

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered effective as of the date signed by the last party below (the "Effective Date") by and between DESOTO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, situated at 201 E. Oak Street, Second Floor, Arcadia, Florida 34266 (the "County"), hereby contracts with **RD Welch Company** (the "Contractor") of 4 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL. 34266 a contractor licensed to perform all work in the State of Florida in connection with the County's Project **Storage Building Construction Project, Project No. #26-07-01ITB** (the "Project"), as said work is set forth in the Plans and Specifications prepared by Weiler Engineering Corporation, the Engineer (the "Consultant") and other Contract Documents hereafter specified (the "Work").

The County and the Contractor, for the consideration herein set forth, agree as follows:

Section 1. Contract Documents.

1.1. The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement, the Exhibits described in Section 36 hereof, the Legal Advertisement, ITB #26-07-01 Intent and General Information, the Instructions to Bidders, the Contractor's Bid proposal and any duly executed and issued addenda, Change Orders, Work Directive Changes, Field Orders, Work Authorizations and amendments relating thereto. All of the foregoing Contract Documents are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement (all of said documents including the Agreement sometimes being referred to herein as the "Contract Documents" and sometimes as the "Agreement"). A copy of the Contract Documents shall be maintained by Contractor at the Project site at all times during the performance of the Work.

1.2. The Consultant is the initial interpreter of the Contract Documents but is not the judge between the County and the Contractor. The County reserves the right to make final decisions considering the Consultant's recommendations or interpretations of the Contract Documents. The Consultant does not have authority to obligate or commit the County to fund additional expenditures or approve extensions of time over the approved Contract Time or Amount. However, the Consultant's interpretation as to the intent of his design shall be final and not subject to interpretation by the County's staff.

1.3. Any Work that may be reasonably inferred from the specifications as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not it is specifically called for. In case of any inconsistency or conflict among the provisions of the Agreement and any other terms and conditions of any documents comprising the Contract Documents, the provisions of the Agreement shall control. Concerning the Contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be as follows: (1) Change Orders; (2) the Agreement, including amendments and Exhibits; (3) Field Orders; (4) the solicitation documents, including any addenda. The Contract Documents listed above represent the

entire and integrated Agreement between the parties hereto, and supersede prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral.

1.4. Work, materials or equipment described in words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning, shall be deemed to refer to such recognized standards.

1.5. The County shall furnish to the Contractor up to three (3) sets of the Contract Documents as are reasonably necessary for execution of the Work. Additional copies of the Contract Documents shall be furnished, upon request, at the cost of reproduction.

1.6. The Contractor agrees to bind specifically every Subcontractor to the applicable terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for the benefit of the County.

1.7. Construction services provided by Contractor for the Project shall be under the general direction of **Harry Akins, Facilities Director**, or their successor, who shall act as the County's representative during the term of this Agreement. If the County's representative is not a County employee, then County's representative is not authorized to issue changes to the Contract Amount, Contract Time, or Scope of Work without express approval by the Department Director, County Administrator, or Board of County Commissioners.

1.8. The County's representative, within the authority conferred by the Board of County Commissioners, shall initiate written Change Orders, and notification to the Contractor of any and all changes approved by the County in the Contractor's: (1) compensation; (2) time and/or schedule of service delivery; (3) and any amendment (s) or other change(s) relative to the Work pursuant to this Contract or Change Orders pertaining thereto. Following County approval, the County's representative shall coordinate issuance of any such documents. The County's representative shall be responsible for acting on the County's behalf to administer, coordinate, interpret and otherwise manage the contractual provisions and requirements set forth in this Contract or any amendments, or Change Orders issued hereunder.

1.9. Neither the Contractor nor any Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with the County shall have or acquire any title to or ownership rights to any of the Drawings, Specifications or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of the Consultant; and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of the County or their Consultant and the specific written verification or adaptation by the Consultant.

Section 2. Scope of Work.

2.1. The Project consists of [Project Description] as set forth in the Plans and Specifications prepared by the Consultant. The Contractor agrees to furnish and pay for all management, supervision, financing, labor, materials, tools, transportation, fuel,

supplies, utilities, equipment and services of every kind and type necessary to diligently, timely, and fully perform and complete in a good and workmanlike manner the Work required by this Agreement to complete the Project.

2.2. All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricator or processors except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

Section 3. Contract Amount.

3.1. In consideration of the faithful performance by the Contractor of the covenants in this Agreement to the full satisfaction and acceptance of the County, the County agrees to pay, or cause to be paid, to Contractor the following amount (herein "Contract Amount"), in accordance with the terms of this Agreement: **\$137,014.44** or in WORDS: **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS.**

The Contractor's cost proposal is included on the following page.

**DESOTO COUNTY
STORAGE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
26-07-01ITB**

BID FORM

PRICES INDICATED HEREIN REFLECT STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THIS INVITATION TO BID, OR WITH EXCEPTION DETAILED IN AN ENCLOSURE APPENDED HERETO.

BASE BID – COMPLETE CONTRACTOR SCOPE OF WORK:			
QTY.	U/M	COMMODITY OR SERVICES	TOTAL PRICE
1	LUMP SUM	Construction of the DeSoto County Storage Building at the Turner Center – Lump sum bid for the complete Contractor Scope of Work, including the metal building, permitting coordination, materials, engineering of the concrete slab, foundation/slab construction, delivery, unloading, unpackaging, and erection of a pre-engineered 40' x 50' metal building, doors, lighting, site restoration, and all other labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for a complete and usable facility in accordance with the Scope of Work and Contract Documents.	\$137,014.44

Write out amount

one hundred thirty seven thousand fourteen dollars
and forty four cents

METAL BUILDING COST – DEDUCTIVE (COUNTY DIRECT PURCHASE OPTION)			
QTY.	U/M	COMMODITY OR SERVICES	TOTAL PRICE
1	LUMP SUM	The lump sum price above shall include the cost of the metal building and all associated expenses. Bidders shall clearly identify the separate cost of the metal building included in the lump sum price below. This amount shall be used solely for a deductive change order if the County elects to purchase the metal building directly.	\$37,549.29

Company Name: R.D. Welch Company
Contact Name: Beece Welch
Address: 4 E Oak St.
City & State: Arcadia HI.
Phone: 863-990-1274
Fax: n/a
E-mail: reece@rdwelchcompany.com
Signature: 
Date: 2/24/26

***This official bid form must be completed and used in submitting bid.
The Board reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, or any parts thereof.***

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3.2. If the Contract Amount includes an Allowance, the Contractor shall cause the Work covered by the Allowance to be done for such sums within the limits of the Allowance as the County may approve. The Contractor agrees that the Contract Amount includes such sums as they deem proper for costs and any profit on account of any Allowances. No demands for an additional sum for overhead or profit will be allowed.

3.3. Any agreed upon changes to the Contract Amount must be accomplished by an approved, written Change Order in the form attached to this Agreement.

3.4. The County may subsequently identify items eligible for direct purchase for sales tax savings. The County shall, at its sole discretion, have the option to purchase directly from the supplier or vendor, any supplies, materials or equipment included in the Contractor's bid for the Contract. The County reserves the right to require Contractor to assign to the County agreements with suppliers for such goods. Contractor shall, from time to time submit, update and keep current, for consideration by the County, a list of all materials, supplies and equipment to be purchased, organized by supplier or vendor. Such list shall include a brief description of the materials, supplies and equipment and the name and address of the supplier or vendor. Suppliers or vendors reasonably anticipated to furnish material, supplies and equipment with an aggregate purchase value of less than \$10,000 need not be listed. Goods not required for the performance of the Contract shall not be purchased under this Agreement. The County reserves the right to delete or add items from this Agreement when it is in the County's best interest. Upon approval by the County, the Contractor will provide a worksheet by electronic means which will include a proposal from the vendor detailing the description of the item to be purchased, total price and sales tax to be deducted. The County will then issue a purchase order directly to the vendor for the cost of the item less the sales tax. Upon completion of all direct purchases the Contractor will prepare a deductive Change Order reducing the Contract Amount by the total amount of the purchases, inclusive of all sales tax, shipping, handling, insurance, and other similar charges paid by Owner. Administrative costs incurred by the Contractor with this Agreement, including administering the purchases in the name of the County, shall be considered to be included in the base bid proposal for work. No addition shall be added to the Contract Amount because of the service provided by the Contractor in the purchase of property, materials, et cetera, in the name of the County.

3.5 Contractor acknowledges that the County, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any agreement which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any agreement, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such agreement. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of agreements for a period exceeding one year, but any agreement so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years. Accordingly, the County's performance and obligation to pay under this agreement is contingent upon annual appropriation.

3.6. Contractor acknowledges that funding for the Services outlined herein is provided

by a grant awarded to County through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and as such, payments due to Consultant may be dependent and contingent on the County's receipt of grant reimbursements from the EPA pursuant to the grant

Section 4. Bonds.

4.1. The Contractor shall provide Performance and Payment Bonds, in the form prescribed in the Exhibits to the Agreement, in the amount of 100% of the Contract Amount, the costs of which are to be paid by Contractor. If the Contract is increased by a Change Order, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the Performance and Payment Bonds are amended accordingly, and a copy of the amendment forwarded to the County. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be underwritten by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida and otherwise acceptable to the County; provided, however, the surety shall be rated as "A-" or better as to general policy holders rating and Class V or higher rating as to financial size category and the amount required shall not exceed 5% of the reported policy holders surplus, all as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc. of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038.

4.2. If the surety for any bond furnished by Contractor is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, its right to do business is terminated in the State of Florida, or it ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall, within five (5) calendar days thereafter, substitute another bond and surety, both of which shall be subject to the County's approval.

Section 5. Contract Time and Liquidated Damages

5.1. Time is of the essence in the performance of the Work under this Agreement. The "Commencement Date" is established in the Notice to Proceed to be issued by the County. Written Notice to Proceed is contingent upon and will be done subsequent to the Contractor fully satisfying the County's stated insurance and Bond submittal requirements. The Contractor shall commence the Work within ten (10) calendar days from the Commencement Date. No Work shall be performed at the Project site prior to the Commencement Date. Any Work performed by the Contractor prior to the Commencement Date shall be at the sole risk of the Contractor. The Work shall be substantially completed within **154 calendar days** from the Commencement Date. The date of substantial completion of the Work (or designated portions thereof) is the date certified by the Consultant when construction is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so the County can occupy or utilize the Work (or designated portions thereof) for the use for which it is intended. The Work shall be fully completed and ready for final acceptance by the County within **184 calendar days** from the Commencement Date (herein "Contract Time").

5.2. The County and the Contractor recognize that, since time is of the essence for this Agreement, the County will suffer financial loss if the Work is not substantially completed within the time specified above, as said time may be adjusted as provided for

herein. Should the Contractor fail to substantially complete the Work within the time period noted above, the County shall be entitled to assess, as liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, **\$250.00** for each calendar day thereafter until substantial completion is achieved. The Project shall be deemed to be substantially completed on the date the Consultant issues a Substantial Completion Certificate pursuant to the terms hereof. The Contractor hereby expressly waives and relinquishes any right which it may have to seek to characterize the above noted liquidated damages as a penalty, which the parties agree represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the County's actual damages at the time of contracting if the Contractor fails to substantially complete the Work in a timely manner.

5.3. When any period of time is referenced by days herein, it shall be computed to exclude the first day and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day shall be omitted from the computation, and the last day shall become the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. All days shall mean calendar day and not business day.

Section 6. Intent of Contract Documents

6.1. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project (or portion thereof) to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any work, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not specifically called for. When words which have a well known technical or trade meaning are used to describe work, materials or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code, law or regulation in effect at the time the Work is performed, except as may be otherwise specifically stated herein.

6.2. If before or during the performance of the Work, Contractor discovers a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, Contractor immediately shall report same to Consultant in writing and before proceeding with the Work affected thereby shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the Consultant. If required, a Field Order or Change Order will be issued pursuant to Section 15 of this Agreement. If the Contractor performs any Construction activity knowing it involves a recognized error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract Documents without such notice to the Consultant and County, the Contractor shall assume responsibility for such performance and shall share in costs associated with any corrections. Contractor shall take field measurements and verify field conditions and shall carefully compare such field measurements and conditions and other information known to Contractor with the Contract Documents before commencing any portion of the Work.

6.3. Drawings are intended to show general arrangements, design and extent of Work and are not intended to serve as shop drawings. Specifications are separated into divisions for convenience of reference only and shall not be interpreted as establishing divisions for the Work, trades, subcontracts, or extent of any part of the Work. In the event of a discrepancy between or among the drawings, specifications or other Contract Document provisions, Contractor shall be required to comply with the provision which is the more restrictive or stringent requirement upon the Contractor, as determined by the Consultant. Unless otherwise specifically mentioned, all anchors, bolts, screws, fittings, fillers, hardware, accessories, trim and other parts required in connection with any portion of the Work to make a complete, serviceable, finished and first quality installation shall be furnished and installed as part of the Work, whether or not called for by the Contract Documents.

Section 7. Investigation and Utilities

7.1. Contractor shall have the sole responsibility of satisfying itself concerning the nature and location of the Work and the general and local conditions, and particularly, but without limitation, with respect to the following: those affecting transportation, access, disposal, handling and storage of materials; availability and quality of labor; water, sewer, and electric power; availability and condition of roads; work area; living facilities; climatic conditions and seasons; physical conditions at the work-site and the project area as a whole; topography and ground surface conditions; nature and quantity of the surface materials to be encountered; subsurface conditions; equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during performance of the Work; and all other costs associated with such performance. The failure of Contractor to acquaint itself with any applicable conditions shall not relieve Contractor from any of its responsibilities to perform under the Contract Documents, nor shall it be considered the basis for any claim for additional time or compensation.

7.2. Contractor shall locate all existing roadways, railways, drainage facilities and utility services above, upon, or under the Project site, said roadways, railways, drainage facilities and utilities (surface and subsurface) being referred to in this Sub-Section 7.2. as the "Utilities". Contractor shall contact the owners of all Utilities to determine the necessity for relocating or temporarily interrupting any Utilities during the construction of the Project. Contractor shall schedule and coordinate its Work around any such relocation or temporary service interruption. Contractor shall be responsible for properly shoring, supporting and protecting all Utilities at all times during the course of the Work. Relocation or shutdown of County facilities must be requested by the Contractor in writing a minimum of ten (10) calendar days prior to the proposed Work. The County shall have the final decision with respect to whether the relocation or shutdown is required and when the relocation or shutdown of facilities may take place. The Work may need to be performed at night or on weekends to minimize the interruption of service or to meet the operational needs of the County's facilities.

Section 8. Schedule

8.1. The Contractor, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a Notice of Award, shall prepare and submit to the County and Consultant, for their review and approval, a progress schedule for the Project (herein "Progress Schedule"). The Progress Schedule shall relate to all Work required by the Contract Documents and shall provide for expeditious and practicable execution of the Work within the Contract Time. The Progress Schedule shall indicate the dates for starting and completing the various stages of the Work.

8.2. The Progress Schedule shall be updated monthly by the Contractor. All monthly updates to the Progress Schedule shall be subject to the County's and Consultant's review and approval. Contractor shall submit the updates to the Progress Schedule with its monthly Applications for Payment noted below. The County's and the Consultant's review and approval of the submitted Progress Schedule updates shall be a condition precedent to the County's obligation to pay Contractor.

Section 9. Progress Payments

9.1. Prior to submitting its first monthly Application for Payment, Contractor shall submit to the County and the Consultant, for their review and approval, a schedule of values based upon the Contract Price, listing the major elements of the Work and the dollar value for each element. After its approval by the County and Consultant, this schedule of values shall be used as the basis for the Contractor's monthly Applications for Payment. This schedule shall be updated and submitted each month to the Consultant along with a completed and notarized copy of the Application for Payment form. No voluntary acceleration or early completion of the Work shall modify the time of payments to Contractor as set forth in the approved Schedule of Values.

9.2. Prior to submitting its first monthly Application for Payment, Contractor shall submit to the County and the Consultant a complete list of all its proposed subcontractors and materialmen, showing the work and materials involved and the dollar amount of each proposed subcontract and purchase order. The first Application for Payment shall be submitted no earlier than thirty (30) days after the Commencement Date.

9.3. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated into the Project, but delivered and suitably stored at the site or at another location agreed to by the County in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by a bill of sale, invoice or other documentation warranting that the County has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all liens, charges, security interests and encumbrances, together with evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance and other arrangements to protect the County's interest therein, all of which shall be subject to the County's satisfaction.

9.4. Contractor shall submit two (2) copies of its monthly Application for Payment to the Consultant on or before the 25th day of each month for work performed during the previous month. Invoices received after the 25th day of each month shall be considered

for payment as part of the next month's application. Within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of each Application for Payment, the Consultant shall either:

9.4.1 indicate his approval of the requested payment;

9.4.2 indicate his approval of only a portion of the requested payment, stating in writing his reasons therefore; or

9.4.3 return the Application for Payment to the Contractor indicating, in writing, the reason for refusing to approve payment and the action necessary to make the payment request proper.

In the event of a total denial and return of the Application for Payment by the Consultant, the Contractor may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application for Payment. The County shall, within thirty (30) calendar days after County approval of an Application for Payment, pay the Contractor the amounts so approved. Provided, however, in no event shall the County be obligated to pay any amount greater than that portion of the Application for Payment approved by the Consultant.

9.5. The County shall retain five percent (5%) of the gross amount of each monthly payment request or five percent (5%) of the portion thereof approved by the Consultant for payment, whichever is less. Such sums shall be accumulated and released to Contractor with final payment.

9.6. Monthly payments to Contractor shall in no way imply or constitute approval or acceptance of Contractor's work.

9.7. Each Application for Payment shall be accompanied by a Release and Affidavit, in the form attached to this Agreement, showing that all materials, labor, equipment and other bills associated with that portion of the Work for which payment is being requested have been paid in full. The County shall not be required to make payment until and unless these affidavits are furnished by the Contractor.

9.8. Contractor agrees and understands that funding limitations exist and that the expenditure of funds must be spread over the duration of the Project at regular intervals based on the Contract Amount and Progress Schedule. Accordingly, prior to submitting its first monthly Application for Payment, Contractor shall prepare and submit for the County's and the Consultant's review and approval, a detailed Project Funding Schedule, which shall be updated as necessary and approved by the County to reflect approved adjustments to the Contract Amount and Contract Time. No voluntary acceleration or early completion of the Work shall modify the time of payments to Contractor as set forth in the approved Project Funding Schedule.

Section 10. Payments Withheld

10.1. The Consultant or the County may decline to approve any Application for Payment, or portions thereof, because of subsequently discovered evidence or subsequent inspections. The Consultant or the County may nullify the whole or any part of any approval for payment previously issued and the County may withhold any payments otherwise due Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between the County and Contractor, to such extent as may be necessary in the County's opinion to protect it from loss because of:

10.1.1 Defective Work not remedied;

10.1.2 Third party claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims;

10.1.3 Failure of Contractor to make payment properly to subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment;

10.1.4 Reasonable doubt that the Work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Amount;

10.1.5 Reasonable indication that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time;

10.1.6 Unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work by the Contractor;

10.1.7 Failure to provide accurate and current "As-Builts"; or

10.1.8 Any other material breach of the Contract Documents.

10.2. If these conditions in Subsection 10.A are not remedied or removed, the County may, after three (3) days written notice, rectify the same at Contractor's expense. The County also may offset against any sums due Contractor the amount of any liquidated or unliquidated obligations of Contractor to the County, whether relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any other agreement between Contractor and the County.

Section 11. Final Payment

11.1. The County shall make final payment to Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days after the Work is finally inspected and accepted by both the County and the Consultant in accordance with Section 26.A. herein, provided that Contractor first, and as an explicit condition precedent to the accrual of Contractor's right to final payment, shall have furnished the County with a properly executed and notarized copy of the Release and Affidavit, as well as, a duly executed copy of the Surety's consent to final payment and such other documentation that may be required by the Contract Documents and the County.

11.2. Contractor's acceptance of final payment shall constitute a full waiver of any and all claims by Contractor against the County arising out of this Agreement or otherwise relating to the Project, except those previously made in writing and identified by Contractor as unsettled at the time of the final Application for Payment. Neither the acceptance of the Work nor payment by the County shall be deemed to be a waiver of the County's right to enforce any obligations of Contractor hereunder or to the recovery of damages for defective Work not discovered by the Consultant or the County at the time of final inspection.

Section 12. Submittals and Substitutions

12.1. Contractor shall carefully examine the Contract Documents for all requirements for approval of materials to be submitted such as a schedule of values, safety manual, shop drawings, data, test results, schedules and samples. Contractor shall submit all such materials at its own expense and in such form as required by the Contract Documents in sufficient time to prevent any delay in the delivery of such materials and the installation thereof.

12.2. Whenever materials or equipment are specified or described in the Contract Documents by using the name of a proprietary item or the name of a particular supplier, the naming of the item is intended to establish the type, function and quality required. Unless the name is followed by words indicating that no substitution is permitted, materials or equipment of other suppliers may be accepted by the County if sufficient information is submitted by Contractor to allow the County to determine that the material or equipment proposed is equivalent or better than to that named. Requests for review of substitute items of material and equipment will not be accepted by the County from anyone other than Contractor and all such requests must be submitted by Contractor to Consultant within thirty (30) calendar days after Notice of Award is received by Contractor.

12.3. If Contractor wishes to furnish or use a substitute item of material or equipment, Contractor shall make application to the Consultant for acceptance thereof, certifying that the proposed substitute shall perform adequately the functions and achieve the results called for by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use as that specified. The application shall state that the evaluation and acceptance of the proposed substitute will not prejudice Contractor's achievement of substantial completion on time, whether or not acceptance of the substitute for use in the Work will require a change in any of the Contract Documents (or in the provisions of any other direct contract with the County for the Project) to adapt the design to the proposed substitute and whether or not incorporation or use of the substitute in connection with the Work is subject to payment of any license fee or royalty. All variations of the proposed substitute from that specified will be identified in the application and available maintenance, repair and replacement service shall be indicated. The application also shall contain an itemized estimate of all costs that will result, directly or indirectly, from acceptance of such substitute, including costs for redesign and claims of other contractors affected by the resulting change, all of which shall be considered by the

Consultant in evaluating the proposed substitute. The Consultant may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense additional data about the proposed substitute.

12.4. If a specific means, method, technique, sequence or procedure of construction is indicated in or required by the Contract Documents, Contractor may furnish or utilize a substitute means, method, sequence, technique or procedure of construction acceptable to the Consultant, if Contractor submits sufficient information to allow the Consultant to determine that the substitute proposed is equivalent to that indicated or required by the Contract Documents. The procedures for submission to and review by the Consultant shall be the same as those provided herein for substitute materials and equipment.

12.5. The Consultant shall be allowed a reasonable time within which to evaluate each proposed substitute. The Consultant shall be the sole judge of acceptability, and no substitute will be ordered, installed or utilized without the Consultant's and the County's prior written acceptance which shall be evidenced by either a Change Order or an approved Shop Drawing. The County may require Contractor to furnish at Contractor's expense a special performance guarantee or other surety with respect to any substitute. The Consultant will record time required by the Consultant and the Consultant's consultants in evaluating substitutions proposed by Contractor and making changes in the Contract Documents occasioned thereby. Whether or not the County accepts a proposed substitute, Contractor shall reimburse the County for the charges of the Consultant and the Consultant's consultants for evaluating each proposed substitute, or such charges may be deducted from an application for payment, at the County's sole discretion.

Section 13. Daily Reports, As-Builts and Meetings

13.1. Unless waived in writing by the County, Contractor shall complete and submit to Consultant on a weekly basis a daily log of the Contractor's work for the preceding week in a format approved by the Consultant and the County. The daily log shall document all activities of Contractor at the Project site including, but not limited to, the following:

- 13.1.1. Weather conditions showing the high and low temperatures during work hours, the amount of precipitation received on the Project site, and any other weather conditions which adversely affect the Work;
- 13.1.2. Soil conditions which adversely affect the Work;
- 13.1.3. The hours of operation by Contractor's and subcontractor's personnel;
- 13.1.4. The number of Contractor's and subcontractor's personnel present and working at the Project site, by subcontract and trade;

- 13.1.5. All equipment present at the Project site, description of equipment uses and designation of time equipment was used (specifically indicating any down time);
- 13.1.6. Description of Work being performed at the Project site;
- 13.1.7. Any unusual or special occurrences at the Project site;
- 13.1.8. Materials received at the Project site;
- 13.1.9. A list of all visitors to the Project site; and
- 13.1.10 Any problems that might impact either the cost or quality of the Work or the time of performance.

The daily log shall not constitute nor take the place of any notice required to be given by Contractor to the County or Consultant pursuant to the Contract Documents.

13.2. Contractor shall maintain in a safe place at the Project site one record copy of the Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, all drawings, specifications, addenda, amendments, Change Orders, Work Directive Changes and Field Orders, as well as all written interpretations and clarifications issued by the Consultant, in good order and annotated to show all changes made during construction. The annotated drawings shall be continuously updated by the Contractor throughout the prosecution of the Work to accurately reflect all field changes that are made to adapt the Work to field conditions, changes resulting from Change Orders, Work Directive Changes and Field Orders, and all concealed and buried installations of piping, conduit and utility services. All buried and concealed items, both inside and outside the Project site, shall be accurately located on the annotated drawings as to depth and in relationship to not less than two (2) permanent features (e.g. interior or exterior wall faces). The annotated drawings shall be clean, and all changes, corrections and dimensions shall be given in a neat and legible manner in a contrasting color. The "As-Built" record documents, together with all approved samples and a counterpart of all approved shop drawings shall be available to Consultant for reference. Current and accurate "As-Built" record documents shall be submitted with each Application for Payment. Failure to provide current and accurate "As-Built" record drawings shall be reason for rejecting the Application for Payment. Upon completion of the Work and as a condition precedent to Contractor's entitlement to final payment, these "As-Built" record documents, samples and shop drawings shall be delivered to Consultant by Contractor for the County.

13.3. The Contractor shall submit to the Consultant one complete set of all recorded changes made during Construction entitled "As-Built" and dated. Submittals shall be made in accordance with the above and shall be submitted at the time of Substantial Completion.

13.4. Certified “as-built” information, which the Contractor must show on marked-up copies of the design drawings, prints, and other materials as specified above, shall include both authorized and unauthorized changes and any modifications to material types from that specified in the bid plans and Specifications. As a prerequisite to any payments, the Contractor shall make available to the Consultant all “as-built” information pertinent to the design drawings each month prior to his submission of a monthly application for payment. The Contractor shall also obtain “as-built” cross-sections of the roadway, ditches, channels, and other drainage ways as shown in the Contract Documents at intervals not to exceed 100 ft. The Contractor shall set benchmarks on or within 100 ft. of each control structure constructed as part of the Project. A complete description including elevation and location of each control structure benchmark shall be provided to the Consultant as part of the “as-built” information. The elevation shall be clearly and permanently indicated on each benchmark.

13.5. “As-built” dimensions and elevations shall be obtained by a Professional Land Surveyor registered in the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 472, Florida Statutes. The “as-built” drawings shall be signed and sealed by the Contractor’s Professional Land Surveyor in accordance with Section 472.025, Florida Statutes.

13.6. All pertinent surveyors’ field survey notes containing the “as-built” data shall be sealed and submitted to the Consultant for review and acceptance prior to authorization of the final payment.

13.7. “As-built” data shall be secured, and the accuracy of measurements shall be 0.01 ft.

13.8. All sub-surface improvements considered part of the Work as shown in the Contract Documents shall be “as-built” by the Contractor prior to backfilling.

13.9. Contractor shall keep all records and supporting documentation which concern or relate to the Work hereunder for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of termination of this Agreement or the date the Project is completed, whichever is later. The County, or any duly authorized agents or representatives of the County, shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy all such records and documentation as often as they deem necessary during the period of this Agreement and during the five (5) year period noted above; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours.

13.10. In addition to other requirements provided herein, Contractor shall comply with public records laws embodied in chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and specifically shall:

13.10.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County in order to perform the Scope of Services identified herein.

13.10.2. Upon request from the County provide the County with any requested public records or allow the requested records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time by the County.

13.10.3. 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 Agreement term and thereafter if the Contractor does not transfer all records to the County.

13.10.4. Transfer, at no cost, to County all public records in possession of the Contractor upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon the conclusion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records that would apply to the County.

13.11. If Contractor does not comply with a public records request, the County shall treat that omission as breach of this Agreement and enforce the contract provisions accordingly. Additionally, if the Contractor fails to provide records when requested, the Contractor may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, Florida Statutes and reasonable costs of enforcement, including attorney fees.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 863-993-4800, S.ALTMAN@DESOTOBOCC.COM, 201 E. OAK STREET, ARCADIA, FLORIDA 34266.

Section 14. Contract Time and Extensions

14.1. Contractor shall diligently pursue the completion of the Work and coordinate the Work being done on the Project by its subcontractors and materialmen, as well as coordinating its Work with all work of others at the Project Site, so that its Work or the work of others shall not be delayed or impaired by any act or omission by Contractor. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, as well as coordination of all portions of the Work under the Contract Documents, and the coordination of the County's suppliers and contractors as set forth in Section 17.2. herein.

14.2. Should Contractor be obstructed or delayed in the prosecution of or completion of the Work as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of Contractor, and not due to its fault or neglect, including but not restricted to acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine regulation, strikes or lockouts, Contractor shall notify the County in writing within forty-eight (48) hours after the commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes

thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which Contractor may have had to request a time extension.

14.3. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension or delay in the commencement or progress of the Work from any cause whatever, including those for which the County may be responsible, in whole or in part, shall relieve Contractor of his duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from the County. Contractor expressly acknowledges and agrees that it shall receive no damages for delay. Contractor's sole remedy, if any, against the County will be the right to seek an extension to the Contract Time; provided, however, the granting of any such time extension shall not be a condition precedent to the aforementioned "No Damage For Delay" provision. This paragraph shall expressly apply to claims for early completion, as well as to claims based on late completion.

Section 15. Changes in the Work

15.1. The County shall have the right at any time during the progress of the Work to increase or decrease the Work. Promptly after being notified of a change, Contractor shall submit an itemized estimate of any cost or time increases or savings it foresees as a result of the change. Except in an emergency endangering life or property, or as expressly set forth herein, no addition or changes to the Work shall be made except upon written order of the County, and the County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any increased compensation without such written order. No officer, employee or agent of the County is authorized to direct any extra or changed work orally.

15.2. A Change Order, in the form attached to this Agreement, Exhibit H, shall be issued and executed promptly after an agreement is reached between Contractor and the County concerning the requested changes. Contractor shall promptly perform changes authorized by duly executed Change Orders. The Contract Amount and Contract Time shall be adjusted in the Change Order in the manner as the County and Contractor shall mutually agree.

15.3. If the County and Contractor are unable to agree on a Change Order for the requested change, Contractor shall, nevertheless, promptly perform the change as directed by the County in a written Work Directive Change. In that event, the Contract Amount and Contract Time shall be adjusted as directed by the County. If Contractor disagrees with the County's adjustment determination, Contractor must make a claim pursuant to Section 16 of this Agreement or else be deemed to have waived any claim on this matter it might otherwise have had.

15.4. In the event a requested change results in an increase to the Contract Amount, the amount of the increase shall be limited to the Contractor's reasonable direct labor and material costs and reasonable actual equipment costs as a result of the change (including allowance for labor burden costs) plus a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit. However, where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, those unit prices

shall be applied to the quantities of the items involved. In the event such change Work is performed by a Subcontractor, a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit for all Subcontractors' and sub-subcontractors' direct labor and material costs and actual equipment costs shall be permitted, with a maximum five percent (5%) markup thereon by the Contractor for all of its overhead and profit, for a total maximum markup of fifteen percent (15%). All compensation due Contractor and any Subcontractor or sub-subcontractor for field and home office overhead is included in the markups noted above.

15.5. The County shall have the right to conduct an audit of Contractor's books and records to verify the accuracy of the Contractor's claim with respect to Contractor's costs associated with any Change Order.

15.6. The Consultant shall have authority to order minor changes in the Work not involving an adjustment to the Contract Amount or an extension to the Contract Time and not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents. Such changes may be affected by Field Order or by other written order. Such changes shall be binding on the Contractor.

Section 16. Claims and Disputes

16.1. A Claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties seeking an adjustment or interpretation of the terms of the Contract Documents, payment of money, extension of time or other relief with respect to the terms of the Contract Documents. The term "Claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between the County and Contractor arising out of or relating to the Contract Documents. The responsibility to substantiate a Claim shall rest with the party making the Claim.

16.2. Claims by the Contractor shall be made in writing to the County and Consultant within forty-eight (48) hours after the first day of the event giving rise to such Claim or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the Claim. Written supporting data shall be submitted to the County and Consultant within fifteen (15) calendar days after the occurrence of the event, unless the County grants additional time in writing, or else the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived the Claim. All claims shall be priced in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 15.4.

16.3. Any dispute, action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be exclusively commenced in the 12th Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida, and venue for litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be exclusively in such state courts. Each party irrevocably submits and waives any objections to the exclusive personal jurisdiction and venue of such courts, including any objection based on forum non conveniens, and forsakes any other jurisdiction which either party may claim by virtue of its residency or other jurisdictional device.

16.4. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

16.5. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with its performance as directed by the County, regardless of any pending Claim, action, suit or administrative proceeding, unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing. The County shall continue to make payments in accordance with the Contract Documents during the pendency of any Claim.

Section 17. Other Work

17.1. The County may perform other work related to the Project at the site by the County's own forces, have other work performed by utility owners or let other direct contracts. If the fact that such other work is to be performed is not noted in the Contract Documents, written notice thereof will be given to Contractor prior to starting any such other work. If Contractor believes that such performance will involve additional expense to Contractor or require additional time, Contractor shall send written notice of that fact to the County and Consultant within forty-eight (48) hours of being notified of the other work. If the Contractor fails to send the above required forty-eight (48) hour notice, the Contractor will be deemed to have waived any rights it otherwise may have had to seek an extension to the Contract Time or adjustment to the Contract Amount.

17.2. Contractor shall afford each utility owner and other contractor who is a party to such a direct contract (or the County, if the County is performing the additional work with the County's employees) proper and safe access to the site and a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such work and shall properly connect and coordinate its Work with theirs. Contractor shall do all cutting, fitting and patching of the Work that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and integrate with such other work. Contractor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering their work and will only cut or alter their work with the written consent of the Consultant and the others whose work will be affected. The duties and responsibilities of Contractor under this paragraph are for the benefit of such utility owners and other Contractors to the extent that there are comparable provisions for the benefit of Contractor in said direct contracts between the County and such utility owners and other contractors.

17.3. If any part of Contractor's Work depends for proper execution or results upon the work of any other contractor or utility owner (or the COUNTY), Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to Consultant in writing any delays, defects or deficiencies in such work that render it unavailable or unsuitable for such proper execution and results. Contractor's failure to report will constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and proper for integration with Contractor's Work.

Section 18. E-Verify

18.1. As a condition precedent to entering into this Agreement and in compliance with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor and its subcontractors shall, register with and use the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all employees hired after January 1, 2021.

18.2. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of the subcontractor's affidavit as part of and pursuant to the records retention requirements of this Agreement.

18.3. The County, Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Fla. Stat. or the provisions of this section shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.

18.4. The County, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of this section, but Contractor otherwise complied, shall promptly notify Contractor and Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.

18.5. A contract terminated under the provisions of this section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered such. Any contract termination under the provisions of this section may be challenged pursuant to Section 448.095(2)(d), Fla. Stat. Contractor acknowledges that upon termination of this Agreement by the County for a violation of this section by Contractor, Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year. Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is liable for any costs incurred by the County as a result of termination of any contract for a violation of this section.

18.6. Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section, including this subsection, requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this section.

Section 19. Indemnification and Insurance

19.1 The Contractor agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees, court costs and costs of appellate proceedings) relating to, arising out of or resulting from the Contractor's negligent acts, errors, mistakes or omissions relating to Contractor's performance pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor's duty to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees shall arise in connection with any claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to bodily injury; sickness; disease; death; or injury to impairment, or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting therefrom, caused by any negligent acts, errors, mistakes or omissions related to the performance of this Agreement including any person for whose acts, errors, mistakes or omissions the Contractor may be legally liable.

19.2 The waiver by a party of any breach or default in performance shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any other or succeeding breach or default. The failure of the County to enforce any of the provisions hereof shall not be construed to be a waiver of the right of the County thereafter to enforce such provisions. The foregoing indemnification shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by Contractor to indemnify the County for the negligent acts or omissions of the County, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties.

19.3 Contractor agrees to, at the option of the County, pay the cost of defense, the County and its representative from any and all claims, losses, penalties, demands, judgments, and costs of suit, including attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, for any expense, damage or liability incurred by any of them, whether for personal injury, property damage, direct or consequential damages, or economic loss, arising directly or indirectly on account of or in connection with the Work done by Contractor under this Agreement or by any person, firm or corporation to whom any portion of the Work is subcontracted by Contractor or resulting from the use by Contractor, or by any one for whom Contractor is legally liable, of any materials, tools, machinery or other property of the County. This provision is intended to apply even if the injury or damage is caused in whole or in part by any act, omission or default of the County or Consultant or their consultants, agents, officers and employees. The County and Contractor agree the first \$100.00 of the Contract Amount paid by the County to Contractor shall be given as separate consideration for this indemnification, and any other indemnification of the County by Contractor provided for within the Contract Documents, the sufficiency of such separate consideration being acknowledged by Contractor by Contractor's execution of the Agreement.

19.4 Contractor shall obtain and carry, at all times during its performance under the Contract Documents, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth in the Insurance Requirements attached to this Agreement, Exhibit F. All insurance policies shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and/or responsible risk retention group insurance companies which are registered with the State of Florida. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after Notice of Award is received by Contractor, Contractor shall provide the County with properly executed Certificates of Insurance to evidence Contractor's compliance with the insurance requirements of the Contract Documents. Said Certificates of Insurance shall be on forms approved by the County. The Certificates of Insurance shall be personally, manually signed by the authorized representatives of the insurance company/companies shown on the Certificates of Insurance, with proof that they are authorized representatives thereof. In addition, certified, true and exact copies of all insurance policies required hereunder shall be provided to the County, on a timely basis, when requested by the County.

19.5. The Certificates of Insurance and required insurance policies shall contain provisions that thirty (30) days prior written notice by registered or certified mail shall be given the County of any cancellation, intent not to renew, or reduction in the policies or coverages, except in the application of the aggregate limits provisions. In the event of a

reduction in the aggregate limit of any policy, Contractor shall immediately take steps to have the aggregate limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy.

19.6. All insurance coverages of the Contractor shall be primary to any insurance or self insurance program carried by the County applicable to this Project. The acceptance by the County of any Certificate of Insurance does not constitute approval or agreement by the County that the insurance requirements have been satisfied or that the insurance policy shown on the Certificate of Insurance is in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. No work shall commence at the Project site unless and until the required Certificates of Insurance are received by the County.

19.7. The Contractor will be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of his subcontractors and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them and of persons for whose acts they may be liable to the same extent that they are employed by him. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the County. The County may, upon request, furnish to any subcontractor, to the extent practicable, evidence of amounts paid to the Contractor on account of specific Work done.

19.8. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to procure and maintain, until the completion of the subcontractor's work, insurance of the types and to the limits specified in the Insurance Requirements attached to this Agreement, unless such insurance requirements for the subcontractor is expressly waived in writing by the County. All liability insurance policies, other than professional liability, worker's compensation, employer's liability and business auto liability policies, obtained by Contractor to meet the requirements of the Contract Documents shall name the County and Consultant as additional insureds and shall contain severability of interest provisions. If any insurance provided pursuant to the Contract Documents expires prior to the completion of the Work, renewal Certificates of Insurance and, if requested by the County, certified, true copies of the renewal policies, shall be furnished by Contractor within thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiration.

19.9. Should at any time the Contractor fail to maintain the insurance coverages required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverages and charge the Contractor for such coverages purchased. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverages purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance coverages shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract Documents.

19.10. Contractor shall submit to Consultant a copy of all accident reports arising out of any injuries to its employees or those of any firm or individual to whom it may have subcontracted a portion of the Work, or any personal injuries or property damages arising or alleged to have arisen on account of any work by Contractor under the Contract Documents.

Section 20. Compliance with Laws

Contractor agrees to comply, at its own expense, with all federal, state and local laws, codes, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations and requirements applicable to the Project, including but not limited to those dealing with taxation, worker's compensation, equal employment and safety. If Contractor observes that the Contract Documents are at variance therewith, it shall promptly notify the County and Consultant in writing.

Section 21. Cleanup and Protections

21.1. Contractor agrees to keep the Project site clean at all times of debris, rubbish and waste materials arising out of the Work. At the completion of the Work, Contractor shall remove all debris, rubbish and waste materials from and about the Project site, as well as all tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery and surplus materials, and shall leave the Project site clean and ready for occupancy by the County.

21.2. 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 Contractor from damage during the prosecution of the Work. Any such improvements so damaged shall be restored by Contractor to the condition equal to that existing at the time of Contractor's commencement of the Work, and the Contractor shall bear the cost of any such restorations.

21.3. If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the County may do so, and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the final payment due the Contractor.

Section 22. Assignment

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any part thereof, without the prior consent in writing of the County. If Contractor does, with approval, assign this Agreement or any part thereof, it shall require that its assignee be bound to it and to assume toward Contractor all of the obligations and responsibilities that Contractor has assumed toward the County.

Section 23. Permits, Licenses and Taxes

23.1. Pursuant to Section 218.80, F.S., the County will pay for all County permits and fees, including license fees, permit fees, impact fees or inspection fees applicable to the work. Contractor is not responsible for paying for permits issued by the County wherein the work is to be performed but is responsible for acquiring all permits. The County may require the Contractor to deliver internal budget transfer documents to applicable County agencies when the Contractor is acquiring permits.

23.2. All permits, fees and licenses necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are not issued by the County shall be acquired and paid for by the Contractor. The Contractor and his sureties, together with his officers, agents, and employees, shall protect and hold the County harmless against any and all demands made for such fees or claims brought or made by holder of any invention or patent.

23.3. The Contractor shall be fully responsible for the execution and adherence to all directives, instructions, conditions, special conditions, and limiting conditions contained in permits specifically issued for the Work and which pertain to or affect the construction phase of this project and shall be solely responsible for issuance of any Notices required thereby.

Section 24. Termination for Default

24.1. Contractor shall be considered in material default of the Agreement and such default shall be considered cause for the County to terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, as further set forth in this Section, if Contractor: (1) fails to begin the Work under the Contract Documents within the time specified herein; or (2) fails to properly and timely perform the Work as directed by the County or the Consultant or as provided for in the approved Progress Schedule; or (3) performs the Work unsuitably or neglects or refuses to remove materials or to correct or replace such Work as may be rejected as unacceptable or unsuitable; or (4) discontinues the prosecution of the Work; or (5) fails to resume Work which has been suspended within a reasonable time after being notified to do so; or (6) becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt, or commits any act of bankruptcy; or (7) allows any final judgment to stand against it unsatisfied for more than ten (10) days; or (8) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (9) fails to obey any applicable codes, laws, ordinances, rules or regulations with respect to the Work; or (10) materially breaches any other provision of the Contract Documents.

24.2. The County shall notify Contractor in writing of Contractor's default(s). If the County determines that Contractor has not remedied and cured the default(s) within seven (7) calendar days following receipt by Contractor of said written notice, then the County, at its option, without releasing or waiving its rights and remedies against the Contractor's sureties and without prejudice to any other right or remedy it may be entitled to hereunder or by law, may terminate Contractor's right to proceed under the Agreement, in whole or in part, and take possession of all or any portion of the Work and any materials, tools, equipment, and appliances of Contractor, take assignments of any of Contractor's subcontracts and purchase orders, and complete all or any portion of Contractor's Work by whatever means, method or agency which the County, in its sole discretion, may choose.

24.3. If the County deems any of the foregoing remedies necessary, Contractor agrees that it shall not be entitled to receive any further payments hereunder until after the Project is completed. All monies expended and all of the costs, losses, damages and extra expenses, including all management, administrative and other overhead and other direct and indirect expenses (including Consultant and attorneys' fees) or damages

incurred by the County incident to such completion, shall be deducted from the Contract Amount, and if such expenditures exceed the unpaid balance of the Contract Amount, Contractor agrees to pay promptly to the County on demand the full amount of such excess, including costs of collection, attorney's fees (including appeals) and interest thereon at the maximum legal rate of interest until paid. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Amount exceeds all such costs, expenditures and damages incurred by the County to complete the Work, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. The amount to be paid to the Contractor or the County, as the case may be, shall be approved by the Consultant, upon application, and this obligation for payment shall survive termination of the Agreement.

24.4. The liability of Contractor hereunder shall extend to and include the full amount of any and all sums paid, expenses and losses incurred, damages sustained, and obligations assumed by the County in good faith under the belief that such payments or assumptions were necessary or required, in completing the Work and providing labor, materials, equipment, supplies, and other items therefore or re-letting the Work, and in settlement, discharge or compromise of any claims, demands, suits, and judgments pertaining to or arising out of the Work hereunder.

24.5. If, after notice of termination of Contractor's right to proceed pursuant to this Section, it is determined for any reason that Contractor was not in default, or that its default was excusable, or that the County is not entitled to the remedies against Contractor provided herein, then Contractor's remedies against the County shall be the same as and limited to those afforded Contractor under Section 25 below.

Section 25. Termination for Convenience and Right of Suspension

25.1. The County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon seven (7) calendar days written notice to Contractor. In the event of such termination for convenience, Contractor's recovery against the County shall be limited to that portion of the Contract Amount earned through the date of termination, together with any retainage withheld and reasonable termination expenses incurred, but Contractor shall not be entitled to any other or further recovery against the County, including, but not limited to, damages or any anticipated profit on portions of the Work not performed.

25.2. The County shall have the right to suspend all or any portions of the Work upon giving Contractor not less than two (2) calendar days' prior written notice of such suspension. If all or any portion of the Work is so suspended, Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy shall be to seek an extension of time to its schedule in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Contract Documents. In no event shall the Contractor be entitled to any additional compensation or damages. Provided, however, if the ordered suspension exceeds six (6) months, the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the Agreement with respect to that portion of the Work which is subject to the ordered suspension.

Section 26. Completion

26.1. When the entire Work (or any portion thereof designated in writing by the County) is ready for its intended use, Contractor shall notify the County and Consultant in writing that the entire Work (or such designated portion) is substantially complete and request that Consultant issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion (or Certificate of Partial Substantial Completion). Within a reasonable time thereafter, the County, Contractor and Consultant shall make an inspection of the Work (or designated portion thereof) to determine the status of completion. If the County and Consultant do not consider the Work (or designated portion) substantially complete, Consultant shall notify Contractor in writing giving the reasons therefor. If the County and Consultant consider the Work (or designated portion) substantially complete, Consultant shall prepare and deliver to Contractor a Certificate of Substantial Completion (or Certificate of Partial Substantial Completion) which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion for the entire Work (or designated portion thereof) and include a tentative punchlist of items to be completed or corrected by Contractor before final payment. The County shall have the right to exclude Contractor from the Work and Project site (or designated portion thereof) after the date of Substantial Completion, but the County shall allow Contractor reasonable access to complete or correct items on the tentative punch list. The risk of loss for the Project and the Work performed thereon shall not pass to the County until the Certificate of Substantial Completion (or Partial Substantial Completion) is approved by the Consultant.

26.2. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of written certification by Contractor that the Work is completed in accordance with the Contract Documents and is ready for final inspection and acceptance and upon receipt of a final Application for Payment, Consultant will make such inspection and, if he finds the Work acceptable and fully performed under the Contract Documents, he shall promptly issue a final Certificate for Payment, recommending that, on the basis of his observations and inspections, and the Contractor's certification that the Work has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents, that the entire balance found to be due Contractor is due and payable. Neither the final payment nor the retainage shall become due and payable until Contractor submits: (1) the Release and Affidavit in the form attached, (2) consent of surety to final payment, (3) all required As-Builts, shop drawings and other submittals; and (4) if required by the County, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of all obligations, such as receipts, releases and waivers of liens, arising out of the Contract Documents, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by the County. The County reserves the right to inspect the Work and make an independent determination as to the Work's acceptability, even though the Consultant may have issued his recommendations. Unless and until the County is completely satisfied, neither the final payment nor the retainage shall become due and payable.

26.3. Prior to final payment, the Consultant may request the Contractor to permit the use of a specified part of the Project which the County believes it may use without significant interference with construction of the other parts of the Project. If the Contractor agrees, he will certify to the Consultant that said part of the Project is Substantially Complete and request the Consultant to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for

that part of the Project. Within fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, the Consultant and the Contractor will make an inspection of that part of the Project to determine its status of completion. If the County considers that part of the Project to be Substantially Complete, the Consultant will deliver to the Contractor a certificate to that effect, fixing the date of Substantial Completion as to that part of the Project, and listing the punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment and fixing the responsibility between the County and the Contractor for maintenance, heat and utilities as to that part of the Project. The County shall have the right to exclude the Contractor from any part of the Project, which is so certified to be Substantially Complete, but the County will allow the Contractor reasonable access to complete or correct items on the punch list.

Section 27. Warranty

27.1. Contractor shall obtain and assign to the County all express warranties given to Contractor or any subcontractors by any materialmen supplying materials, equipment or fixtures to be incorporated into the Project.

27.2. Contractor warrants to the County that any materials and equipment furnished under the Contract Documents shall be new unless otherwise specified, and that all Work shall be of good quality, free from all defects and in conformance with the Contract Documents. Contractor further warrants to the County that all materials and equipment furnished under the Contract Documents shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricators, suppliers or processors except as otherwise provided for in the Contract Documents. If, within one (1) year after final completion, any Work is found to be defective or not in conformance with the Contract Documents, Contractor shall correct it promptly after receipt of written notice from the County. Contractor shall also be responsible for and pay for replacement or repair of adjacent materials or Work which may be damaged as a result of such replacement or repair. These warranties are in addition to those implied warranties to which the County is entitled as a matter of law.

27.3. The Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by an application for progress payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will be passed to the County prior to the next application for progress payment, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interest and encumbrances; and that no Work, materials or equipment covered by an Application for Payment will have been acquired by the Contractor or by any other person performing the Work at the site or furnishing materials and equipment for the Project subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the Contractor or such other person.

Section 28. Tests and Inspections.

28.1. The County, Consultant, 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. Contractor shall provide proper, safe conditions for such access. Contractor shall provide Consultant with timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspections, tests or approvals.

28.2. If the Contract Documents or any codes, laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of any public authority having jurisdiction over the Project requires any portion of the Work to be specifically inspected, tested or approved, Contractor shall assume full responsibility therefore, pay all costs in connection therewith and furnish Consultant the required certificates of inspection, testing or approval. When any portion of the Work subject to inspection is ready for such, the Contractor shall provide the Consultant forty-eight (48) hours' notice prior to the inspection. All inspections, tests or approvals shall be performed in a manner and by organizations acceptable to the Consultant and the County.

28.3. If any Work that is to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written concurrence from the Consultant, such work must, if requested by Consultant, be uncovered for observation. Such uncovering shall be at Contractor's expense unless Contractor has given Consultant timely notice of Contractor's intention to cover the same and Consultant has not acted with reasonable promptness to respond to such notice. If any Work is covered contrary to written directions from Consultant, such Work must, if requested by Consultant, be uncovered for Consultant's observation and be replaced at Contractor's sole expense.

28.4. The County shall charge to Contractor and may deduct from any payments due Contractor all engineering, and inspection expenses incurred by the County in connection with any overtime work. Such overtime work consisting of any work during the construction period beyond the regular eight (8) hour day and for any work performed on Saturday, Sunday or holidays.

28.5. Neither observations nor other actions by the Consultant nor inspections, tests or approvals by others shall relieve Contractor from Contractor's obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

Section 29. Defective Work

29.1. Work not conforming to the requirements of the Contract Documents in the sole judgment of the Consultant shall be deemed defective Work. If required by the County or Consultant, Contractor shall, as directed, either correct all defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed or completed, or if the defective Work has been rejected by the County or Consultant, remove it from the site and replace it with conforming Work. Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such correction or removal (including, but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals) made necessary thereby, and shall hold the County harmless for same.

29.2. If the County or Consultant consider it necessary or advisable that covered Work be observed by Consultant or inspected or tested by others, Contractor, at the County's or Consultant's request, shall uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or tests as the County or Consultant may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing and of satisfactory reconstruction (including, but not limited to, fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals), and the County shall be entitled to an appropriate decrease in the Contract Amount. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Amount and/or an extension to the Contract Time, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction.

29.3. If any portion of the Work is defective, or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers with suitable materials or equipment, or fails to finish or perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, the County or Consultant may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such stop in the work has been eliminated; however, this right of the County and Consultant to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the County or Consultant to exercise this right for the benefit of Contractor or any other party.

29.4. Should the County determine, in its sole opinion, that it is in the County's best interest to accept defective Work, the County may do so. Contractor shall bear all direct, indirect and consequential costs attributable to the County's evaluation of and determination to accept defective Work. If such determination is rendered prior to final payment, a Change Order shall be executed evidencing such acceptance of such defective Work, incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents and reflecting an appropriate decrease in the Contract Amount. If the County accepts such defective Work after final payment, Contractor shall promptly pay the County an appropriate amount to adequately compensate the County for its acceptance of the defective Work.

29.5. If Contractor fails, within a reasonable time after the written notice from the County or Consultant, to correct defective Work or to remove and replace rejected defective Work as required by Consultant or the County, or if Contractor fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or if Contractor fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, the County may, after seven (7) days' written notice to Contractor, correct and remedy any such deficiency. To the extent necessary to complete corrective and remedial action, the County may exclude Contractor from any or all of the Project site, take possession of all or any part of the Work, and suspend Contractor's services related thereto, take possession of Contractor's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the Project site and incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Project site or for which the County has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere. Contractor shall allow the County, Consultant and their respective representatives, agents, and employees

such access to the Project site as may be necessary to enable the County to exercise the rights and remedies under this paragraph. All direct, indirect and consequential costs of the County in exercising such rights and remedies shall be charged against Contractor, and a Change Order shall be issued, incorporating the necessary revisions to the Contract Documents, including an appropriate decrease to the Contract Amount. Such direct, indirect and consequential costs shall include, but not be limited to, fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals, all court costs and all costs of repair and replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal or replacement of Contractor's defective Work. Contractor shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Time because of any delay in performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by the County of the County's rights and remedies hereunder.

Section 30. Supervision and Superintendents

Contractor shall plan, organize, supervise, schedule, monitor, direct and control the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall be responsible to see that the finished Work complies accurately with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall keep on the Work at all times during its progress a competent resident superintendent, who shall not be replaced without prior written notice to the County and Consultant except under extraordinary circumstances. The superintendent shall be Contractor's representative at the Project site and shall have authority to act on behalf of Contractor. All communications given to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor. The County shall have the right to direct Contractor to remove and replace its Project superintendent, with or without cause.

Section 31. Protection of Work

31.1. Contractor shall fully protect the Work from loss or damage and shall bear the cost of any such loss or damage until final payment has been made. If Contractor or any one for whom Contractor is legally liable is responsible for any loss or damage to the Work, or other work or materials of the County or the County's separate contractors, Contractor shall be charged with the same, and any monies necessary to replace such loss or damage shall be deducted from any amounts due Contractor.

31.2. Contractor shall not load nor permit any part of any structure to be loaded in any manner that will endanger the structure, nor shall Contractor subject any part of the Work or adjacent property to stresses or pressures that will endanger said Work or property.

31.3. Contractor shall not disturb any benchmark established by the Consultant with respect to the Project. If Contractor, or its subcontractors, agents or anyone for whom Contractor is legally liable, disturbs the Consultant's benchmarks, Contractor shall immediately notify the County and Consultant. The Consultant shall reestablish the

benchmarks and Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the County associated therewith.

Section 32. Emergencies

In the event of an emergency affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the Project site or adjacent thereto, Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from the County or Consultant is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. Contractor shall give Consultant written notice within forty-eight (48) hours after the occurrence of the emergency, if Contractor believes that any significant changes in the Work or variations from the Contract Documents have been caused thereby. If the Consultant determines that a change in the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Change Order shall be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variations. If Contractor fails to provide the forty-eight (48) hour written notice noted above, the Contractor shall be deemed to have waived any right it otherwise may have had to seek an adjustment to the Contract Amount or an extension to the Contract Time.

Section 33. Use of Premises

33.1 The County will furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents and not later than the date when needed by the Contractor, the lands which entail the Project Site upon which the Work is to be done, rights-of-way for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment unless designated otherwise.

33.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for staging, protecting, and storing equipment or materials. Contractor shall confine all construction equipment, the storage of materials and equipment and the operations of workers to the Project site and land and areas identified in and permitted by the Contract Documents and other lands and areas permitted by law, rights of way, permits and easements, and shall not unreasonably encumber the Project site with construction equipment or other material or equipment. Contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area, or to the owner or occupant thereof, or any land or areas contiguous thereto, resulting from the performance of the Work.

Section 34. Safety

34.1. Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

34.1.1. All employees on the Work and other persons and/or organizations who may be affected thereby;

34.1.2. All the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Project site; and

34.1.3. Other property on Project site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, utilities and any underground structures or improvements not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the Contract Documents.

34.2. Contractor shall comply with all applicable codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. Contractor shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for such safety and protection. Contractor shall notify owners of adjacent property and of underground structures and improvements and utility owners when prosecution of the Work may affect them, and shall cooperate with them in the protection, removal, relocation or replacement of their property. Contractor's duties and responsibilities for the safety and protection of the Work shall continue until such time as the Work is completed and final acceptance of same by the County has occurred.

34.3. Contractor shall designate a responsible representative at the Project site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by Contractor to the County. County shall have the right to direct Contractor to remove and replace this individual, with or without cause.

Section 35. Project Meetings

Prior to the commencement of Work, the Contractor shall attend a preconstruction conference with the Consultant and others as appropriate to discuss the Progress Schedule, procedures for handling shop drawings and other submittals, and for processing Applications for Payment, and to establish a working understanding among the parties as to the Work. During the prosecution of the Work, the Contractor shall attend any and all meetings convened by the Consultant or the County with respect to the Project, when directed to do so by the County or Consultant. Contractor shall have its subcontractors and suppliers attend all such meetings (including the preconstruction conference) as may be directed by the County or Consultant.

Section 36. Exhibits Incorporated.

The following documents are expressly agreed to be incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement:

- A. Legal Advertisement
- B. Invitation to Bid
- C. Bid Proposal with required forms
- D. Performance Bond

- E. Public Payment Bond
- F. Insurance Requirements, including certificates of insurance
- G. Form of Release and Affidavit
- H. Change Order Form
- I. Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit
- J. Foreign Country of Concern Affidavit

Section 37. Notices.

37.1. All notices required or made pursuant to this Agreement by the Contractor to the County shall be in writing and delivered by hand or by United States Postal Service Department, first class mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested, addressed to the following:

With Copy To:

Harry Akins- Facilities Director
DeSoto County
201 E. Oak Street, Second Floor
Arcadia, Florida 34266
Phone: 863-993-4816
Fax: 863-993-4819
Email: h.akins@desotobocc.com
DeSoto County Attorney
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
8201 Peters Road, Suite 1000
Plantation, Florida 33324
Phone: (954) 315-0268
Fax: N/A
Email: vvicente@ngnlaw.com

37.2. All notices required or made pursuant to this Agreement by the County to Contractor shall be made in writing and shall be delivered by hand or by United States Postal Service Department, first class mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested, or by Federal Express, addressed to the following:

Corporate Name of Contractor: _____

Address (including city, state and zip): _____

Name of person with their title to whose Attention the notice should be sent:

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email: _____

37.3. Either party may change its above noted address by giving written notice to the other party in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

Section 38. Modification.

No modification or change to the Agreement shall be valid or binding upon the parties unless in writing and executed by the party or parties intended to be bound by it.

Section 39. Successors and Assigns.

Subject to other provisions hereof, the Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties to the Agreement.

Section 40. Governing Law, Waiver of Jury Trial.

The Agreement shall be interpreted under and its performance governed by the laws of the State of Florida. In the event it becomes necessary for the County to file a lawsuit to enforce any term or provision under this Agreement, then the County shall be entitled to its costs and attorney's fees at the pretrial, trial and appellate levels. BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR AND COUNTY HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity, or of any other immunity, defense, or privilege enjoyed by the County pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

Section 41. No Waiver.

The failure of the County to enforce at any time or for any period of time any one or more of the provisions of the Agreement shall not be construed to be and shall not be a waiver of any such provision or provisions or of its right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.

Section 42. Vendors on Scrutinized Companies Lists.

By executing this Agreement, Contractor, certifies that it is not: (1) listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, (2) engaged in a boycott of Israel, (3) listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes, or (4) engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Pursuant to Section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, the County may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as to the above or if the Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, is engaged in a boycott of Israel, 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 has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, during the term of the Agreement. If the County determines that the Contractor has submitted a false certification, the County will provide written notice to the Contractor. Unless the Contractor demonstrates in writing, within 90 calendar days of receipt of the notice, that the County's determination of false certification was made in error, the County shall bring a civil action against the Contractor. If the County's determination is upheld, a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Agreement shall be imposed on the Contractor, and the Contractor will be ineligible to bid on any Agreement with a Florida agency or local governmental entity for three years after the date of County's determination of false certification by Contractor. If federal law ceases to authorize the states to adopt and enforce the contracting prohibition identified in this Section 42, this Section 42 shall be null and void.

Section 43. Modification.

Agreement may not be modified unless such modifications are evidenced in writing signed by both County and Contractor. Such modifications shall be in the form of a written Amendment executed by both parties.

Section 44. Entire Agreement.

Each of the parties hereto agrees and represents that the Agreement comprises the full and entire agreement between the parties affecting the Work contemplated, and no other agreement or understanding of any nature concerning the same has been entered into or will be recognized, and that all negotiations, acts, work performed, or payments made prior to the execution hereof shall be deemed merged in, integrated and superseded by the Agreement.

Section 45. Severability.

Should any provision of the Agreement be determined by a court to be unenforceable, such a determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section or part thereof.

Section 46. Subcontracting.

The Contractor may subcontract up to fifty percent 50% of work under this Contract. The County reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractor. If applicable, regardless of any subcontract, the Contractor is ultimately responsible for all work to be performed under this Contract, including but not limited to design, permitting, construction, surveying, contract management, land acquisition, legal services, right-of-way acquisition, zoning, replating, comprehensive plan amendment code variance, and other services, as necessary. The Contractor agrees to be responsible for the fulfillment of all work elements included in any subcontract and agrees to be responsible for the payment of all monies due under any subcontract. It is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the County shall not be liable to any subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract and that the Contractor shall be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the subcontract. If a subcontractor fails to perform or make progress, as required by this Contract, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the work in a timely fashion, the Contractor shall promptly do so, subject to acceptance of the new subcontractor by the County. Failure of a subcontractor to timely or properly perform its obligations shall not relieve Contractor of its obligations hereunder.

Subcontracts, which involve equipment purchases as part of an installation/retrofit or that include infrastructure and/or infrastructure improvements, as defined in Florida Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Memorandum No. 5 (2011-2012), must be capitalized in accordance with Chapter 691-72, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate property records for any subcontracts that include the purchase of equipment as part of the delivery of services. The Contractor shall ensure its subcontracts issued under this Contractor, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its subcontractors.

Section 47. United States-Produced Iron and Steel. Pursuant to Section 255.0993, Florida Statutes, unless waived by the County, any iron or steel product permanently incorporated into the Project must be produced in the United States. The following are exempt from this requirement: (i) small amounts of foreign steel and iron that are incidental or ancillary to the primary product, are not separately identified in the project specifications, and the cost of which does not exceed 1/10th of the total contract cost or \$2,500, whichever is greater; and (ii) electrical components, equipment, systems, and appurtenances, including supports, covers, shielding, and other appurtenances related to an electrical system, necessary for operation or concealment, except transmission and distribution poles.

Section 48. As a condition precedent to entering into this Agreement and in compliance with Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes, a duly authorized officer or representative of the CONTRACTOR must attest under the penalty of perjury that CONTRACTOR does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes. The required affidavit is set forth in Exhibit I.

Section 49. Pursuant to Section 287.138, Florida Statutes, the County cannot knowingly enter into a contract with an entity which would give access to an individual's personal identifying information if the entity is owned, controlled, organized, or operating in a foreign country of concern, which include the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of significant control of such foreign country of concern, and any contracting entity that may be given access to an individual's personal identifying information must have a duly authorized officer or representative attest under the penalty of perjury that said entity is not owned by the government of a foreign country of concern, that the government of a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in the entity, and that the entity is not organized under the laws of nor have its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern. The required affidavit, which must be signed by a duly authorized officer or representative of CONTRACTOR, is attached hereto as Exhibit J.

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date(s) indicated below.

CONTRACTOR:
RD WELCH COMPANY, INCORPORATED, a Florida Corporation

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: Corporate Secretary _____

[Corporate Seal]

OWNER: DeSoto County, Florida

(SEAL)

By: _____
Steve Hickox, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Mandy Hines, County Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valerie Vicente, County Attorney

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

This document is incorporated by reference into the Agreement and is on file with the DeSoto County Purchasing Department. It is available for review upon request.

EXHIBIT B
INVITATION TO BID

This document is incorporated by reference into the Agreement and is on file with the DeSoto County Purchasing Department. It is available for review upon request.

EXHIBIT C
BID PROPOSAL WITH REQUIRED FORMS

DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners
Purchasing Division
201 E. Oak Street Suite 203
Arcadia, FL. 34266
Telephone: (863) 993-4816
Fax: (863) 993-4819
www.desotobocc.com



Project Number: 26-07-01 Invitation to Bid

Title: DeSoto County Storage Building Construction Project

Description: The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners are seeking formal Bids from qualified firms and/or individuals to provide construction services for a pre-engineered metal storage building, including slab engineering and construction, in accordance with the Scope of Work, at 2250 NE Roan Street, as set forth in this Invitation to Bid.

Pre-Bid/Proposal Conference: N/A

Proposal Due Date: February 24, 2026 @ 2:00 PM

Bids must be submitted at the DeSoto County Purchasing Office: 201 E. Oak Street, Suite 203, Arcadia, FL 34266.
Bids submitted after the indicated time will not be considered but returned unopened to sender.

For additional information, contact: Cindy Talamantez, CPPO, CPPB Purchasing Director
Email: c.talamantez@desotobocc.com
Telephone: (863) 993-4816

Special Instructions: Submit one (1) original, marked as such, one (1) copy, and one (1) electronic copy on a flash drive.

BIDDER/PROPOSER REGISTRATION

FAX: (863) 993-4819

Please register as a plan holder using this form. Only registered vendors will be contacted with notices of changes or addenda to this bid package. Complete and return this form by fax, mail, or email to the Purchasing Office at the address listed above.

Company Name: RD Welch Company
Contact Person: Reece Welch
Mailing Address: 4 E Oak St
City: Arcadia State: FL Zip Code: 34266
Phone: (863) 990-1276 Fax: N/A Email: Support@RDWelchCompany.com

Notes:

Documents may also be obtained by using www.demandstar.com

All questions must be submitted in writing by contacting the purchasing department.

DeSoto County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities, and to accept all or any bid as deemed in the best interest of the County.

Unless otherwise noted, Payment of goods or services as a result of this solicitation will be made in accordance with Florida Statute.

All first-time vendors must submit a W-9 Form with their response.

**DESOTO COUNTY
STORAGE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
26-07-01ITB**

BID FORM

PRICES INDICATED HEREIN REFLECT STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROVISIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THIS INVITATION TO BID, OR WITH EXCEPTION DETAILED IN AN ENCLOSURE APPENDED HERETO.

BASE BID – COMPLETE CONTRACTOR SCOPE OF WORK:			
QTY.	U/M	COMMODITY OR SERVICES	TOTAL PRICE
1	LUMP SUM	Construction of the DeSoto County Storage Building at the Turner Center – Lump sum bid for the complete Contractor Scope of Work, including the metal building, permitting coordination, materials, engineering of the concrete slab, foundation/slab construction, delivery, unloading, unpackaging, and erection of a pre-engineered 40' x 50' metal building, doors, lighting, site restoration, and all other labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary for a complete and usable facility in accordance with the Scope of Work and Contract Documents.	\$137,014.44

Write out amount

one hundred thirty seven thousand fourteen dollars
and forty four cents

METAL BUILDING COST – DEDUCTIVE (COUNTY DIRECT PURCHASE OPTION)			
QTY.	U/M	COMMODITY OR SERVICES	TOTAL PRICE
1	LUMP SUM	The lump sum price above shall include the cost of the metal building and all associated expenses. Bidders shall clearly identify the separate cost of the metal building included in the lump sum price below. This amount shall be used solely for a deductive change order if the County elects to purchase the metal building directly.	\$37,549.29

Company Name: R.D. Welch Company
Contact Name: Beece Welch
Address: 4 E Oak St.
City & State: Arcadia HI.
Phone: 863-990-1274
Fax: n/a
E-mail: reece@rdwelchcompany.com
Signature: 
Date: 2/24/26

***This official bid form must be completed and used in submitting bid.
The Board reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, or any parts thereof.***

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QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

The undersigned certifies under oath the truth and correctness of all statements and of all answers to questions made hereinafter:

SUBMITTED TO: **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**
ADDRESS: **201 E. OAK STREET, SUITE 203**
ARCADIA, FLORIDA 3426

CIRCLE ONE

SUBMITTED BY: RD Welch Company Corporation
NAME: Reece Welch Partnership
ADDRESS: 4 E Oak St. Arcadia Fl. Individual
PRINCIPAL OFFICE: 4 E Oak St Joint Venture
Arcadia, FL 34266 Other

1. State the true, exact, correct and complete name of the partnership, corporation, trade or fictitious name under which you do business and the address of the place of business.

The correct name of the Offeror is: Reece Welch

The address of the principal place of business is: 4 E Oak St Arcadia
Fl. 34266

2. If the Offeror is a corporation, answer the following:

- a. Date of Incorporation: 2006 6/23/06
- b. State of Incorporation: Florida
- c. President's name: Reece Welch
- d. Vice President's name: // "
- e. Secretary's name: // "
- f. Treasurer: // "
- g. Name and address of Resident Agent: Reece Welch

1960 SE Maryland St
Arcadia, FL 34266

State of Florida

Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that R. D. WELCH COMPANY is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on June 23, 2006.

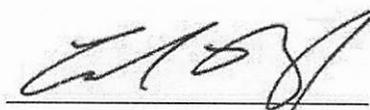
The document number of this corporation is P06000085465.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2025, that its most recent annual report/uniform business report was filed on March 15, 2025, and that its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

*Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Florida
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the Twenty-first day of November,
2025*




Secretary of State

Tracking Number: 2728529841CU

To authenticate this certificate, visit the following site, enter this number, and then follow the instructions displayed.

<https://services.sunbiz.org/Filings/CertificateOfStatus/CertificateAuthentication>

2026 FLORIDA PROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

DOCUMENT# P06000085465

Entity Name: R. D. WELCH COMPANY

Current Principal Place of Business:

1960 SE MARYLAND ST
ARCADIA, FL 34266

FILED
Feb 05, 2026
Secretary of State
1415510145CC

Current Mailing Address:

4 E OAK ST
ARCADIA, FL 34266 US

FEI Number: 20-5095622

Certificate of Status Desired: No

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

WELCH, REECE D
1960 SE MARYLAND STEET
ARCADIA, FL 34266 US

The above named entity submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

SIGNATURE:

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

Officer/Director Detail :

Title CEO
Name WELCH, REECE D
Address 1960 SE MARYLAND STREET
City-State-Zip: ARCADIA FL 34266

I hereby certify that the information indicated on this report or supplemental report is true and accurate and that my electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am an officer or director of the corporation or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 607, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears above, or on an attachment with all other like empowered.

SIGNATURE: REECE D WELCH

CEO

02/05/2026

Electronic Signature of Signing Officer/Director Detail

Date



Ron DeSantis, Governor

Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary



**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR HEREIN IS CERTIFIED UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 489, FLORIDA STATUTES

WELCH, REECE D

R D WELCH COMPANY
1960 SE MARYLAND STREET
ARCADIA FL 34266

LICENSE NUMBER: CGC1511817

EXPIRATION DATE: AUGUST 31, 2026

Always verify licenses online at MyFloridaLicense.com

ISSUED: 08/14/2024

Do not alter this document in any form.

This is your license. It is unlawful for anyone other than the licensee to use this document.



9. Did you attend the Pre-Proposal Conference? Yes No

10. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? If so, state when, where and why?

No

11. Within the last five (5) years, has any officer or partner of your organization ever been an officer or partner of another organization when it failed to complete a contract? If so, explain fully.

No

12. State the names, telephone numbers and last known addresses of three (3) businesses with the most knowledge of work which you have performed, and to which you refer (governmental entities are preferred as references).

COMPANY NAME	CONTACT	ADDRESS	
Desoto Cares. Homeless Services	Steve Price	159 S Orange Ave Arcadia Fl. 31266	Email: <u>cjabulltrading@yahoo.com</u> Telephone <u>863-491-9933</u>
Habitat for Humanity	Holly Lepert	114 N Polk Ave Arcadia Fl. 31266	Email Program <u>ehabitatdesoto.org</u> Telephone <u>863-494-4118</u>
Hope Desoto Long Term Recovery Group, Inc.	Amanda Reuter	2250 Roan St. Arcadia Fl. 31266	Email <u>HopeDesotoED@gmail.com</u> Telephone <u>863-202-9795</u>

13. List the pertinent experience of the key individual of your organization (continue on insert sheet, if necessary).

FBC Arcadia Remodel

Tiny Town Infrastructure

Lou's Paint Spot Commercial Building

14. State the name of the individual who will have personal supervision of the services:

Reece Welch

THE OFFEROR ACKNOWLEDGES AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN RESPONSE TO THIS QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT SHALL BE RELIED UPON BY OWNER IN AWARDING THE CONTRACT AND SUCH INFORMATION IS WARRANTED BY OFFEROR TO BE TRUE. THE DISCOVERY OF ANY OMISSION OR MISSTATEMENT THAT MATERIALLY AFFECTS THE OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATION TO PERFORM UNDER THE CONTRACT SHALL CAUSE THE OWNER TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL, AND IF AFTER THE AWARD TO CANCEL AND TERMINATE THE AWARD AND/OR CONTRACT.

Reece Welch

SIGNATURE

State of Florida

County of Desoto

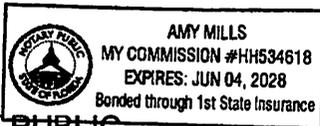
On this the 24 day of February, 2026, before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared

Reece Welch

and

(Name(s) of individual(s) who appeared before Notary)

whose name(s) in/ are Subscribed to the within instrument, and he/she/they acknowledge that he/she/they executed it.



NOTARY PUBLIC
SEAL OF OFFICE:

Amy Mills
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

Amy Mills
(Name of Notary Public: Print, stamp, or type as commissioned.)

Personally known to me, or

Produced identification:

DID take the oath, or

DID NOT take the oath.

HOLD HARMLESS

Contractor/Consultants shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, and the County's officers and employees from and against any and all liability, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct of Contractor/Consultant and other persons employed by or utilized by Contractor/Consultant in their performance under this Agreement.

Type of Organization (Please Check One): Individual Ownership Joint Venture
 Partnership Corporation

Name of Bidding Firm:

RD Welch Company

Mailing Address:

4 E Oak St Arcadia Fl. 34266

Location Address:

4 E Oak St. Arcadia Fl. 34266

City & State: Arcadia Fl. ZIP: 34266

Telephone: 883-990-1276 Fax Number: n/a

Name/Title of person authorized to bind the Company: Breece Welch-owner

Signature of person authorized to bind the Company: 

Date: 2/24/26

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that RD Welch Company (name of business) does:

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

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

Signature: Reece Welch
Dated: 2/24/24

**DESOTO COUNTY
CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT/VENDOR
E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF DeSoto

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Reece Welch,
who first being duly sworn hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. I make this affidavit on personal knowledge.
2. I am over the age of 18 years and otherwise confident to make this Affidavit.
3. I am the Owner of
RD Welch Company (the
"Contractor/Consultant/Vendor").

4. I am authorized by Reece Welch to make this
Affidavit on behalf of Contractor/Consultant/Vendor.

5. Contractor/Consultant/Vendor acknowledges that Section 448.09, Florida Statutes, makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly employ, hire, recruit, or refer, for private or public employment, an alien who is not duly authorized to work in the United States.

6. Contractor/Consultant/Vendor acknowledges that Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, prohibits public employers, contractors, and subcontractors from entering into a contract unless each party to the contract registers and uses E-Verify.

7. Contractor/Consultant/Vendor is in compliance with the requirements of Sections 448.09 and 448.095, Florida Statutes.

8. Contractor/Consultant/Vendor understands it shall remain in compliance with the requirements of Sections 448.09 and 448.095, Florida Statutes, during the term of any contract with DeSoto County.

9. Contractor/Consultant/Vendor's subcontractors are in compliance with the requirements of Sections 448.09 and 448.095, Florida Statutes.

10. Contractor/Consultant/Vendor shall ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 448.09 and 449.095, Florida Statutes, by any and all of its subcontractors.

11. Neither the Contractor/Consultant/Vendor, nor any subcontractor of Contractor/Consultant/Vendor, has had a contract terminated by a public employer for violating Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, within the year preceding the date of this Affidavit.

12. If the Contractor/Consultant/Vendor, or any subcontractor of Contractor/Consultant/Vendor, has a contract terminated by a public employer for any such violation during the term of any contract with DeSoto County, it shall provide immediate notice thereof to DeSoto County.

Reece Welch

Signature of Affiant

on behalf of Contractor/Vendor

By: Reece Welch

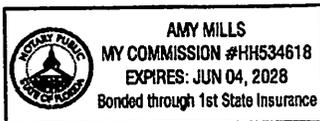
As its: Principle Agent

Dated: 2/24/26

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF DeSoto

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 24 day of February, 2026, by Reece Welch, on behalf of Reece Welch, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.



Amy Mills

Print Name: Amy Mills

Notary Public of the State of Florida

My Commission Expires:

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS
PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that is and its principles:
 - a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by an Federal department or agency;
 - b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statues or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or Local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- (3) No subcontract will be issued for this project to any party which is debarred or suspended from eligibility to receive federally funded contracts.



Signature

Owner

Title

RD Welch Company

Contractor/Firm

4 E Oak St Arcadia IL 34266

Address

**SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3) (a),
FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

(To be signed in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.)

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF DeSoto

Before me, the undersigned, personally appeared who, being by me first duly sworn, made the following statement:

1. The business address of RD Welch Company
[Name of firm]

is 4 E Oak St Arcadia Fl 34266

2. My relationship to RD Welch Company
[Name of firm]

is President
[Relationship, such as sole proprietor, partner, president, vice president]

3. I understand that a public entity crime as defined in Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes includes a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity in Florida or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or such an agency or political subdivision and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

4. I understand that "conviction" is defined by the statute to mean a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

5. I understand that "affiliate" is defined by the statute to mean (1) a predecessor or successor of a person or a corporation convicted of a public entity crime, or (2) an entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime, or (3) those officers, directors, executive, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate, or (4) a person or corporation who knowingly entered into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months.

6. Neither the firm nor any officer, director, executive, partner, shareholder, employee, member or agent who is active in the management of the firm nor any affiliate of the firm has been convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

[Draw a line through paragraph 6 if paragraph 7 below applies.]

7. There has been a conviction of a public entity crime by the firm, or an officer, director, executive, partner, shareholder, employee, ~~member or agent~~ of the firm who is active in the management of the ~~firm or an affiliate~~ of the firm. A determination has been made pursuant to ~~Section 287.133(3)~~ by order of the Division of Administrative Hearings that it is not in the public interest for the name of the convicted vendor list. The name of the convicted person or affiliate is _____.

A copy of the order of the Division of Administrative Hearings is attached to this statement.

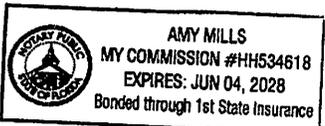
[Draw a line through paragraph 7 if paragraph 6 above applies.]

Reece Welch
SIGNATURE

State of Florida
County of DeSoto

On this the 24 day of February, 2026, before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared Reece Welch and

(Name(s) of individual(s) who appeared before Notary)
whose name(s) in/ are Subscribed to the within instrument, and he/she/they acknowledge that he/she/they executed it.



NOTARY PUBLIC
SEAL OF OFFICE:

Amy Mills
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

Amy Mills
(Name of Notary Public: Print, stamp, or type as commissioned.)

- Personally, known to me, or
- Produced identification: _____
- DID take the oath, or
- DID NOT take the oath.

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

By signing this offer, the vendor/contractor certifies that this offer is made independently and free from collusion. Vendor shall disclose below any DeSoto County, FL officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement.

Any DeSoto County, FL officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement.

For purposes hereof, a person has a material interest if they directly or indirectly own more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity, or if they otherwise stand to personally gain if the contract is awarded to this vendor.

County employees may not contract with the County through any corporation or business entity in which they or their immediate family members hold a controlling financial interest (e.g. ownership of five (5) percent or more).

Immediate family members (spouse, parents and children) are also prohibited from contracting with the County subject to the same general rules. Failure of a vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the County Procurement Policy.

NAME	RELATIONSHIPS
/	/
/	/
/	/

In the event the vendor does not indicate any names, the County shall interpret this to mean that the vendor has indicated that no such relationships exist.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF Desoto

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared,

Reece Welch, who after being duly sworn, deposed and

said that he is the fully authorized Reece Welch of

RD Welch Company

(hereinafter referred to as affiant), and said affiant further said:

(1) That affiant has not and will not employ any person either directly or indirectly, to secure the public contract under which he is to receive payment, other than persons regularly employed by the affiant whose service in connection with the project or in securing the public contract are in the regular course of their duties for the affiant; and

(2) That no part of the contract price was paid or will be paid to any person for soliciting the contract, other than the payment of normal compensation to persons regularly employed by the affiant whose services with the project are in the regular course of their duties for the affiant.

AFFIANT
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME ON THIS 24 DAY OF
February, 2026. NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIANT

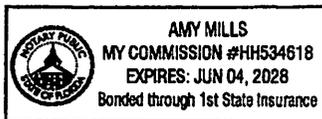
Company Name: RD Welch Company
Address: 4 E Oak St Arcadia FL 34266
Phone Number: 863-990-1276
Signature: Raeck Welch

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT IN THE STATE OF
Florida IN THE COUNTY OF
Desoto

being first duly sworn, on oath, says that the bid above submitted is a genuine and not a sham or collusive bid or made in the interest of or on behalf of any person not therein named, and s/he further says that the said Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any Bidder on the above work or supplies to put in a sham bid, or any other person or corporation to refrain from bidding, and that said Bidder has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure her/himself an advantage over any other bidder or bidders. Subscribed and sworn before me this 24 day of Feb, 2026 NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Florida

Signature Amy Mills

Seal



CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

(STATE OF FLORIDA; COUNTY OF DESOTO)

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared

Breece Welch, who was duly sworn, deposes, and states:
1 I am the Owner of RD Welch Company with a local office in Arcadia Fl. and principal office in Arcadia Fl.

2 For DeSoto County the above-named entity is submitting an Expression of Interest for the DeSoto County project described as: **ITB 26-07-01 DeSoto County Storage Building Construction Project.**

3 The Affiant has made diligent inquiry and provides the information contained in this Affidavit based upon his own knowledge.

4 The Affiant states that only one submittal for the above project is being submitted and that the above named entity has no financial interest in other entities submitting proposals for the same project.

5 Neither the Affiant nor the above named entity has directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive pricing in connection with the entity's submittal for the above project. This statement restricts the discussion of pricing data until the completion of negotiations and execution of the Agreement for this project.

6 Neither the entity nor its affiliates, nor any one associated with them, is presently suspended or otherwise ineligible from participating in contract lettings by any local, state, or federal agency.

7 Neither the entity, nor its affiliates, nor any one associated with them have any potential conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interests for this project.

8 I certify that no member of the entity's ownership, management, or staff has a vested interest in any aspect of or Department of DeSoto County.

9 I certify that no member of the entity's ownership or management is presently applying for an employee position or actively seeking an elected position with DeSoto County.

10 In the event that a conflict of interest is identified in the provision of services, I, on behalf of the above named entity, will immediately notify DeSoto County in writing.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2026.

— (Affiant)

Breece Welch
Breece Welch

Breece Welch
Typed Name of Affiant

Title Owner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of February, 2026.

Personally known

OR Produced identification _____ Notary Public - State of Florida

Amy Mills

My commission expires 6/4/08 (Type of identification)

(Printed typed or stamped commissioned name of notary public)

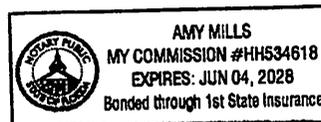


EXHIBIT D
PERFORMANCE BOND

This document is incorporated by reference into the Agreement and is on file with the DeSoto County Purchasing Department. It is available for review upon request.

EXHIBIT E
PUBLIC PAYMENT BOND

This document is incorporated by reference into the Agreement and is on file with the DeSoto County Purchasing Department. It is available for review upon request.

EXHIBIT F
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

(1) The Contractor shall obtain and maintain such insurance as will protect it from: (1) claims under worker's compensation laws, disability benefit laws, or other similar employee benefit laws; (2) claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease or death of his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; (3) claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person other than his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; and (4) from claims for injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from -- any or all of which claims may arise out of, or result from, the services, work and operations carried out pursuant to and under the requirements of the Contract Documents, whether such services, work and operations be by the Contractor, its employees, or by subcontractor(s), or anyone employed by or under the supervision of any of them, or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable.

(2) This insurance shall be obtained and written for not less than the limits of liability specified hereinafter, or as required by law, whichever is greater.

(3) The Contractor shall require, and shall be responsible for assuring throughout the time the Agreement is in effect, that any and all of its subcontractors obtain and maintain until the completion of that subcontractor's work, such of the insurance coverages described herein as are required by law to be provided on behalf of their employees and others.

(4) The Contractor shall obtain, have and maintain during the entire period of the Agreement insurance policies, which contain the following information and provisions:

- (A) The name and type of policy and coverages provided;
- (B) The amount or limit applicable to each coverage provided;
- (C) The date of expiration of coverage;
- (D) The designation of the COUNTY as an additional insured and a certificate holder. (This requirement may be excepted for Worker's Compensation and professional liability Insurance.);
- (E) The following clause must appear on the Certificate of Insurance:

Should any material change occur in any of the above described policies or should any of said policies be canceled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will mail at least thirty (30) days written notice to the COUNTY.

(5) If the initial, or any subsequently issued Certificate of Insurance expires prior to the completion of the Work or termination of the Agreement, the Contractor shall furnish to the COUNTY, in triplicate, renewal or replacement Certificate(s) of Insurance not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of their expiration. Failure of the Contractor to provide the COUNTY with such renewal certificate(s) shall be considered justification for the COUNTY to terminate the Agreement.

(6) Contractor shall include the COUNTY, the COUNTY's agents, officers and employees in the Contractor's General Liability and Automobile Liability policies as additional insureds.

(7) If the COUNTY has any objection to the coverage afforded by other provisions of the insurance required to be purchased and maintained by Contractor in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents on the basis of its not complying with the Contract Documents, the COUNTY shall notify Contractor in writing thereof within thirty (30) days of the delivery of such certificates to the COUNTY. Contractor shall provide to the COUNTY such additional information with respect to its insurance as may be requested.

(8) The Contractor shall obtain and maintain the following insurance coverages as provided hereinbefore, and in the type, amounts and in conformance with the following minimum requirements:

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

State: Statutory

Employer's Liability: \$1,000,000.00

COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY

Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000.00 Each Occurrence

Property Damage: \$1,000,000.00 Each Occurrence

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance shall include:

Contractual Liability, Explosion, Collapse and Underground Coverages and Products and Completed Operations Coverages.

COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000.00 Each Occurrence

Property Damage: \$1,000,000.00 Each Occurrence

Comprehensive Automobile Liability shall include coverage for any owned auto, non-owned autos and hired autos.

EXHIBIT G
RELEASE AND AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____,
who after

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

(1) In accordance with the Contract Documents and in consideration of \$_____ paid, _____ ("Contractor") releases and waives for itself and its subcontractors, materialmen, successors and assigns, all claims demands, damages, costs and expenses, whether in contract or in tort, against DeSoto County, Florida (the "COUNTY"), its Board of County Commissioners, employees and agents relating in any way to the performance of the Agreement between Contractor and the COUNTY, dated _____, _____, for the period from _____ to _____.

(2) Contractor certifies for itself and its subcontractors, materialmen, successors and assigns, that all charges for labor, materials, supplies, lands, licenses and other expenses for which the COUNTY might be sued or for which a lien or a demand against any payment bond might be filed, have been fully satisfied and paid.

(3) Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the COUNTY, its Board of County Commissioners, employees and agents from all demands or suits, actions, claims of liens or other charges filed or asserted against the COUNTY arising out of the performance by Contractor of the Work covered by this Release and Affidavit.

(4) This Release and Affidavit is given in connection with Contractor's [monthly/final] Application for Payment No. _____.

CONTRACTOR:

By: _____ (signature of the executive officer)

Its: _____ (title of the executive officer)

Date: _____

WITNESSES:

[Corporate Seal]

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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

_____, by _____, as _____ of _____

_____, a _____ corporation, on behalf of the

corporation. He/she is personally known to me or has produced _____

_____ as identification and did (did not) take an oath.

My Commission Expires: _____
(Signature of Notary)

Name: _____
(Legibly Printed)

(AFFIX OFFICIAL SEAL)

Notary Public, State of _____

Commission No.: _____

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Chair

By: _____
President

DESIGN PROFESSIONAL: By: _____ Consulting Engineer

Exhibit I

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

DIRECTIONS: All nongovernmental entities that are or potentially will be contracting, renewing or extending contracts with DeSoto County, must have an officer or representative fully execute this affidavit. Note, this is a mandatory requirement of s 787.06(13), Florida Statutes effective July 1, 2024.

I Reece Welch (insert name) as Owner (insert title) on behalf of RD Welch Company (insert entity name) under penalty of perjury hereby attest as follows:

1. I am over 21 years of age and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this affidavit.
2. RD Welch Company (insert entity name) does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in s. 787.06(2)(a), Florida Statutes.
3. More particularly, RD Welch Company (insert entity name) does not participate in any of the following actions:
 - a. Using or threatening to use physical force against any person;
 - b. Restraining, isolating or confining or threatening to restrain, isolate or confine any person without lawful authority and against her or his will;
 - c. Using lending or other credit methods to establish a debt by any person when labor or services are pledged as a security for the debt, if the value of the labor or services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or the length and nature of the labor or services are not respectively limited and defined;
 - d. Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, withholding, or possessing any actual or purported passport, visa, or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of any person;
 - e. Causing or threatening to cause financial harm to any person;
 - f. Enticing or luring any person by fraud or deceit; or
 - g. Providing a controlled substance as outlined in Schedule I or Schedule II of s. 893.03, Florida Statutes to any person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Reece Welch
Printed Name: Reece Welch
Title: Owner
Nongovernmental entity: RD Welch Company
Date: 2/24/26

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF DeSoto

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me in person or remote notarization by Reece Welch as owner on behalf of RD Welch Company, who is ~~personally known~~ to me or who produced as identification this 24th day of February, 2026.

Amy Mills
Notary Public

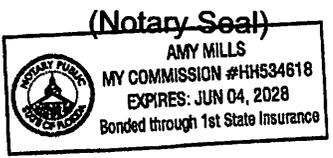


Exhibit J

FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN AFFIDAVIT

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I Reece Welch (insert name) as Owner
(insert title) on behalf of RD Welch Company (insert entity name)
under penalty of perjury hereby attest as follows:

1. I am over 21 years of age and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this affidavit.

2. I certify that RD Welch Company (insert entity name) ("Vendor"):

a. Is not owned by the government of a foreign country of concern;

b. A government of a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in Vendor; and

c. Is not organized under the laws of nor have its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

3. For purposes of this Affidavit, "Foreign Country of Concern" means the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of significant control of such foreign country of concern.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Reece Welch
Printed Name: Reece Welch
Title: Owner
Nongovernmental entity: RD Welch Company
Date: 2/24/20

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF DeSoto

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me in person or remote notarization
by Reece Welch as Owner on behalf of
RD Welch Company, who is personally known to me
or who produced _____ as identification this 24
day of February, 2020.

[Signature]
Notary Public

(Notary Seal)

