proposal the number of supervisors, laborers and other positions employed by the proposer who either already possesses or will be able to obtain, prior to the start of any work, a Universal Badge or District issued badge. (See Terms & Conditions section 55). ii. Proposer may submit any other employees with State Licenses, certificates or other licensure, which will further demonstrate the capabilities of its staff who either already possesses or will be able to obtain prior to the start of any work a Universal Badge or District issued badge. (See Terms & Conditions section 55). iii. For each category the Proposers submits, Proposer shall list and describe the type of equipment and quantity owned.	14%
EVALUATION CRITERIA #5		
5	<u>REFERENCES</u> Reference #1 - provided a description of the overall performance, knowledge and expertise in the Proposers' ability to perform their contracted services.	2%
	Reference #2 - provided a description of the overall performance, knowledge and expertise in the Proposers' ability to perform their contracted services.	2%
	Reference #3 - provided a description of the overall performance, knowledge and expertise in the Proposers' ability to perform their contracted services.	2%
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		100%

Based on the scores Proposers will be ranked and one or more Proposers may be selected to commence negotiations. The District reserves the right to create and select Proposers from a “short list” in order to enter into final contract negotiations with none, one or more Proposers, with the intent of awarding a contract and producing terms and conditions to reflect the outcome of the negotiations. Proposers are cautioned to present their best offer with their proposal as the District may select a proposal for award without further negotiation. The District reserves the right to conduct optional interviews/presentations with none, some or all Proposers. The following criteria will be used to evaluate presentations and/or interviews of one or more “short listed” Proposers.

SCORING OF INTERVIEWS

EVALUATION CRITERIA #1		WEIGHTED PERCENTAGE
1	<u>PRICING</u> Best and Final Offer	25%
EVALUATION CRITERIA #2		
2	<u>RELATED EXPERIENCE</u> The Proposer’s described of at least three and no more than five, similar sized clients that have been serviced in the past five (5) years that demonstrate expertise.	25%
EVALUATION CRITERIA #3		
	<u>CORPORATE OVERVIEW</u> i. Describe how and when the Proposer’s firm was founded, the location of the office from which service will be performed, the number of partners, managers, supervisors, senior management, other professional staff, the type of	25%

3	<p>organization, and the organizational structure. In addition, respond to each question using the numbered format below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Ownership (describe in detail). iii. Date of business inception under current name: ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy). iv. Describe Proposer’s regulatory agency actions and litigation in the past 5 years, both as complainant and defendant. v. Describe the ethics standards in place at Proposer’s firm and provide a copy of such. 	
EVALUATION CRITERIA #4		
4	<p><u>PROJECT APPROACH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A project will be provided at that time. Proposer shall describe the approach to be applied to implement the tasks defined in the Scope of Work herein. ii. For each category Proposer submits a response, describe how each task will be implemented. iii. Describe measures of success for each task and deliverable. iv. Provide a project timeline depicting schedule, Proposer resources, District resources, and milestones. 	25%
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		100%

NOTE: In the event of a tie, see section 38 of the General Terms and Conditions.

Scope of Work

CATEGORY A – Mowing Services

The District currently has over one hundred sites that may require mowing on a rotational basis. The District may add or remove sites as necessary.

- 1) All turf areas on property
 - a) Mow grass as needed on site-to-site basis.
 - b) Mowing wet grass or operating with dull blades shall be avoided.
 - c) Please refrain from mowing sod clippings into landscape areas.
 - d) The District may add or delete a mowing cycle as needed.
 - e) No plant, tree, or palm material will be damaged by mowers.
 - f) Roadway, curb, gutter and sidewalks shall be blown free of all clippings.
 - g) Do not leave large clumps of grass or clippings in the lawn, driveway or sidewalks.
- 2) Edging and String Trimming
 - a) Turf encroachment into planting beds will not be allowed.
 - b) Edging shall be performed with rigid blade edging equipment or a manual hand edger, leaving a clean straightedge no more than 1" back from curbs, walks, buildings, tree rings or bed areas. Weed eaters shall not be used for trimming or edging purposes.
 - c) No plant, tree, or palm material will be damaged by string trimmers.
 - d) Roadway, curb and gutter and sidewalks shall be blown free of all clipping.
- 3) Mowing and Edging Clean-up

Roadway, Parking Lots, curb and gutter, sidewalk and bike paths shall be blown free of clippings in conjunction with mowing and edging events. Do not leave large clumps of grass clippings in the lawn, roadways or on sidewalks.
- 4) Tree Staking

If mowers damage or knock down tree staking supports, it shall be the awarded vendor's responsibility to replace and/or make the necessary repairs at the awarded vendor's cost. Staking shall be removed at the discretion of the District Representative. Tree rings and bed areas shall be repaired and restored when disturbed by the mowing function, at no additional cost to the District. Any trees or shrubs damaged from errant string trimmer or careless mowing will be replaced with like size, Florida #1 (one) grade material at the cost of the Awarded vendor.
- 5) Bed Care
 - a) Edges of beds will be trimmed regularly to retain original shape.
 - b) Chain link fence line around retention pond will be sprayed with herbicide regularly to keep weeds and grass from growing there. District to approve herbicide product. Awarded vendor to provide SDS sheet prior to use.
 - Any irrigation equipment damaged by mowing or trimming will be repaired at the awarded vendor's expense. Upon the discovery of any damaged irrigation parts or pieces due to the negligence of the awarded vendor, the awarded vendor will have 72 hours to affect these repairs upon notification from the District. When making repairs to damaged irrigation parts the bubblers must have the same flow rate as the ones being replaced.
 - The District reserves the right to add or eliminate a cycle. The District shall contact the awarded vendor a minimum of one (1) week ahead of scheduled cycle for cancellation. If the awarded vendor feels that an extra mowing is warranted, please notify the Maintenance Services Department immediately. Any extra mowing charges submitted without written prior approval will be denied.

CATEGORY B - Plants and General Landscaping Services

Plants

The words "Plant Materials" or "Plants" refer to and include trees, shrubs, ground cover, ornamental grass, or herbaceous materials.

Each planting service/project will involve the proper preparation of the planting area by removing existing material (if any), preservation of existing soil to use as back fill, and hand watering of plantings, if accessible. All holes are to be dug approximately two to three times the width of the root ball. All plants are to be installed so that the root crowns are set just at or slightly above existing grade. Backfill shall be placed evenly into the hole as to avoid air pockets, and no soil shall be mounded over the root crown or root ball areas. When larger trees are trying to be established, a berm must be constructed around the tree, at the edge of the root ball, as to maximize water retention. Also, all wood, plastic, burlap or gro-bags from the root ball must be removed prior to installation. All areas around the landscaped area are to be cleaned up and blown off if necessary.

All items sold under this ITN to the District, shall meet the standards for Florida No. 1 or better per the Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants, part I and part II, Department of Agricultural State of Florida. Items are to be in healthy condition free of insects, disease, damage or circling roots. Any defected item shall be replaced at no cost to the District. Failure to provide items per this specification, or continual non-compliance will result in the termination of contract.

- 1) Plants shall be sound, healthy, vigorous, and free from plant diseases, insects or pests and their eggs, and shall have healthy, normal growth, and non-circling root systems. Tree trunks shall have the specified caliper, be straight with no cuts, scrapes, or scars. Unless specified otherwise by the Project Manager, all plants shall have the specified clear trunk height.
- 2) The root flare and origination of the first major root from the trunk must be 2" above finish grade and visible for inspection. If not, the tree will be rejected.
- 3) Plants, with the exception of "cigar cut" palm trees, shall not be pruned prior to delivery except as approved by the District.
- 4) All shrubs and ground covers are required to be container grown. Trees are required to be one of the following:
 - a) Container Grown:
Trees grown in plastic containers shall be well established in the container; roots must be full to the bottom of the container without being root-bound. Minimum container size guidelines will follow those established by the Grades and Standards. Plants that are root bound or that have circling roots will be rejected.
 - b) Field Grown:
Trees shall have the appropriate root ball based on the tree diameter and height as established in the Grades and Standards. Field grown plants shall be root pruned and hardened off (pre-dug) a minimum of 6 weeks before delivery and shall have new root growth evident. Root balls of field-grown trees must be intact and protected from desiccation with black plastic wrap. Trees with synthetic burlap will not be accepted.
- 5) Collected plants shall not be used unless specifically called for in the specifications or approved in writing by the District. The type, size, and availability of specific species will be the basis of selection of all collected plants.
- 6) All replacement plants must meet with the Districts approval.
- 7) Plant, Shrubs and Tree Replacement
 - a) All plants, shrubs and trees must be replaced with the same size and type unless otherwise discussed and approved by the Maintenance Services representative.
 - b) Replacement of dead plants, shrubs and trees must take place within 21 calendar days of notification unless an extension is granted by the designated District representative.
 - c) The District reserves the right to hire another Awarded vendor to replace the plants, shrubs and trees if you fail to do so and deduct the expense from your invoice.

Mulch

- 1) Mulch shall be applied by the Awarded vendor to obtain the settled depth of three (3") as scheduled by the designated District representative.
- 2) Additional mulch shall be applied whenever needed to provide uniform coverage and aesthetics throughout the year to maintain the 3" height, as scheduled and approved by the designated District representative.

Water

Use water free from elements toxic to plant or animal life. Obtain water from approved sources. Do not use retention ponds as water source.

Herbicide

Use herbicides; post-emergent and pre-emergent, selective or nonselective, contact or systemic, recommended for the control of the type of weeds encountered. Herbicides shall be EPA approved. SDS sheets should be provided. Application of herbicides shall be done under supervision of an applicator licensed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs in either the Ornamental and Turf Natural Areas Weed Management or Right-of-Way categories. The license shall be available on site for inspection by the District staff.

CATEGORY C - Tree Trimming Services

1) **Licensing**

Awarded vendor is required to be a licensed, qualified primary awarded vendor for all three geographical District zones of Lee County Delivery Locations. The work may include facility and ancillary sites throughout the District when requested by the Maintenance Services Department. The qualified awarded vendor shall provide the various tree trimming and removal components, labor and supervision. This contract is not intended for emergency disaster situations. The District does not guarantee a specific amount of work.

2) **Safety/OSHA**

All current OSHA safety standards shall be enforced. Awarded vendor(s) shall ensure that their employees are equipped with proper safety items. Awarded vendor shall be responsible for the supervision and direction of the work performed by their employees. Awarded vendor shall be responsible for instructing their employees in all safety measures. All equipment used by awarded vendor shall be maintained in safe operating condition at all times and be free from defects or wear that may in any way constitute a hazard to any person or persons on school district property.

3) **Trees**

- a) All pruning shall be overseen and supervised by an ISA Certified Arborist.
- b) Structural Pruning and removing dead or broken branches at 12' and below will be performed as needed, according to industry standard.

4) **Palms**

- a) Palms fronds and flowers whose base is at or below 12' will be pruned twice per year if those fronds are dead, dying, or below horizontal.

5) **Designee**

Awarded vendor shall appoint a person or persons to act as a primary contact with The School District. A designated back up shall be readily available during normal business hours by phone or in person, knowledgeable of the terms, conditions and procedures involved and respond to messages within 24 hours.

6) **Unforeseen Conditions**

Awarded vendor shall notify the District immediately upon discovery of any new problematic underground water or electrical line issues. The District will be the sole determiner if replacement/action is required/necessary. All District approved repairs shall be on a cost-plus basis. Parts and materials necessary for repairs and labor will be at prices proposed and awarded with ITN.

7) **Site-walk**

Prior to commencement of work, the Maintenance Services Director or his designee shall discuss or preferably meet with the awarded vendor on the proposed job site to determine the extent of work necessary for each job scheduled. Awarded vendor shall be required to be familiar with the site conditions for each job scheduled. Based on this determination, the awarded vendor shall prepare a work description and cost estimate under the guidelines and criteria set forth by these specifications. Provided adequate funds are available for the project, a purchase order shall then be issued to the awarded vendor detailing proposed work and costs and authorizing said work to begin. The written proposal shall be completed by awarded vendor and submitted to the

Maintenance Services Department. Proposal shall include itemized costs and completion time. Prior to beginning work, the awarded vendor shall determine through each utility agency and The Maintenance Services Department, the location of utilities in the vicinity. The District will assume no liability for the awarded vendor's operation in the vicinity of existing utilities.

8) **Completion time frame**

By mutual agreement of the parties, a time limit for completion shall be determined for each job based on the extent of work to be performed. In the event of an emergency where the awarded vendor cannot complete the work in the time frame required.

9) **Ownership**

The District will be the sole determiner if an item (part/material) shall be retained as District ownership or considered debris/awarded vendor owned.

10) **Compliance**

When trimming or pruning the shrubs, trees or palms especially near any of the pedestrian areas please make sure they are kept free from any debris. Set up barricades as necessary, in a manner that does not block foot or vehicle traffic, or use awarded vendor employee to direct/ control foot or traffic flow.

***All trimming should be done per the most recent industry standards and best management practices making sure not to over trim or prune.**

11) **Re-Staking and Setting of Trees**

Awarded vendor may be asked to re-stake and set a number of trees throughout the District. All tree re-staking services shall be completed in accordance with the recommendations set by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). No nails, screws or other securing device may be driven into the trunks of any trees or palms.

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS FOR AWARDED VENDOR

ITN No. N257503LA

Landscaping Services

General Conditions for All Categories

Overview

This ITN defines the minimum requirements necessary to perform the various mowing, landscaping/planting and tree trimming services as required. The services provided as a result of this ITN will be available to all District schools/departments but primarily utilized by the Maintenance Services Department.

Awarded vendor(s) shall be expected to perform various mowing, landscaping/planting and tree trimming services as necessary. Examples of services may include:

Category A - Mowing Services

- Mowing services
- Edging services
- String trimming
- Any other additional, related services as necessary, as directed by the District.

Category B – Plants & General Landscaping Services

- Planting of plants, shrubs, trees, flowers, etc.
- Spreading of mulch, landscaping rocks, bed borders, etc.
- Preparation of areas for planting, seeding and sodding projects
- Any other additional, related services as necessary, as directed by the District.

Category C - Tree Trimming Services

- Trimming and Re-Staking of trees.
- Any other additional, related services as necessary, as directed by the District.

*** Please note that this list does not limit or obligate the District.**

Description

- Services and items under this contract will be procured on an 'as needed' or 'emergency' basis. Due to the variable and unpredictable nature of these needs, as well as budgetary constraints, the District makes no commitment to a minimum or maximum dollar amount. As such, a contract award shall serve solely as a means to establish an available source of supply for required services. The District anticipates that the awarded vendor(s) may be called upon to perform services at any District site, as needs arise, throughout the duration of the contract.
- The awarded vendor is responsible for being fully knowledgeable of and complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in the performance of services under this ITN. All services must be performed in accordance with governing requirements and shall meet or exceed industry standards. Noncompliance with any applicable legal or regulatory requirements may result in termination of the contract.

***All services will be for all District sites as needed and will be performed in conjunction with the full knowledge of the Maintenance Services Department.**

NO STATEMENT WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT SHALL NEGATE COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNING REGULATION.

- All services shall be conducted in compliance with the standards and requirements set forth by the Florida Department of Agriculture, as well as the specifications outlined in this ITN.
- The awarded vendor shall conduct a thorough investigation of each location to gain a comprehensive understanding of the facilities, potential challenges, and any restrictions related to the execution of each project. The awarded vendor shall also review and familiarize themselves with all relevant specifications.
- The Maintenance Services Department, or an appointed District representative, will be the sole authority in assessing conditions and evaluating the awarded vendor's performance.

- The awarded vendor shall supervise and manage all work with the highest level of skill and expertise to ensure that the workmanship meets the highest standards of quality. The awarded vendor shall assume full responsibility for all aspects of the work assigned, including the methods, techniques, procedures, and coordination of all tasks under the contract, in collaboration with the Maintenance Services Department.

*** All services will be provided as needed at all District sites and will be carried out in full coordination with and under the guidance of the Maintenance Services Department.**

Requirements of Services

- It is the intent of the District to have awarded vendor(s) perform services as quickly and efficiently as possible with little to no interference with the daily routine and activities of the site.
- The awarded vendor is expected to arrive on-site with an adequate number of employees, park in a location away from student drop-off/pick-up areas, or in an area designated by the Building Supervisor or as directed by the Maintenance Services Department. The vendor shall begin services promptly and continue without interruption until all work is completed or clean-up is finished, unless alternative arrangements are made with the District's designated representative.
- ALL EMPLOYEES must sign-in at the main office (if office is closed then vendor shall notify the Maintenance Services Department of personnel on site) and follow any and all site procedures for visiting its site, including the proper badge / identification of each employee.
- Services shall always be properly supervised and adequately manned by an experienced crew of appropriate size for the duration of the service. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the awarded vendor to direct their crew and employees and convey all pertinent information that was expressed prior to work commencement. The District will not be responsible for explaining work to the crew.
- A District representative may be needed to give access to project area or designate necessities of the project for the awarded vendor.
- Awarded vendor will begin performing services and complete in the allotted time frame. Upon completion, vendor will secure (if necessary) and exit site.
- Any designee, either employee or authorized representative of the District may, announced or unannounced, accompany vendor(s) on any project, services or site.
- Site shall be left in good condition and free of any debris or trash. Awarded vendor shall be responsible for clean-up and disposal of all waste as a result from its services. The awarded vendor will be responsible for the disposal of all debris and shall not use the District dumpsters for any disposal. Area shall be kept as neat, clean, and orderly as possible during services and the work site must be in the same or better condition upon vendor's completion.
- During its services, vendor shall notify the Maintenance Services Department upon discovery of any new or problematic issues. Notification must be immediate if observation is deemed an emergency. The District's representative will be the sole determiner if action is required.
- Awarded vendor shall maintain the required number of employees, to perform services under this ITN at this location. Awarded vendor shall be aware that all employees shall be fingerprinted and badged per this ITN and/or State Regulations. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
- Due to the schedule at hand and the time restraints to complete services; the District reserves the right to require a vendor to provide additional employees or add manpower, in order to complete all services necessary, to perform at an acceptable level of service, maintain pace of scheduled services or for any reasons necessary, under this ITN. If awarded vendor is unable to add additional manpower, then the District reserves the right to use an alternate vendor to ensure all services are completed within the time frame necessary and/or terminate contract.

Litter Pick-up and Debris Removal

- Awarded vendor shall clean-up all litter, palm fronds, dead plants and trees in all areas within the project's limits during each site visit. Litter and debris shall be removed prior to mowing and any debris thrown or dragged to adjacent property or roadways by mowing operations shall be cleaned-up. Litter and debris shall be removed and disposed of at a County approved disposal site. No litter shall be left on site after the Awarded vendor departs. There will be no additional cost to the District for litter and debris disposal.

- Litter and Debris is defined as foreign items within the limits of the project such as, but not limited to, palm fronds, dead plants and trees, paper, plastic, aluminum, metal, glass, and tires, etc. If an illegal dump is located (defined as: centralized piles of debris, construction materials or large items such as mattresses, or household appliances) within the limits of the project, the awarded vendor is to contact the Districts representative and report the event. The awarded vendor will not be held responsible for the cleanup of illegal dumping.

Clean Up and Safety

- All sidewalks and pavers will be blown free of debris and all debris will be removed.
- Parking lots will also be blown off without damaging vehicles.
- All trash will be removed from turf and bed areas and disposed of offsite.
- All significant landscaping debris will be removed from the property by the awarded vendor.

Guarantee and Replacement

- When inspected landscape work does not comply with these District requirements, the rejected work must be replaced within 7 calendar days or as directed by the Districts representative. The District reserves the right to withhold and/or deny payment for work not being performed as scheduled and as specified in this agreement.
- If at any time trees, palms, ground covers, shrubs, sod and/or irrigation components are damaged or destroyed due to Awarded vendor negligence or failure to adhere to the requirements of this agreement, it will be the Awarded vendor's responsibility to replace and restore the site to its previous condition. All replacement landscape material shall be of the same species and Florida Grades and Standard #1 quality. Approved replacements shall be furnished and planted as specified at no additional cost to the District.

Background checks and Universal Badges

- The awarded vendor will be asked to work in District schools which require thorough background checks of personnel responding to schools. Subcontractors will be permitted for work at school locations; however, the awarded vendor and their subcontractors are required to comply with Florida Statutes, Section 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468 and the Lee County School Board Policy 5.04, Fingerprinting and Background screening, sections 4 and 5. Among other compliance items included in this policy, section 5 (a) and (b) state: **(NO EXCEPTIONS TO BELOW)**
- Prior to the start of work on any District site, all construction awarded vendors and other awarded vendors including but not limited to construction manager, company owners, architects, engineers, specialty awarded vendors, subcontractors and personnel for the same shall be subject to a criminal background check to determine eligibility to perform work on a District site, unless the individual meets an exception contained in the School Board Policy. Individuals subject to a criminal background screening under this section shall pay the processing and maintenance fee required for all appropriate background checks.
- In the event a contract results in the deployment of personnel, whether they are a direct employee of the Awarded vendor or a subcontractor, to a District construction site or any District property it is the responsibility of the awarded vendor to follow the requirements of this policy.
- All awarded vendor employees and subcontractors' employees must comply with the background screening and fingerprinting requirements as specified in General Conditions paragraph 54-55 and Universal Awarded vendor Badge for the Florida School Districts or District Awarded Vendor Badge must be worn and visible at ALL TIMES while on District Property.
- Awarded vendor must employ staff that is badged, capable and licensed/certified if necessary to perform the services listed herein and shall have a Supervisor and general laborers capable of performing the services under this ITN for any and all DISTRICT sites.
- In the event it is necessary to replace a badged employee, awarded vendor must provide written notification to the District of any changes in its personnel identified in their response to this ITN. The District reserves the right to reject any replacement staff member and may use alternate awarded vendors or cancel the contract if suitable replacements cannot be made available.

Supervisor

It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor's Supervisor to direct their crew and employees and convey all pertinent information that was expressed prior to work commencement. The District will not be responsible for explaining work to the crew.

- To ensure successful completion of the services under this ITN, awarded vendor shall have a supervisor that will ensure the leadership and coordination of all work listed herein is completed to the satisfaction of the District. Supervisor shall be able to respond **within 2 hours** to ensure availability to the District and adhere to the following requirements:
 - Supervisor will be the main point of contact for the District and will oversee scheduling, administration, performance and supervise any and all awarded vendor crew/staff under this ITN. Furthermore, Supervisor may assist on-site in the performance of services.
 - Supervisor shall have knowledge and experience in all aspects of the services described herein.
 - The District may require awarded vendor to increase number of supervisors in order to improve level of service and/or if awarded vendor is unable to service the needs of the District with the minimum number required at any time during the course of the contract.

General Laborers

To ensure successful completion of the services under this ITN, awarded vendor shall have general laborers capable of performing services listed herein. All general laborers shall be able to respond **within 2 hours** to ensure availability to the District and adhere to the following requirements:

- Laborers shall have knowledge and experience and be able to perform services as described herein.
- The District may require awarded vendor to increase number of laborers in order to improve level of service and/or if awarded vendor is unable to service the needs of the District with the minimum number required at any time during the course of the contract.

Licensing Requirements

For the duration of the contract, awarded vendor shall comply with all Federal, State and Local rules, regulations, laws and licensing requirements for all employees as necessary.

Description of Sites

The District currently has over one hundred sites located throughout Lee County, Florida that may require services under this ITN. A list of sites and addresses are listed on Exhibit 1 (page 38-40 below).

Please note that this list may not be all inclusive. Awarded vendor shall be able to perform services at any the District site.

- The specific sites listed herein may not be all-inclusive. The District reserves the right to add additional sites or delete sites as necessary for the duration of the contract. Pricing will be held for any additional site based upon the pricing given herein.
- Most orders under this ITN will be placed by the Maintenance Services Department; however, awarded vendor shall note that any the District department or site may place orders for services under this ITN. The prices submitted by awarded vendor under this ITN will be held for any the District site.
- All work ordered under this ITN is ordered on a scheduled or as needed basis only. Therefore, no minimum or maximum amount of work is guaranteed.

Schedule of Work & Availability

- It will be the attempt of the District to have services performed on non-student days, however awarded vendor shall expect to perform services when students are on campus. The awarded vendor must coordinate all projects and work directly with the Maintenance Services Department or District Representative on a reasonable schedule to commence, perform and complete each project, for any and all projects and services issued, to ensure as little down time for the site(s) or area(s). All services will be performed, weather permitting, per this schedule. Any amendment to the schedule shall only be made with the knowledge and approval of the Maintenance Services Department. All amendments are at the sole discretion of the Maintenance Services Department or District representative.
- The schedule for each project as described above, will ensure that the vendor(s) will not interfere or interrupt the daily activities of the site, proper grow in periods and timely completion of projects. Failure

to comply with set schedules may result in the use of the alternate vendor(s), a new solicitation issued by the District for substitute work and/or the cancellation of contract.

- The Maintenance Services Department or District representative will contact vendor(s) to perform service. All questions, concerns, or problems that arise during the course of the contract should be immediately directed to the Maintenance Services Department or District representative.
- No work shall be performed without full knowledge of the Maintenance Services Department and/or site. The awarded vendor will be furnished a Facility Manager, school/site phone number and/or e-mail address for all sites. Awarded vendor is to notify Facility Manager/site personnel 24-hours prior to any service. This will ensure access to all areas and provide the Facility Manager with knowledge of awarded vendor's whereabouts on campuses.
- Awarded vendor shall be available to perform any scheduled project/services during standard business hours, Monday through Friday.
- Adjustments for holidays, summer hours, exam periods, testing, etc. may be necessary and mutually agreed upon by vendor and the District at the time of need.
- After completion of projects, services and/or work, the vendor shall e-mail or fax the Maintenance Service Department and/or its designee that: Example: "Project/site xxxxx has been completed", within five (5) business days of the work being completed. Failure to do so or continual non-compliance will result in the termination of contract.
- In the event the awarded vendor(s) cannot complete the work in the timeframe required, or perform services as scheduled, the District reserves the right to use other vendors as necessary.

Response Time

- Awarded vendor shall be contacted by the Maintenance Services Department or its designee for all services, projects and any additional services that may be needed throughout the year.
- Awarded vendor shall respond within two (2) business days to the District's request for either a meeting, the preparation of an estimate or responding to a Maintenance Services Department or Building Supervisor request, for all projects. Request may be in the form of an e-mail and phone call.
- Awarded vendor shall respond immediately for any emergency call or immediate need requested by the District and will be on-site and commencing services within two (2) hours of initial contact, for all sites. Awarded vendor shall immediately address the problem, take photographs (if possible) and inform the appropriate District Supervisor of the extent of the emergency and/or problems.
- Failure to respond within these time frames may cause the District to use alternate awarded vendor(s). Continued failure to respond will result in the termination of the contract.

Utility Locates

Prior to the commencement of any job, the awarded vendor will be responsible to perform PRIVATE utility locates as necessary. Awarded vendor is responsible to call SUNSHINE 811 prior to the commencement of any service. Failure to do so may be cause for termination of contract.

Debris Hauling

All debris for the landscaping and planting services for the specific items (trees, shrubbery, re-staking, etc...) listed shall be included in the pricing on the Proposal Response Form. Additional projects that do not fall under the categories listed may have additional debris that is above and beyond normal landscaping services and may be billed accordingly. All debris, whether from normal landscaping projects or additional work requested by the District, shall be disposed of at an environmentally approved landfill or recycling center. School trash receptacles or dumpsters shall **not** be used at any time. Disposal tickets issued by the approved landfill shall be included with invoices.

Other Landscaping & Planting Services

During the contract, the District may require services or other work outside of the scope of this ITN or not otherwise specifically listed. Such projects may be to clean-up flower beds, clean aggregate materials and haul off site, provide planting services for items purchased/obtained by the District, relocation of existing plant-life, mowing services or other general landscaping services. These services, when necessary, will be based upon the labor and material rates

described herein and submitted per this ITN. Awarded vendor(s) will be required to perform these services on an as needed or emergency basis, to sites located throughout the District, above the specified lists/work listed herein. Whenever feasible estimates ahead of these projects will be obtained to ensure labor rates and pricing are submitted per ITN.

Estimates

- At the request of the District, awarded vendor will provide estimates, except for emergency situations. At the time of the request, an authorized the District representative will contact the awarded vendor and give a detailed description and further specifications of the project at hand. Awarded vendor shall provide written, “not to exceed” estimates on all services as directed by the Maintenance Services Department or designee. Awarded vendor(s) should familiarize themselves with the extent of the work for each service/project to be performed and any conditions that may in any manner affect the work to be done and the equipment, materials and labor required. **When operating equipment, awarded vendor shall have proper licenses to operate equipment, if required.** Estimates shall be priced per all rates and pricing submitted under this ITN, and shall include: estimated man-hours, itemized plant/shrub list with quantities, itemized additional material list (if any), number of calendar days required for project completion and lead time before work can commence. Awarded vendor should also include an assessment of any site or additional repairs to larger damaged areas or any other general observation of interest to the Maintenance Services Department or the District.
- The District shall contact awarded vendor(s) to supply an estimate. Awarded vendor shall respond in accordance with this ITN. After the initial contact by the District and response from awarded vendor, a meeting may take place prior to estimate being submitted. A meeting should be scheduled within two (2) to four (4) days from the original response. Written estimates shall be provided within five (5) business days of either the initial contact or any meeting. It shall be the awarded vendor’s responsibility to ensure they have all information to prepare accurate estimates and to respond accordingly to the District. All estimates shall be clearly broke-down using pricing from this ITN.
- Estimates on projects may be utilized to determine if projects are cost effective and fiscally allowable by the District. Awarded vendor may expect to submit estimates that may be changed, altered or rejected. When an estimate has been approved, a purchase order will be issued and authorization to commence the project will be given by the Maintenance Services Department’s or the District’s representative. No work shall commence without a purchase order and the District authorization.
- If during the development of any estimate, awarded vendor finds additional services / items that may be necessary, then awarded vendor may submit an estimate to provide said additional services with the original proposed project. Estimate may be approved at the discretion of the Maintenance Services Department or the District’s representative.
- In emergency situations, an estimate may not be required; however, the awarded vendor(s) should be able to discuss verbally the estimate of the work with the Maintenance Services Department.

Additional Work Authorization

If additional work is required outside of an approved or scheduled service or project, the awarded vendor shall not proceed without the written approval of the Maintenance Services Department; this includes any emergencies that may arise or discovery of additional work once a project has already commenced. The awarded vendor shall be aware that only the Maintenance Services Department may approve work to be performed. Each site possesses a Building Supervisor which awarded vendor shall coordinate any on-site activities with; however, the Building Supervisor is not authorized to order additional work.

Assignment of Contract

The awarded vendor shall not assign, transfer or sub-contract any portion of this agreement unless prior permission is granted by the District Representative. Subcontractors are required to follow the terms and conditions of this contract including awarded vendor or universal awarded vendor badging.

Scope of Work

CATEGORY A – Mowing Services

The District currently has over one hundred sites that may require mowing on a rotational basis. The District may add or remove sites as necessary.

6) All turf areas on property

- h) Mow grass as needed on site-to-site basis.
- i) Mowing wet grass or operating with dull blades shall be avoided.
- j) Please refrain from mowing sod clippings into landscape areas.
- k) The District may add or delete a mowing cycle as needed.
- l) No plant, tree, or palm material will be damaged by mowers.
- m) Roadway, curb, gutter and sidewalks shall be blown free of all clippings.
- n) Do not leave large clumps of grass or clippings in the lawn, driveway or sidewalks.

7) Edging and String Trimming

- e) Turf encroachment into planting beds will not be allowed.
- f) Edging shall be performed with rigid blade edging equipment or a manual hand edger, leaving a clean straightedge no more than 1" back from curbs, walks, buildings, tree rings or bed areas. Weed eaters shall not be used for trimming or edging purposes.
- g) No plant, tree, or palm material will be damaged by string trimmers.
- h) Roadway, curb and gutter and sidewalks shall be blown free of all clipping.

8) Mowing and Edging Clean-up

Roadway, Parking Lots, curb and gutter, sidewalk and bike paths shall be blown free of clippings in conjunction with mowing and edging events. Do not leave large clumps of grass clippings in the lawn, roadways or on sidewalks.

9) Tree Staking

If mowers damage or knock down tree staking supports, it shall be the awarded vendor's responsibility to replace and/or make the necessary repairs at the awarded vendor's cost. Staking shall be removed at the discretion of the District Representative. Tree rings and bed areas shall be repaired and restored when disturbed by the mowing function, at no additional cost to the District. Any trees or shrubs damaged from errant string trimmer or careless mowing will be replaced with like size, Florida #1 (one) grade material at the cost of the Awarded vendor.

10) Bed Care

- c) Edges of beds will be trimmed regularly to retain original shape.
- d) Chain link fence line around retention pond will be sprayed with herbicide regularly to keep weeds and grass from growing there. District to approve herbicide product. Awarded vendor to provide SDS sheet prior to use.
- Any irrigation equipment damaged by mowing or trimming will be repaired at the awarded vendor's expense. Upon the discovery of any damaged irrigation parts or pieces due to the negligence of the awarded vendor, the awarded vendor will have 72 hours to affect these repairs upon notification from the District. When making repairs to damaged irrigation parts the bubblers must have the same flow rate as the ones being replaced.
- The District reserves the right to add or eliminate a cycle. The District shall contact the awarded vendor a minimum of one (1) week ahead of scheduled cycle for cancellation. If the awarded vendor feels that an extra mowing is warranted, please notify the Maintenance Services Department immediately. Any extra mowing charges submitted without written prior approval will be denied.

CATEGORY B - Plants and General Landscaping Services

Plants

The words "Plant Materials" or "Plants" refer to and include trees, shrubs, ground cover, ornamental grass, or herbaceous materials.

Each planting service/project will involve the proper preparation of the planting area by removing existing material (if any), preservation of existing soil to use as back fill, and hand watering of plantings, if accessible. All holes are to be dug approximately two to three times the width of the root ball. All plants are to be installed so that the root crowns are set just at or slightly above existing grade. Backfill shall be placed evenly into the hole as to avoid air pockets, and no soil shall be mounded over the root crown or root ball areas. When larger trees are trying to be established, a berm must be constructed around the tree, at the edge of the root ball, as to maximize water retention. Also, all wood, plastic, burlap or gro-bags from the root ball must be removed prior to installation. All areas around the landscaped area are to be cleaned up and blown off if necessary.

All items sold under this ITN to the District, shall meet the standards for Florida No. 1 or better per the Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants, part I and part II, Department of Agricultural State of Florida. Items are to be in healthy condition free of insects, disease, damage or circling roots. Any defected item shall be replaced at no cost to the District. Failure to provide items per this specification, or continual non-compliance will result in the termination of contract.

- 8) Plants shall be sound, healthy, vigorous, and free from plant diseases, insects or pests and their eggs, and shall have healthy, normal growth, and non-circling root systems. Tree trunks shall have the specified caliper, be straight with no cuts, scrapes, or scars. Unless specified otherwise by the Project Manager, all plants shall have the specified clear trunk height.
- 9) The root flare and origination of the first major root from the trunk must be 2" above finish grade and visible for inspection. If not, the tree will be rejected.
- 10) Plants, with the exception of "cigar cut" palm trees, shall not be pruned prior to delivery except as approved by the District.
- 11) All shrubs and ground covers are required to be container grown. Trees are required to be one of the following:
 - c) Container Grown:
Trees grown in plastic containers shall be well established in the container; roots must be full to the bottom of the container without being root-bound. Minimum container size guidelines will follow those established by the Grades and Standards. Plants that are root bound or that have circling roots will be rejected.
 - d) Field Grown:
Trees shall have the appropriate root ball based on the tree diameter and height as established in the Grades and Standards. Field grown plants shall be root pruned and hardened off (pre-dug) a minimum of 6 weeks before delivery and shall have new root growth evident. Root balls of field-grown trees must be intact and protected from desiccation with black plastic wrap. Trees with synthetic burlap will not be accepted.
- 12) Collected plants shall not be used unless specifically called for in the specifications or approved in writing by the District. The type, size, and availability of specific species will be the basis of selection of all collected plants.
- 13) All replacement plants must meet with the Districts approval.
- 14) Plant, Shrubs and Tree Replacement
 - d) All plants, shrubs and trees must be replaced with the same size and type unless otherwise discussed and approved by the Maintenance Services representative.
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CATEGORY C - Tree Trimming Services

12) **Licensing**

Awarded vendor is required to be a licensed, qualified primary awarded vendor for all three geographical District zones of Lee County Delivery Locations. The work may include facility and ancillary sites throughout the District when requested by the Maintenance Services Department. The qualified awarded vendor shall provide the various tree trimming and removal components, labor and supervision. This contract is not intended for emergency disaster situations. The District does not guarantee a specific amount of work.

13) **Safety/OSHA**

All current OSHA safety standards shall be enforced. Awarded vendor(s) shall ensure that their employees are equipped with proper safety items. Awarded vendor shall be responsible for the supervision and direction of the work performed by their employees. Awarded vendor shall be responsible for instructing their employees in all safety measures. All equipment used by awarded vendor shall be maintained in safe operating condition at all times and be free from defects or wear that may in any way constitute a hazard to any person or persons on school district property.

14) **Trees**

- c) All pruning shall be overseen and supervised by an ISA Certified Arborist.
- d) Structural Pruning and removing dead or broken branches at 12' and below will be performed as needed, according to industry standard.

15) **Palms**

- b) Palms fronds and flowers whose base is at or below 12' will be pruned twice per year if those fronds are dead, dying, or below horizontal.

16) **Designee**

Awarded vendor shall appoint a person or persons to act as a primary contact with The School District. A designated back up shall be readily available during normal business hours by phone or in person, knowledgeable of the terms, conditions and procedures involved and respond to messages within 24 hours.

17) **Unforeseen Conditions**

Awarded vendor shall notify the District immediately upon discovery of any new problematic underground water or electrical line issues. The District will be the sole determiner if replacement/action is required/necessary. All District approved repairs shall be on a cost-plus basis. Parts and materials necessary for repairs and labor will be at prices proposed and awarded with ITN.

18) **Site-walk**

Prior to commencement of work, the Maintenance Services Director or his designee shall discuss or preferably meet with the awarded vendor on the proposed job site to determine the extent of work necessary for each job scheduled. Awarded vendor shall be required to be familiar with the site conditions for each job scheduled. Based on this determination, the awarded vendor shall prepare a work description and cost estimate under the guidelines and criteria set forth by these specifications. Provided adequate funds are available for the project, a purchase order shall then be issued to the awarded vendor detailing proposed work and costs and authorizing said work to begin. The written proposal shall be completed by awarded vendor and submitted to the

Maintenance Services Department. Proposal shall include itemized costs and completion time. Prior to beginning work, the awarded vendor shall determine through each utility agency and The Maintenance Services Department, the location of utilities in the vicinity. The District will assume no liability for the awarded vendor's operation in the vicinity of existing utilities.

19) **Completion time frame**

By mutual agreement of the parties, a time limit for completion shall be determined for each job based on the extent of work to be performed. In the event of an emergency where the awarded vendor cannot complete the work in the time frame required.

20) **Ownership**

The District will be the sole determiner if an item (part/material) shall be retained as District ownership or considered debris/awarded vendor owned.

21) **Compliance**

When trimming or pruning the shrubs, trees or palms especially near any of the pedestrian areas please make sure they are kept free from any debris. Set up barricades as necessary, in a manner that does not block foot or vehicle traffic, or use awarded vendor employee to direct/ control foot or traffic flow.

***All trimming should be done per the most recent industry standards and best management practices making sure not to over trim or prune.**

22) **Re-Staking and Setting of Trees**

Awarded vendor may be asked to re-stake and set a number of trees throughout the District. All tree re-staking services shall be completed in accordance with the recommendations set by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). No nails, screws or other securing device may be driven into the trunks of any trees or palms.

COORDINATION, SAFETY, INSPECTIONS AND INVOICING
ITN No. N257513LA
Landscaping Services

1. **Coordination:** The District's designated representative for this contract is the Director of Maintenance Services. The Director, or a designee, shall represent the District as the primary point of contact with whom the awarded Vendor(s) shall coordinate all project, contract, and financial activities. All work resulting from this ITN shall be coordinated with the Director of Maintenance Services (or designee), to provide thorough and consistent scheduling and work flow throughout this contract. All scheduling is to be submitted in advance before work is to start. Vendor(s) shall not accept any work directives other than those issued through the Maintenance Services representative. Requests for service from school principals or other staff must be directed to the Maintenance Services representative for approval.
 - a. Vendor(s) shall designate one or more employees to fulfill the following roles on the contract:
 - i. **Project Manager(s):** a person or persons to act as primary contact(s) for the District with respect to contract and financial operations. This person or a designated alternative shall be readily available during normal business hours by phone or in person, knowledgeable of the terms, conditions, and procedures of the contract, and respond to messages within 24 hours.
 - ii. **Field Supervisor(s):** a person or persons with sufficient skills and experience to properly supervise, guide, and manage an experienced team of the appropriate size to perform the work. The Field Supervisor shall be thoroughly knowledgeable of all specifications and other contract documents and have the authority to act in the Vendor(s) behalf. Field Supervisor(s) shall be responsible for the supervision and direction of the work performed by their employees. Field Supervisor(s) shall review all work to be accomplished with the District to preclude misunderstandings.
 - b. All employees of the Vendor shall be considered to be at all times, the sole employees of the Vendor, under his/her sole direction and not an employee or agent of the District. The Vendor shall supply competent and physically capable employees.
 - c. All Vendor employees and subcontractor employees must comply with the background screening and fingerprinting requirements as specified in General Conditions paragraph 52-53 and Universal Vendor Badge for the Florida School Districts or District Contractor Badge must be worn and visible at ALL TIMES while on District Property.
 - d. The Vendor shall notify the District immediately upon discovery of any new problematic issues. The District will be the sole determiner if action is required/necessary. If during the course of work, the Vendor encounters unforeseen conditions which impact the work and which could not initially be evaluated, the Vendor shall not proceed without written authorization of the District authorized representative.
 - e. Before performing any work to be completed beyond normal working hours, Vendor must obtain proper authorization from the District.
 - f. The District, their respective representatives, agents and employees and governmental agencies with jurisdiction over the project shall have access at all times to the work, whether the work is being performed on or off of the project site, for their observation, inspection and testing. Vendor shall provide proper, safe conditions for such access.
 - g. Upon receipt of award and notice to proceed (i.e., purchase orders), the project/work shall continue uninterrupted and expediently proceed with vigorous prosecution until completion of all work specified (with the exception of inclement weather conditions).
 - h. In the event of any situation where the awarded Vendor cannot complete the work and/or provide the needed service/materials within the time frame required, the District reserves the right to purchase the service from a competing supplier and/or use other Vendors without breaching this contract.
2. **Safety:** Project shall at all times be properly supervise and adequately manned by an experienced team of appropriate size. The Vendor shall have a Field Supervisor on the work site at all times and shall be responsible for the supervision and direction of the work performed by their employees.
 - a. Precautions shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons (including employees) and property. **Vendor** must take all necessary precautions to protect District property from possible damage and shall at all

times guard against such damage or loss. Any damage caused by the **Vendor** (i.e. damage to buildings, trees, utilities, etc.) shall be reported by the **Vendor** immediately to the District within 24 hours.

- b. Vendor shall maintain a safe, clean work area. Site shall be left in good condition and free of any debris or trash. Area shall be kept as neat, clean, and orderly as possible. Debris must be removed on a daily basis. Use of District dumpsters is prohibited.
 - c. No material and/or equipment shall be stored on site without prior approval from the District. The Vendor shall be responsible for the protection of their equipment while on District property. Tools and materials should be under supervision at all times. The District assumes no stated or implied responsibility for Vendor property.
 - d. The cost of repair or replacement for any and all damage to the Vendor(s) materials and/or equipment shall be borne by the Vendor.
 - e. Vendor shall ensure that vehicles are parked at a sufficient and safe distance from work areas.
 - f. Vendor(s) shall prohibit their employees from disturbing District property that is not within the employees' scope of responsibility. All employees of the Vendor shall be mentally and physically competent to perform the services required. The Vendor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among their employees at all times.
 - g. The Vendor is required to be familiar with and comply with all federal, state and local laws, codes, rules and regulations. All work shall conform to all laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations including state, local and federal, and the Vendor shall be responsible for the compliance and/or supply of licenses, bonds, and insurance. Services shall comply with all governing codes and regulations and shall meet or exceed the accepted standards of the industry. **It is the responsibility of the awarded Vendor(s) to provide the District with updated copies of current licenses, prior to expiration or personnel change any time during the awarded period. No statement within this proposal request shall negate compliance with any applicable governing regulation.**
 - h. The Vendor shall be responsible for instructing their employees in all safety measures. All equipment used by the Vendor shall be free from defects or wear that may in any way constitute a hazard to any person or persons on District property. At no time shall equipment be operated without guards, shields, or other manufactures recommended safety accessories in place and functioning as intended by the manufacturer. All current OSHA safety standards shall be reinforced.
 - i. All OSHA and Federal required safety equipment shall be installed and functioning on all equipment.
 - j. All equipment shall be in sound working condition and must meet all OSHA Safety Standards. All workers shall be aware of and trained in the operation of all safety equipment required for this project.
 - k. The Vendor shall ensure that employees are equipped with proper safety items such as glasses, hard hats, gloves, etc. Proper safety gear (i.e. safety harness) must be worn when using lift and must be connected to the lift while operating.
 - l. All incidents on campus involving District property or personnel shall be reported to the Director of Maintenance Services Department or designated Maintenance Department representative and the Campus Administrator immediately upon occurrence.
 - m. It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to assure against any asbestos violations. In the event of any asbestos detection or suspicion, the Vendor shall immediately cease work, secure the area and contact the Maintenance Services designee. The District will be responsible for any required abatement.
 - n. All debris shall be removed to an environmentally approved landfill or recycling center.
 - o. Proper safety barricades, protective, and covering devices shall be used to divert traffic and protect personnel. Normal safety signs, necessary lighting and temporary fencing/barricades around work areas shall be installed and maintained in accordance with OSHA requirements while the work is in progress. Materials must be secured in accordance with OSHA regulations when not in use.
 - p. The Contractor shall ensure that employees comply with the District's policies and guidelines regarding COVID-19-related PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), including face masks and social distancing guidelines.
 - q. The District reserves the right to stop all work in progress if proper precautions are not taken. The District also may stop all work in progress if it appears to be unsatisfactory.
- 3. Inspections:** Vendor shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with all the specifications. The District shall review with the Vendor, all work accomplished as to preclude any misunderstandings as to the extent and quality and/or quantity of the work. Vendor shall provide the District designee with timely notice of readiness of the work for all required inspections or approvals.

- a. All services performed shall be subject to physical inspections and approval by District personnel for Vendor compliance and satisfaction prior to acceptance of services rendered. The Vendor or authorized representatives shall be available upon request for these joint inspections.
 - b. Vendor(s) must notify the Maintenance Department designee of job completion within 24 hours so a final walk-through can be performed.
 - c. If deficiencies or unsatisfactory services are noted, The District's designee shall notify the Vendor of the specific deficiencies. The Vendor must rectify these deficiencies by 5:00 p.m. of the next working day, weather permitting. Unsatisfactory services, as determined by The District, not corrected after notification may result in immediate notice of cancellation of the contract.
4. **Invoicing:** The Vendor shall submit an invoice for each job and include, as a minimum, the following:
- a. Before and after pictures.
 - b. A list of materials, including rental equipment, and shall be invoiced at the actual cost plus the fixed rate listed below for aggregate costs on the invoice, and invoices shall show quantities and unit costs. The invoice shall include the cost from the supplier, plus the negotiated fixed rate for the aggregate invoice cost for equipment and materials. Copies of the Vendor's own material invoices shall be made available to the District upon request. (All credits for rentals shall be returned to the District).
 - c. All labor shall be invoiced at the contracted hourly rates and shall include only the actual time expended on the job and shall not include travel time. Invoices must be submitted no later than 30 days after completion of services or delivery. Failure to invoice in a timely manner could significantly delay payment.
 - d. Summary of work performed.
 - e. Location where work was performed.
 - f. Date the work was requested.
 - g. Identify the District employee who authorized the work.
 - h. Date the work was completed.
 - i. The Vendor will provide copy of the original invoice to The School District of Lee County, Financial Accounting Department via email FinanceInvoices@LeeSchools.net
 - j. All invoices shall include purchase order number for proper identification. Invoices must be accurate and complete to be processed. Upon receipt of invoices forwarded from the Finance Department, the user school/department will approve payment for requested work that has been completed satisfactorily. All invoices and correspondence shall be legible and dated.
 - k. The District utilizes an ePayables Program through the MASTERCARD network. Preferably, Vendors would presently have the ability to accept these credit cards for payment. The District reserves the right to revise this program at its sole discretion.
 - l. The cost of materials, alternative products, rental equipment, and sub-contracted labor rates shall be calculated using Table 1 – Fixed Fee Rate Schedule, attached below.

TABLE 1: FIXED FEE RATE SCHEDULE

Range of Cost of Materials for Billing Period		Fixed Fee Amount for Materials for Billing Period
\$ -	\$ 99.00	\$ -
\$ 100.00	\$ 499.00	\$ 15.00
\$ 500.00	\$ 999.00	\$ 40.00
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,499.00	\$ 65.00
\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 100.00
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,999.00	\$ 185.00
\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,999.00	\$ 380.00
\$ 9,000.00	\$ 14,999.00	\$ 675.00
\$ 15,000.00	\$ 24,999.00	\$ 1,100.00
\$ 25,000.00	\$ 44,999.00	\$ 2,000.00
\$ 45,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
\$ 75,000.00	\$ 124,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
\$ 125,000.00	\$ 149,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
\$ 150,000.00	\$ 199,000.00	\$ 8,700.00
\$ 200,000.00	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 10,100.00
\$ 250,000.00	\$ 299,999.00	\$ 11,000.00
\$ 300,000.00	\$ 349,999.00	\$ 13,000.00
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 399,999.00	\$ 15,000.00
\$ 400,000.00	\$ 449,999.00	\$ 17,000.00
\$ 450,000.00	\$ 499,999.00	\$ 19,000.00
\$ 500,000.00	\$ 549,999.00	\$ 21,000.00
\$ 550,000.00	\$ 599,999.00	\$ 23,000.00
\$ 600,000.00	\$ 649,999.00	\$ 25,000.00
\$ 650,000.00	\$ 699,999.00	\$ 27,000.00
\$ 700,000.00	\$ 749,999.00	\$ 29,000.00
\$ 750,000.00	\$ 799,999.00	\$ 31,000.00
\$ 800,000.00	\$ 849,999.00	\$ 33,000.00
\$ 850,000.00	\$ 899,999.00	\$ 35,000.00
\$ 900,000.00	\$ 949,999.00	\$ 37,000.00
\$ 950,000.00	\$ 999,999.00	\$ 39,000.00

ALTERNATE PRODUCTS

If alternate products, other than those listed in the specifications, are required, the cost to the District of the alternate products shall be based on the Contractor's wholesale price from the supply house, and shall include a negotiated fixed fee. The District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to furnish equipment and materials for any and all jobs or work performed pursuant to this contract. Invoices must include an aggregate cost for all alternate manufacturer products, including the wholesale price from the supply house, plus the correlated fixed fee identified above for the aggregate amount.

COST OF MATERIALS

The cost of materials shall be based on the Contractor's wholesale price from the supply house, plus the correlated fixed fee. Invoices must include an aggregate cost for all materials, including the sum of wholesale price from the supply house, plus the correlated fixed fee identified above for the aggregate amount. The District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to furnish equipment and materials for any and all jobs or work performed pursuant to this contract.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

The cost of materials shall be based on the Contractor's wholesale price from the supply house, plus the correlated fixed fee. Invoices must include an aggregate cost for all materials, including the sum of wholesale price from the supply house, plus the correlated fixed fee identified above for the aggregate amount. The District reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to furnish equipment and materials for any and all jobs or work performed pursuant to this contract.

SUB-CONTRACTED LABOR RATES

Sub-Contracted labor rates are to be billed at either a rate not to exceed the contractor labor rates, or at a fixed rate to be negotiated at the time of work.

EXHIBIT 1 – SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY DELIVERY LOCATIONS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Allen Park Elementary School	3345 Canelo Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Amanecer Elementary School	641 Sunrise Blvd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Bayshore School	17050 Williams Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917
Bonita Springs Elementary School	10701 Dean Street SE, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Caloosa Elementary School	620 S. Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990
Cape Elementary School	4519 Vincennes Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33904
Colonial Elementary School	3800 Schoolhouse Road E., Fort Myers, FL 33916
Diplomat Elementary School	1115 NE 16th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33909
Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elem. School	700 Hutto Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Edgewood Academy	3464 Edgewood Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33916
Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School	2401 Euclid Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Fort Myers Beach Elementary School	2751 Oak Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Franklin Park Elementary School	2323 Ford Street, Fort Myers, FL 33916
G. Weaver Higgs Elementary School	1200 Homestead Road N., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Gateway Elementary School	13280 Griffin Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913
Gulf Elementary School	3400 SW 17th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33914
Hancock Creek Elementary School	1601 Skyline Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Harns Marsh Elementary School	1800 Unice Avenue N., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
Hector A. Cafferata Jr. Elementary School	388 Santa Barbara Blvd. N., Cape Coral, FL 33993
Heights Elementary School	15200 Alexandria Court, Fort Myers, FL 33908
J. Colin English Elementary School	120 Pine Island Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
James Stephens Elementary School (K-6)	1333 Marsh Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33905
Lehigh Elementary School	200 Schoolside Drive, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Manatee Elementary School	5301 Tice Street, Fort Myers, FL 33905
Mirror Lakes Elementary School	525 Charwood Avenue S., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts	1856 Arts Way, North Fort Myers, FL 33917
Orange River Elementary School	4501 Underwood Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33905
Orangewood Elementary School	4001 DeLeon Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Patriot Elementary School	711 SW 18th Street, Cape Coral, FL 33991
Pelican Elementary School	3525 SW 3rd Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33914
Pine Island Elementary School	5360 Ridgewood Drive, Bokeelia, FL 33922
Pinewoods Elementary School	11900 Stoneybrook Golf Drive, Estero, FL 33928
Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School	4600 Challenger Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33912
Rayma C. Page Elementary School	17000 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, FL 33908
River Hall Elementary School	2800 River Hall Pkwy., Alva, FL 33920
San Carlos Park Elementary School	17282 Lee Road, Fort Myers, FL 33967
Skyline Elementary School	620 SW 19th Street, Cape Coral, FL 33991
Spring Creek Elementary School	25571 Elementary Way, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Sunshine Elementary School	601 Sara Avenue, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
Tanglewood Elementary School	1620 Manchester Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33919
The Alva School	17500 Church Avenue, Alva, FL 33920
The Sanibel School	3840 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957
Three Oaks Elementary School	19600 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967
Tice Elementary School	4524 Tice Street, Fort Myers, FL 33905
Tortuga Preserve Elementary School	1711 Gunnery Road N., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Trafalgar Elementary School	1850 SW 20th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991
Treeline Elementary School	10900 Treeline Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33913
Tropic Isles Elementary School	5145 Orange Grove Blvd., North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Veterans Park Academy for the Arts	49 Homestead Road S., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Villas Elementary School	8385 Beacon Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Bayshore School	17050 Williams Road, N. Fort Myers, FL 33917
Bonita Springs Middle Center for the Arts	10141 W. Terry Street, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Caloosa Middle School	610 S. Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990
Challenger Middle School	624 Trafalgar Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33991
Cypress Lake Middle School	8901 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919
Diplomat Middle School	1039 NE 16th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33909
Fort Myers Middle School	3050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901
Gulf Middle School	1809 S.W. 36th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33914
Harns Marsh Middle School	1820 Unice Avenue North, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
Lemuel Teal Middle School	104 Arthur Avenue, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Lehigh Acres Middle School	651 Sunrise Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Lexington Middle School	16351 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers, FL 33908
Mariner Middle School	425 Chiquita Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33993
North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts	1856 Arts Way, North Fort Myers, FL 33917
Oak Hammock Middle School	5321 Tice Street, Fort Myers, FL 33905
Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School	4750 Winkler Avenue Extension, Fort Myers, FL 33966
The Alva School	17500 Church Avenue, Alva, FL 33920
The Sanibel School	3840 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957
Three Oaks Middle School	18500 Three Oaks Parkway Fort Myers, FL 33967
Trafalgar Middle School	2120 Trafalgar Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33991
Varsity Lakes Middle School	801 Gunnery Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
Veterans Park Academy for the Arts	49 Homestead Road S., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

HIGH SCHOOLS

Bonita Springs High School	25592 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Cape Coral High School	2300 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33991
Cypress Lake High School	6750 Panther Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33919
Dunbar High School	3800 E. Edison Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33916
East Lee County High School	715 Thomas Sherwin Avenue., Lehigh Acres, FL 33974
Estero High School	21900 River Ranch Road, Estero, FL 33928
Fort Myers High School	2635 Cortez Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901
Gateway High School	13820 Griffin Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913
Ida S. Baker High School	3500 Agualinda Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33914
Island Coast High School	2125 De Navarra Pkwy, Cape Coral, FL 33909
Lehigh Senior High School	901 Gunnery Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
Mariner High School	701 Chiquita Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33993
North Fort Myers High School	5000 Orange Grove Blvd., North Fort Myers, FL 33903
Riverdale High School	2600 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905
South Fort Myers High School	14020 Plantation Road, Fort Myers, FL 33912

SPECIAL CENTERS

Acceleration Academy	1901 Brantley Rd. Unit 13, Fort Myers, FL 33907
Adult and Career Education	2855 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33966
Buckingham Exceptional Student Center	3291 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers FL 33905
Cape Coral Technical College	360 Santa Barbara Blvd. N., Cape Coral FL 33993
Dunbar Community School	1857 High Street, Fort Myers FL 33916
Early Childhood Learning Center	3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 4, Fort Myers FL 33916
Fort Myers Technical College	3800 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers FL 33916
Home School Education	2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33966
Lee Virtual School	2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33966
Royal Palm Exceptional Center	3050 Indian Street, Fort Myers FL 33916
Success Academy	3650 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers FL 33916
S.W. Florida Public Service Academy	4312 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers FL 33905
Young Parent Education Program	3650 Michigan Avenue, Suite 2, Fort Myers FL 33916

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Athenian Academy Charter School	18851 Oak Center Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33967
Bonita Sprints Charter School	25380 Bernwood Drive, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135-7850
City of Palms Charter High School	2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 201, Fort Myers, Florida 33916-9301
Coronado High School	3057 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33901-9301
Donna J. Beasley Technical Academy	60 Bell Blvd N., Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936-6492
Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33919-5566
Gateway Charter School	12850 Commonwealth Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33913-8039
Harlem Heights Community Charter School	15570 Hagie Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33908-2890
Heritage Charter Academy of Cape Coral	2107 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida 33991-4335
Island Park High School	16520 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 190, Fort Myers, FL 33908-5349
Mid Cape Global Academy	76 Mid Cape Terrace, Cape Coral, Florida 33991
North Nicholas High School	428 SW Pine Island Road, Cape Coral, Florida 33991-1916
Northern Palms Charter High School	13251 N. Cleveland Avenue, N. Fort Myers, Florida 33903-4816
Oak Creek Charter School of Bonita Springs	28011 Performance Lane, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135-6850
Oasis Charter Elementary School - North	2817 SW 3rd Lane, Cape Coral, Florida 33991-1151
Oasis Charter Elementary School - South	3415 Oasis Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida 33914-4924
Oasis Charter Middle School	3507 Oasis Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida 33914-4914
Oasis Charter High School	3519 Oasis Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida 33914-4914
Palm Acres Charter High School	507 Sunshine Boulevard North, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971
Six Mile Charter Academy	6851 Lancer Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33912-4334
The Island School	135 1st Street W., Boca Grande, Florida 33921-1090