

BLACKWELL

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

May 26, 2026

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**

BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AGENDA
LETTER

Blackwell Community Development District
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W•Boca Raton, Florida 33431
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May 19, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Blackwell Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Blackwell Community Development District will hold a Regular Meeting on May 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., at the Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton – Tampa/Wesley Chapel, 2740 Cypress Ridge Blvd., Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Acceptance of Resignation of Ed Suchora [Seat 4]
4. Consideration of Appointment of Andrew Hill to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 4; *Term Expires November 2028*
 - Administration of Oath of Office (*the following to be provided in a separate package*)
 - A. Updates and Reminders: Ethics Training for Special District Supervisors and Form 1
 - B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers
5. Consideration of Resolution 2026-11, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date
6. Consideration of Resolution 2026-12, Approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Transmittal, Posting and Publication Requirements; Addressing Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

7. Consideration of Resolution 2026-13, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Providing for an Effective Date
8. Consideration of Resolution 2026-14, to Designate Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing and Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Rules of Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date
 - A. Amended Rules of Procedure
9. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date
10. Ratification Items
 - A. RIPA & Associates, LLC Addendum to Construction Contract [Phase 1 & 2 Project]
 - B. TLC Land Consulting, LLC Agreement for Consultant Services [CDD Project & Bonds] and Invoice
11. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statement as of April 30, 2026
12. Approval of December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
13. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - B. District Engineer: *WRA Engineering*
 - C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
 - NEXT MEETING DATE: June 23, 2026 at 10:30 AM
 - QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1	BILL FIFE	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
SEAT 2	OWEN BUDORICK	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
SEAT 3	PETE WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
SEAT 4	ANDREW HILL	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
SEAT 5	CLAY KOLLENBAUM	<input type="checkbox"/>	IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
 - Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form (*for informational purposes*)
14. Board Members' Comments/Requests

15. Public Comments

16. Adjournment

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (760) 918-6014.

Sincerely,

Jordan Lansford

Jordan Lansford
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 236 6447

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF TENDER OF RESIGNATION


To: Board of Supervisors
Blackwell Community Development District
Attn: District Manager
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

From: Ed Suchora
Printed Name

Date: 2/27/26
Date

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the *Blackwell Community Development District*. My tendered resignation will be deemed to be effective as of the time a quorum of the remaining members of the Board of Supervisors accepts it at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

I certify that this Notice of Tender of Resignation has been executed by me and personally presented at a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Supervisors, scanned and electronically transmitted to gillyardd@whhassociates.com or faxed to 561-571-0013 and agree that the executed original shall be binding and enforceable and the fax or email copy shall be binding and enforceable as an original.



Signature

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RESOLUTION 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING AND REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Blackwell Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to elect and remove Officers of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. The following is/are elected as Officer(s) of the District effective May 26, 2026:

- _____ is elected Chair
- _____ is elected Vice Chair
- _____ is elected Assistant Secretary
- _____ is elected Assistant Secretary
- _____ is elected Assistant Secretary

SECTION 2. The following Officer(s) shall be removed as Officer(s) as of May 26, 2026:

Ed Suchora Assistant Secretary

SECTION 3. The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

Craig Wrathell is Secretary

Kristen Suit is Assistant Secretary

Jordan Lansford is Assistant Secretary

Craig Wrathell is Treasurer

Jeff Pinder is Assistant Treasurer

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

ATTEST:

**BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors (“**Board**”) of the Blackwell Community Development District (“**District**”), prior to June 15, 2026, the proposed operating budget (“**Proposed Budget**”) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 (“**Fiscal Year 2026/2027**”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The operating budget proposed by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said budget.

SECTION 2. The public hearing on the approved budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour, and location:

DATE: _____, 2026
HOUR: 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton – Tampa/Wesley Chapel
2740 Cypress Ridge Blvd.
Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544

SECTION 3. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the proposed budgets to Pasco County at least sixty (60) days prior to the hearings set above.

SECTION 4. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is further directed to post the approved budget on the District’s website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2 and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

SECTION 5. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST:

**BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget

Exhibit A

Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

	Fiscal Year 2026				Proposed Budget FY 2027
	Adopted Budget FY 2026	Actual through 3/31/2026	Projected through 9/30/2026	Total Actual & Projected	
REVENUES					
Developer contribution	\$ 87,540	\$ 15,212	\$ 73,549	\$ 88,761	\$ 87,790
Total revenues	<u>87,540</u>	<u>15,212</u>	<u>73,549</u>	<u>88,761</u>	<u>87,790</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Professional & administrative					
Supervisors	-	646	-	646	-
Management/accounting/recording	48,000	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000
Legal	25,000	1,381	23,619	25,000	25,000
Engineering	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Arbitrage rebate calculation	-	-	-	-	-
Dissemination agent	750	-	500	500	1,000
EMMA software service	-	-	-	-	-
Trustee	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone	200	100	100	200	200
Postage	500	65	435	500	500
Printing & binding	500	250	250	500	500
Legal advertising	2,500	1,861	639	2,500	2,500
Annual special district fee	175	-	175	175	175
Insurance	5,500	-	5,500	5,500	5,500
Contingencies/bank charges	1,500	967	533	1,500	1,500
Website hosting & maintenance	705	-	1,680	1,680	705
Website ADA compliance	210	-	210	210	210
Total expenditures	<u>87,540</u>	<u>29,270</u>	<u>59,641</u>	<u>88,911</u>	<u>87,790</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	-	(14,058)	13,908	(150)	-
Fund balance - beginning (unaudited)	-	150	(13,908)	150	-
Fund balance - ending (projected)	-	(13,908)	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	(13,908)	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (13,908)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Professional & administrative

Management/accounting/recording	\$ 48,000
<p>Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community.</p>	
Legal	25,000
<p>General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts.</p>	
Engineering	2,000
<p>The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities.</p>	
Dissemination agent	1,000
<p>The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent.</p>	
Telephone	200
Postage	500
<p>Telephone and fax machine.</p>	
Printing & binding	500
<p>Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.</p>	
Legal advertising	2,500
<p>Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages</p>	
Annual special district fee	175
<p>The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc.</p>	
Insurance	5,500
<p>Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.</p>	
Contingencies/bank charges	1,500
<p>Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated AP routing etc.</p>	
Website hosting & maintenance	705
Website ADA compliance	210
Total expenditures	<u><u>\$ 87,790</u></u>

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET - SERIES 2026
FISCAL YEAR 2027**

	Fiscal Year 2026				Proposed Budget FY 2027
	Adopted Budget FY 2026	Actual through 3/31/2026	Projected through 9/30/2026	Total Actual & Projected	
REVENUES					
Assessment levy: off-roll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 484,838
Interest	-	206	-	206	-
Total revenues	-	206	-	206	484,838
EXPENDITURES					
Debt service					
Principal	-	-	-	-	105,000
Interest	-	-	68,835	68,835	381,238
Underwriter's discount	-	140,200	-	140,200	-
Cost of issuance	-	202,559	-	202,559	-
Total expenditures	-	342,759	68,835	411,594	486,238
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	-	(342,553)	(68,835)	(411,388)	(1,400)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)					
Bond proceeds	-	1,081,641	-	1,081,641	-
Transfers in	-	-	5,655	5,655	-
Total other financing sources/(uses)	-	1,081,641	5,655	1,087,296	-
Net increase/(decrease) in fund balance	-	739,088	(63,180)	675,908	(1,400)
Fund balance:					
Beginning fund balance (unaudited)	-	(246)	738,842	(246)	675,662
Ending fund balance (projected)	\$ -	\$ 738,842	\$ 675,662	\$ 675,662	674,262
Use of fund balance:					
Debt service reserve account balance (required)					(484,838)
Interest expense - November 1, 2027					(188,519)
Projected fund balance surplus/(deficit) as of September 30, 2027					\$ 905

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SERIES 2026 AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

	Principal	Coupon Rate	Interest	Debt Service	Bond Balance
05/01/26			68,834.55	68,834.55	7,010,000.00
11/01/26			190,618.75	190,618.75	7,010,000.00
05/01/27	105,000.00	4.000%	190,618.75	295,618.75	6,905,000.00
11/01/27			188,518.75	188,518.75	6,905,000.00
05/01/28	110,000.00	4.000%	188,518.75	298,518.75	6,795,000.00
11/01/28			186,318.75	186,318.75	6,795,000.00
05/01/29	110,000.00	4.000%	186,318.75	296,318.75	6,685,000.00
11/01/29			184,118.75	184,118.75	6,685,000.00
05/01/30	115,000.00	4.000%	184,118.75	299,118.75	6,570,000.00
11/01/30			181,818.75	181,818.75	6,570,000.00
05/01/31	120,000.00	4.000%	181,818.75	301,818.75	6,450,000.00
11/01/31			179,418.75	179,418.75	6,450,000.00
05/01/32	125,000.00	4.000%	179,418.75	304,418.75	6,325,000.00
11/01/32			176,918.75	176,918.75	6,325,000.00
05/01/33	130,000.00	4.000%	176,918.75	306,918.75	6,195,000.00
11/01/33			174,318.75	174,318.75	6,195,000.00
05/01/34	140,000.00	5.450%	174,318.75	314,318.75	6,055,000.00
11/01/34			170,503.75	170,503.75	6,055,000.00
05/01/35	145,000.00	5.450%	170,503.75	315,503.75	5,910,000.00
11/01/35			166,552.50	166,552.50	5,910,000.00
05/01/36	155,000.00	5.450%	166,552.50	321,552.50	5,755,000.00
11/01/36			162,328.75	162,328.75	5,755,000.00
05/01/37	160,000.00	5.450%	162,328.75	322,328.75	5,595,000.00
11/01/37			157,968.75	157,968.75	5,595,000.00
05/01/38	170,000.00	5.450%	157,968.75	327,968.75	5,425,000.00
11/01/38			153,336.25	153,336.25	5,425,000.00
05/01/39	180,000.00	5.450%	153,336.25	333,336.25	5,245,000.00
11/01/39			148,431.25	148,431.25	5,245,000.00
05/01/40	190,000.00	5.450%	148,431.25	338,431.25	5,055,000.00
11/01/40			143,253.75	143,253.75	5,055,000.00
05/01/41	200,000.00	5.450%	143,253.75	343,253.75	4,855,000.00
11/01/41			137,803.75	137,803.75	4,855,000.00
05/01/42	210,000.00	5.450%	137,803.75	347,803.75	4,645,000.00
11/01/42			132,081.25	132,081.25	4,645,000.00
05/01/43	225,000.00	5.450%	132,081.25	357,081.25	4,420,000.00
11/01/43			125,950.00	125,950.00	4,420,000.00
05/01/44	235,000.00	5.450%	125,950.00	360,950.00	4,185,000.00
11/01/44			119,546.25	119,546.25	4,185,000.00
05/01/45	250,000.00	5.450%	119,546.25	369,546.25	3,935,000.00
11/01/45			112,733.75	112,733.75	3,935,000.00
05/01/46	265,000.00	5.450%	112,733.75	377,733.75	3,670,000.00
11/01/46			105,512.50	105,512.50	3,670,000.00
05/01/47	280,000.00	5.750%	105,512.50	385,512.50	3,390,000.00
11/01/47			97,462.50	97,462.50	3,390,000.00
05/01/48	295,000.00	5.750%	97,462.50	392,462.50	3,095,000.00
11/01/48			88,981.25	88,981.25	3,095,000.00
05/01/49	315,000.00	5.750%	88,981.25	403,981.25	2,780,000.00
11/01/49			79,925.00	79,925.00	2,780,000.00

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SERIES 2026 AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

	Principal	Coupon Rate	Interest	Debt Service	Bond Balance
05/01/50	330,000.00	5.750%	79,925.00	409,925.00	2,450,000.00
11/01/50			70,437.50	70,437.50	2,450,000.00
05/01/51	350,000.00	5.750%	70,437.50	420,437.50	2,100,000.00
11/01/51			60,375.00	60,375.00	2,100,000.00
05/01/52	370,000.00	5.750%	60,375.00	430,375.00	1,730,000.00
11/01/52			49,737.50	49,737.50	1,730,000.00
05/01/53	395,000.00	5.750%	49,737.50	444,737.50	1,335,000.00
11/01/53			38,381.25	38,381.25	1,335,000.00
05/01/54	420,000.00	5.750%	38,381.25	458,381.25	915,000.00
11/01/54			26,306.25	26,306.25	915,000.00
05/01/55	445,000.00	5.750%	26,306.25	471,306.25	470,000.00
11/01/55			13,512.50	13,512.50	470,000.00
05/01/56	470,000.00	5.750%	13,512.50	483,512.50	-
11/01/56			-	-	-
Total	7,010,000.00		7,715,177.05	14,725,177.05	

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
ASSESSMENT COMPARISON
PROJECTED FISCAL YEAR 2027 ASSESSMENTS**

Landowner Contribution (GF)/ Off-Roll Assessments (DSF)					
<u>Product/Parcel</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>FY 2027 O&M Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2027 DS Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2027 Total Assessment per Unit</u>	<u>FY 2026 Total Assessment per Unit</u>
SF 45'	149	\$ -	\$ 1,349.69	\$ 1,349.69	n/a
SF 55'	172	-	1,649.62	1,649.62	n/a
Total	321				

BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Blackwell Community Development District (“**District**”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District is required by Section 189.015, *Florida Statutes*, to file quarterly, semi-annually, or annually a schedule (including date, time, and location) of its regular meetings with local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, further, in accordance with the above-referenced statute, the District shall also publish quarterly, semi-annually, or annually the District’s regular meeting schedule in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county in which the District is located.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE. The Fiscal Year 2026/2027 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST:

BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION		
<i>Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton - Tampa-Wesley Chapel 2740 Cypress Ridge Blvd., Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 27, 2026	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
November 24, 2026	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
December 22, 2026	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
January 26, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
February 23, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
March 23, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
April 27, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
May 25, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
June 22, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
July 27, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
August 24, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
September 28, 2027	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM

BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-14

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

WHEREAS, the Blackwell Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure on _____, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., at the Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton – Tampa/Wesley Chapel, 2740 Cypress Ridge Blvd., Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2026.

ATTEST:

BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

8A

RULES OF PROCEDURE
BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
RULE NO. 2026-_____
EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2026

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Rule 1.0 General. These Rules of Procedure supersede and replace all previously adopted Rules of Procedure.

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

contracts on the District's behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("**District Manager**") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

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

previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.

- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.
 - (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled “**Record of Proceedings,**” in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Votes Required. No Board member who is present at any meeting of the District Board at which an official decision, ruling, or other official act is to be taken or adopted may abstain from voting in regard to any such decision, ruling, or act; and a vote shall be recorded or counted for each such Board member present, except when, with respect to any such member, there is, or appears to be, a possible conflict of interest under the provisions of s. 112.311, s. 112.313, or s. 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes.
- (7) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, “**voting conflict of interest**” shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member’s special private gain or loss or

the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

- (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

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

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

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

file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, 286.012, Fla. Stat.

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

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

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

- (2) Public Records. District public records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the

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

- (3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.

- (4) Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature or volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "**extensive**" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person

making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) Records Retention. The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) Policies. The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- (7) Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("**Coordinator**") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("**Commission**"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District ("**Reporting Individual**"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise authorized or required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days' public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. A newspaper is deemed to be a newspaper of "general circulation" in the county in which the District is located if such newspaper has been in existence for two (2) years at the time of publication of the applicable notice (unless no newspaper within the county has been published for such length) and satisfies the criteria of section 50.011(1) of the Florida Statutes, or if such newspaper is a direct successor of a newspaper which has been so published, as such provisions may be amended from time to time by law. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published as provide in Chapter 50 of the Florida Statutes, and such notice published consistent therewith shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice as required herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at _____. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any i) confidential and ii) confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven (7) days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

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

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Public comments
- Organizational matters
- Review of minutes
- Specific items of old business
- Specific items of new business
- Staff reports
 - (a) District Counsel
 - (b) District Engineer
 - (c) District Manager

1. Financial Report
 2. Approval of Expenditures
- Supervisor's requests and comments
Adjournment

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

the annual budget(s). Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of a Notice of Rule Development by the District as required by Section 2 of this Rule. A “**rule**” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.
- (2) Requirements of a Rule. All District rules as drafted shall:
 - (a) Contain only one subject;
 - (b) Include readable language, meaning it avoids i) the use of obscure words and unnecessarily long or complicated constructions, and ii) the use of unnecessary technical or specialized language that is understood only by members of particular trades or professions;
 - (c) Be indefinite such that the rule does not include a provision whereby the rule, or a portion thereof, automatically expires or is repealed on a specific date or at the end of a specified period, unless otherwise expressly authorized by law; and
 - (d) Only incorporate material by reference in compliance with Section 120.54(1)(i) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs. Before adopting, amending, or repealing any rule, other than an emergency rule, the District may prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs (“**SERC**”) based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes. The District shall prepare a SERC for a proposed rule if in accordance with the requirements of Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes if: i) the proposed rule will have an adverse economic impact on small business; or ii) the proposed rule is likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in the state within one (1) year after implementation of the rule.
- (4) Notice of Rule Development.

- (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule (“**Notice of Rule Development**”) setting forth the following:
 - (i) the subject area to be addressed by rule development;
 - (ii) A short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule;
 - (iii) The grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule;
 - (iv) The law being implemented;
 - (v) The proposed rule number; and
 - (vi) If available, either the preliminary text of the proposed rule and any incorporated documents, or a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft of such rule or documents.
- (b) The Notice of Rule Development shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days prior to the Notice of Rulemaking required by Section 5 of this Rule, and at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the intended action.

(5) Notice of Rulemaking.

- (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall provide notice of its intended action (the “**Notice of Rulemaking**”) setting forth the following:
 - (i) A short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule;
 - (ii) The proposed rule number;
 - (iii) A summary of the proposed rule or amendment;
 - (iv) The full text of the proposed rule or amendment and a summary thereof, unless not required pursuant to 120.81(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes or other Florida law;
 - (v) The grant of rulemaking authority for the proposed rule;

- (vi) The law being implemented or interpreted;
 - (vii) The name, e-mail address, and telephone number of the agency employee who may be contacted regarding the intended action;
 - (viii) A concise summary of the District's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, that describes the regulatory impact of the rule in readable language;
 - (ix) The District's website where the statement of estimated regulatory costs can be viewed, in its entirety, if one has been prepared;
 - (x) A statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice;
 - (xi) A statement as to whether, based on the SERC or other information expressly relied upon and described by the District if no statement of regulatory costs is required, the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to Section 120.541(3) of the Florida Statutes;
 - (x) The date, time, and location of the public hearing on the proposed rule;
 - (xi) The name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing; and
 - (xii) A reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule appeared, except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule.
- (b) The Notice of Rulemaking shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days after the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule, and at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. If the Notice of Rulemaking is not published within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the publication of the Notice of Rule Development, then the District's Board shall approve a concise statement at least seven (7) days prior to the conclusion of the one-hundred eighty

(180) day timeframe identifying the reason for the delay, which may be supplemented quarterly until the District has adopted the proposed rule.

- (c) The Notice of Rulemaking shall be mailed or delivered electronically to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days before publication of the notice, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice of the District's rulemaking proceedings. Such persons must furnish a mailing address or e-mail address, and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing as applicable.
- (d) As of the date of publication of the Notice of Rulemaking, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the proposed rule, including all material proposed to be incorporated by reference.

(6) Modification of Rules.

(a) Technical Changes.

- (i) Prior to rule adoption, the District shall publish a notice of correction ("**Notice of Correction**") if any of the information that is required to be included in the Notice of Rulemaking, including technical changes that correct citations or grammatical, typographical or similar errors that do not otherwise affect the substance of the rule, is omitted or is incorrect. A Notice of Correction cannot be used to make substantive changes to the rule text. The Notice of Correction shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least seven (7) days prior to the intended action.
- (ii) After rule adoption, a technical change to a rule may be approved at any time by the District. Promptly thereafter, a Notice of Correction shall be published by the District in the manner set forth in Section 6(a)(i) of this Rule.

(b) Substantive Changes.

- (i) Prior to rule adoption, the District may publish a notice of change ("**Notice of Change**") if there is any substantive change, other than a technical change that corrects citations or grammatical, typographical or similar errors that do not otherwise affect the

substance of the rule, to a proposed rule, including any material incorporated by reference, or to a SERC. The Notice of Change shall address a summary of the change and may be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the intended action or as otherwise permissible . The Notice of Change shall also be sent to those persons set forth in Section 5(C) of this Rule that have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any substantive change must be either be:

1. Supported by the record of the public hearing held on the proposed rule;
 2. In response to written materials submitted to the District;
- or
3. In response to an objection with the proposed rule by the District Board.
- (ii) After rule adoption, a substantive change to a rule shall be effectuated by initiating rulemaking as set forth in this Rule.

(7) Withdrawal of Proposed Rules.

- (a) Prior to the adoption of a rule, the District may elect to withdraw the proposed rule in whole or in part. After a rule has become effective, the District may only amend or repeal the rule through initiating the rulemaking procedures set forth in this Rule.
- (b) Prior to the adoption of a rule, the District shall withdraw the proposed rule if the District has either failed to adopt such rule within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the publication of the Notice of Rule Development required by Section 4 of this Rule or to approve a concise statement at least seven (7) days prior to the conclusion of the one-hundred eighty (180) day timeframe identifying the reason for the delay, which may be supplemented quarterly until the District has adopted the proposed rule.
- (c) In the event of a withdrawal of a proposed rule, the District shall publish a notice ("**Notice of Rule Withdrawal**") in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, and shall provide notice to those persons set forth in Section 5(c) of this Rule that have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings.

- (d) Within fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the District shall compile and post on its website a list of each failure to publish a Notice of Rulemaking within the timeframe prescribed by Section 5(b) of this Rule, which list shall include the information set forth in Section 120.54(3)(d)(7) of the Florida Statutes. The District is only required to provide such posting in any calendar quarter(s) in which there is an actual failure to timely publish a Notice of Rulemaking, if any.

(8) Rule Development Workshops.

- (a) Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption for the purposes of rule development or information gathering for the preparation of the SERC, unless the Chairperson explains in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop, but is not required to do so.
- (b) If a workshop is held, the District must ensure that the person(s) responsible for preparing the rule and the SERC, if applicable, are available to explain the District's proposed rule and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule being developed.
- (c) The notice of any workshop shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located at least fourteen (14) days prior to the workshop setting forth the following:
 - (i) The place, date, and time of the workshop;
 - (ii) The subject area that will be addressed; and
 - (iii) The District Manager's contact information.

(9) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking.

- (a) All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking Proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. District staff shall forward a copy of the petition to the District's Board within seven (7) days of its receipt.

- (b) If the petition is directed to an adopted rule, within thirty (30) days following the date of filing a petition, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking proceedings, ii) otherwise comply with the requested action, or iii) deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.
- (c) If the petition is directed to an unadopted rule, within thirty (30) days following the date of filing a petition, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking, or ii) set a public hearing to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the proposed rule on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule.
 - (i) If the District elects to hold a public hearing, notice of the public hearing (“**Notice of Rulemaking Petition Public Hearing**”) shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The public hearing shall be held by the District within thirty (30) days after publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Petition Public Hearing.
 - (ii) Not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the public hearing held pursuant to Section 9(c)(i) of this Rule, the District shall either i) initiate rulemaking proceedings, ii) otherwise comply with the requested action, or iii) deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.
 - 1. If the District decides to initiate rulemaking it shall proceed with the rulemaking process as set forth in this Rule.
 - 2. If the District decides to not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action, the District shall publish a statement of its reasons for not initiating rulemaking or otherwise complying with the requested action and of any changes it will make in the scope or application of the unadopted rule (the “**Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition**”). The Notice of Denial of Rulemaking Petition shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located.
- (d) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed as requiring the District to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule as initiated by petition.

(10) Public Hearing.

- (a) The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the Notice of Rulemaking, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. When a public hearing is held, the District shall ensure that staff is available to explain the proposed rule and to respond to questions or comments regarding the proposed rule. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (b) The District shall publish notice of the public hearing (“**Notice of Public Hearing**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, either in the text of the Notice of Rulemaking or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The Notice of Public Hearing shall include the following information:
 - (i) The date, time, and location of the public hearing; and
 - (ii) The name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing.

(11) Emergency Rule Adoption.

- (a) The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action or if the Legislature authorizes the District to adopt emergency rules. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District.
- (b) At the time or prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District shall post on its website a notice regarding its adoption of the emergency rule (the “**Notice of Emergency Rule**”) which includes the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The Notice of Emergency Rule shall thereafter be promptly published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located, and shall include the following information:

- (i) The full text of the rule(s); and
 - (ii) The District’s findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness or a citation to the grant of emergency rulemaking authority.
- (c) An emergency rule shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the District, or on a date less than twenty (20) days thereafter if specified in the emergency rule if the District finds that a later effective date is necessary because of immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. An emergency rule may not be effective for a period of more than ninety (90) days after adoption and may not be renewable, unless the District has initiated rulemaking to adopt rules addressing the subject of the emergency rule and either i) a challenge to the proposed rules has been filed and remains pending or ii) the proposed rules are awaiting ratification by the Legislature, if applicable. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the District from adopting a rule identical to the emergency rule through the non-emergency rulemaking procedures set forth in this Rule.
 - (i) If an emergency rule is being renewed in accordance with Section 11(d) of this Rule, notice of the renewal of the emergency rule (the “**Notice of Renewal of Emergency Rule**”) shall be published before the expiration of the existing emergency rule. The Notice of Renewal of Emergency Rule shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located and shall include the specific facts and reasons for such renewal.
 - (ii) For emergency rules with an effective period of longer than ninety (90) days which are intended to replace an existing rule, the Rulemaking Record for the existing rule, as required by Section 13 of this Rule, shall specifically identify the emergency rule that is intended to supersede the existing rule as well as the date that the emergency rule was adopted by the District.
- (d) The District may supersede an emergency rule in effect through the adoption of another emergency rule before the superseded rule expires. The District shall post on its website and publish a Notice of Emergency Rule, in accordance with Section 11(b) of this Rule, identifying the reason for adopting the superseding rule. The superseding rule shall not be in effect longer than the duration of the effective period of the superseded rule.

- (e) The District may make technical changes to an emergency rule within the first seven (7) days after the rule is adopted, and such changes shall be published in a Notice of Correction as set forth in Section 6(a) of this Rule.
 - (f) The District may repeal an emergency rule before it expires by publishing a notice (“**Notice of Repeal of Emergency Rule**”) in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The Notice of Repeal of Emergency Rule shall include the following information:
 - (i) The full text of the emergency rule and a summary thereof;
 - (ii) The rule number; and
 - (iii) A short and plain explanation as to why the conditions specified in the Notice of Emergency Rule no longer require the emergency rule.
- (12) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located.
- (13) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record (“**Rulemaking Record**”) which shall be on file with the District at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the proposed adoption date of the rule. The Rulemaking Record shall include, as applicable:
- (a) A copy of the rule;
 - (b) Any material incorporated by reference in the rule;
 - (c) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
 - (d) Any SERC for the rule, if required by Section 120.54(3)(b)1. of the Florida Statutes or otherwise prepared, and any information created or used by the District in determining whether a SERC is required;
 - (e) A statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards on rules on the same subject;

- (f) The Notice of Rule Development, Notice of Rulemaking, and notice(s) of any workshops held pursuant to Section 8 of this Rule; and
- (g) If an emergency rule is intended to supersede an existing rule, the emergency rule number and the date that the emergency rule was adopted by the District.

(14) Petitions to Challenge Rules.

- (a) Any person substantially affected by a proposed or existing rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
 - (i) A petition alleging the invalidity of a proposed rule shall be filed within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of Notice of Rulemaking, within ten (10) days after the final public hearing is held on the proposed rule; within twenty (20) days after the SERC or revised SERC has been prepared and made available as provided in Section 120.541(1)(d) of the Florida Statutes, if applicable; or within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of the Notice of Rule Withdrawal required by Section 7(c) of this Rule.
 - (ii) A petition alleging the invalidity of an existing rule may be filed at any time during which the rule is in effect.
- (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a proposed or existing rule is substantially affected by it. A person who is not substantially affected by the proposed rule as initially noticed, but who is substantially affected by the rule as a result of a change, may challenge any provision of the resulting proposed rule.
- (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within ten (10) days after receiving the petition, or seven (7) days if the challenge relates to an emergency rule, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within thirty (30) days thereafter, or fourteen (14) days if the challenge relates to an emergency rule, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be

presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.

- (d) At the hearing, the petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. For proposed rules, the petitioner has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that it would be substantially affected by the proposed rule, and the District has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed rule is not an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised. For existing rules, the petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. During the hearing, the hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
 - (iv) Enter orders; and
 - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
- (f) Within thirty (30) days after the hearing, or fourteen (14) days of the challenge relate to an emergency rule, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing. The hearing officer's order shall be considered final agency action. The hearing officer may declare all or part of a proposed or existing rule invalid. For a proposed rule, the proposed rule or provision thereof declared invalid shall not be adopted unless the decision of the hearing officer is reversed on appeal. In the event part of a proposed rule is declared invalid, the District may, in its sole discretion, withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. For an existing rule, the rule or part thereof declared invalid shall become void when the time for filing an appeal expires. In the event that a proposed or existing rule has been declared invalid in whole or part, the District shall promptly publish notice of such occurrence published in a newspaper of

general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located.

- (15) Variations and Waivers. A “**variance**” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “**waiver**” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variations and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variations and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, “**substantial hardship**” means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, “**principles of fairness**” are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;
 - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner’s written request, to process the petition.
 - (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely

requested additional material, or the petitioner’s written request to finish processing the petition. The District’s statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District’s action. The District shall maintain a record of the type and disposition of each petition filed.

- (16) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 120.54, 120.542, 120.56, 120.81(2)(b), 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.
- (3) Definitions.
 - (a) **“Competitive Solicitation”** means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
 - (b) **“Continuing Contract”** means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
 - (c) **“Contractual Service”** means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

- (d) **“Design-Build Contract”** means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.
- (e) **“Design-Build Firm”** means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) **“Design Criteria Package”** means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) **“Design Criteria Professional”** means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) **“Emergency Purchase”** means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods,

hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) **“Invitation to Bid”** is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) **“Invitation to Negotiate”** means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) **“Negotiate”** means to conduct legitimate, arm’s length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) **“Professional Services”** means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm’s or individual’s professional employment or practice.
- (m) **“Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District”** means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
 - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
 - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
 - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.

- (n) **“Purchase”** means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- (o) **“Request for Proposals”** or **“RFP”** is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) **“Responsive and Responsible Bidder”** means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. **“Responsive and Responsible Vendor”** means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;

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

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, “**Project**” means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.

- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm’s qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District’s Request for Qualifications.

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

- (3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices

to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Request for Qualifications. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory

agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.

- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. “**Auditing Services**” means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

- (1) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (3) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee (“**Committee**”), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.

- (2) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (3) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
 - (a) Minimum Qualifications. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

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

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

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

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

- (3) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (2) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (4) Request for Proposals. The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and place for submitting proposals, which may be submitted either electronically or via hard copy as determined by the District and provided for in

the RFP. For the avoidance of doubt, the Proposals shall not be required to be publicly opened at the date, time, and place provided for in the RFP relative to the submission of Proposals.

- (5) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.

- (6) Board Selection of Auditor.

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

- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.
 - (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (7) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be eight (8) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (8) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the RFP. The notice shall

include the following statement: “Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules,” or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

- (h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best

interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.

- (j) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
- (k) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Request for Qualifications. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(2) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

- (a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:
 - (i) One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
 - (ii) Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.

- (iii) The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
- (iv) The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
- (v) The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
- (vi) The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.
- (vii) The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension, revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.
- (viii) The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
- (ix) The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
- (x) The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
- (xi) An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.

(xii) The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.

1. The term “**contract crime**” means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.

2. The term “**convicted**” or “**conviction**” means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

(b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor’s bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

(c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.

(d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor’s obligations under any preexisting contract.

(e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor’s pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor’s conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor’s pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

(i) Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;

(ii) Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;

- (iii) Complaints from the public;
- (iv) Delay or interference with the bidding process;
- (v) The potential for repetition;
- (vi) Integrity of the public contracting process;
- (vii) Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

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

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

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

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative

is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the

Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.

- (k) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
 - (l) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
 - (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
 - (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

- (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
- (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
- (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
- (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:
- (2) Procedure.
 - (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
 - (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
 - (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed,

competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the project is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding

subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

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

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.

7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Design Criteria Package. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.

- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board shall require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond, or other acceptable surety, in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.

- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of “**goods, supplies, and materials**” do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county or counties in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

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

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

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

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

whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference of five (5) percent. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods,

supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum contract period including renewals of eight (8) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by e-mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

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

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

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is

determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.

- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all proposers by e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, hand delivery, or overnight delivery service. The District may alternatively post the notice of intent to award on its website at the conclusion of the Board meeting where the proposals were evaluated if so provided for in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum contract period including renewals of eight (8) years.
- (5) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.

- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

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

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

(1) Filing.

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.

- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award or after posting on the District's website if so provided for in the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.

- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount and form of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.
 - (d) The District does not accept documents filed by e-mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
 - (3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via e-mail (with a delivery and read receipt), United States Mail, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
 - (4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
 - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;

- (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
- (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
- (d) Enter orders; and
- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

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

- (5) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (6) Judicial Review. A party who is adversely affected by final District action is entitled to judicial review. Judicial review shall be sought in the county where the District is located. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing a notice of appeal or petition for review in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure within thirty (30) calendar days after the rendition of the decision being appealed. The filing of an appeal does not itself stay enforcement of the final District decision. Judicial review of any District action shall be confined to the record transmitted. The record for judicial review shall be compiled in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Failure to file a notice of appeal or petition for review within the time prescribed herein shall constitute a waiver of judicial review proceedings.
- (7) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

- (8) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 120.69(2)(a), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, 2026, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2026-06

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Blackwell Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Pasco County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District’s records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s local records office shall be located at:

LOCATION: _____

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

BLACKWELL

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BLACKWELL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RATIFICATION

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KOLTERLAND

Contractor Agreement

Effective Date:	October 9, 2025		
Owner:	Full Legal Company Name: RLS-KL Blackwell LLC, a Delaware limited liability company		
	Address: 14025 Riveredge Drive, Suite 175		Phone: 813-615-1244
	City: Tampa		Fax: 813-615-1461
	State: FL	Zip: 33637	Email: OBudorick@brookfieldkolter.com
	Authorized Representative: Owen Budorick		Cell Phone: 708-308-3948
Contractor:	Full Legal Company Name: RIPA & Associates LLC		
	Vendor Number: Click here to enter text.		
	Contractor State License No.: Click here to enter text.		
	Contractor County License No.: Click here to enter text.		
	Contractor City License No.: Click here to enter text.		
	Federal Employer I.D. No.: Click here to enter text.		
	Address: 1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite 1		Phone: 813-623-6777
	City: Tampa		Fax: 813-663-6722
	State: FL	Zip: 33619	Email: lkatzman@ripaconstruction.com
	Authorized Representative: Lori Katzman		Cell Phone: 727-686-3932
Project:	Blackwell – RIPA & Associates – Phase 1 & 2		
Project HOA Entity:	Full Legal Company Name: Click here to enter text.		
Project Location:	County: Pasco	State: Florida	Zip: Click here to enter text.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and codes, including without limitation those relating to anti-bribery and anti-corruption, including without limitation the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 and Bribery Act 2010, each as amended (the "Relevant Requirements"). At any time when requested by the Owner, Contractor shall certify in writing that Contractor is and at all times has been in compliance with all Relevant Requirements. The Owner may terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice to Contract if Contractor is, or Owner reasonably suspects that Contractor, is not in compliance with the Relevant Requirements.

- Parties; Effective Date.** This Contractor Agreement ("Agreement") is between the above-identified Owner and Contractor, and is effective on the Effective Date set forth above. The above-identified Owner shall be deemed a third party beneficiary of this Agreement with respect to any provision of this Agreement that benefits Project Owner. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Affiliate" means any person or entity that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with Owner or Contractor. As used in this definition "control" (including, with correlative meanings, "controlled by" and "under common control with") shall mean possession, directly or indirectly, of power to

direct or cause the direction of management or policies (whether through ownership of securities or other ownership interest, by contract or otherwise). Owner and Contractor shall collectively be referred to in this Agreement as the "Parties".

See Schedule "1" for All Plans Specifications

Purpose of Agreement.

- 1.1 This Agreement is a "LUMP SUM" Agreement and sets forth the terms under which Owner may request and Contractor shall provide, as an independent contractor, certain labor, skills and supervision (collectively the "Work") to Owner in connection with the above-identified Project. Work includes all related procurement of materials, supplies, labor, and equipment (collectively the "Materials and Labor") included with and/or used in connection with Work, and/or designated by Owner in Specifications for the Project to complete the Project in substantial conformance with plans and specifications as enumerated on Schedule "1" attached hereto. Contractor acknowledges that there is no guarantee of any amount of Work to be awarded under this Agreement but to the extent any Work is agreed to, the terms of this Agreement shall control. The intent of the Parties is to have the contractual terms agreed to in this Agreement so that the Parties can focus solely on the specific business terms of any Work.
- 1.2 Contractor agrees to be bound to Owner by the terms of this Agreement and shall assume towards Owner all the obligations and responsibilities, including the responsibility for safety of the Work. Moreover, nothing in this Agreement shall prejudice or impair the rights of Owner. Additionally, Contractor agrees that nothing in any contract between Contractor and any Contractor shall prejudice or impair the rights of Owner contained in this Agreement.
2. **Agreement Documents.**
 - 2.1 This Agreement consists of: (a) this Agreement, which defines the basic terms and conditions of the relationship between the parties; (b); Exhibits and schedules attached to this Agreement; and (c) any amendments agreed to in writing between the parties pursuant to this Agreement ((a) through (c) collectively, shall be referred to herein as the "Agreement Documents"). The provisions of the Agreement Documents shall, to the extent possible, be interpreted consistently, and in a manner as to avoid conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency by and between the Agreement Documents, the greater or more stringent requirement shall apply, but in the event this does not resolve such a dispute, the following order of precedence shall apply: (i) Amendments to this Agreement; (ii) Exhibits to this Agreement; and (iii) the terms of this Agreement. Exhibits and schedules attached to this Agreement consist of: Schedule "1" "List of Plans And Specifications; Exhibit A – Trade Specific Scope of Work; Exhibit B – General Conditions; Exhibit C – Site Safety Rules; Exhibit D – Emergency Action Plan; Exhibit E – Insurance Requirements; Exhibit F – Partial Waiver & Release of Lien; and Exhibit G – Final Waiver & Release of Lien.
 - 2.2 **THIS AGREEMENT AND THE DOCUMENTS SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE REPRESENT THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR AND SUPERSEDE PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, AGREEMENTS - EITHER WRITTEN OR ORAL. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROPOSALS, QUOTATIONS, DELIVERY TICKETS, INVOICES, WORK ORDERS AND OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY MADE A PART OF THIS AGREEMENT, SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE. ANY AND ALL TERMS OF ANY CONTRACTOR QUOTATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, INVOICES OR OTHER CONTRACTOR DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THE PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE IDENTIFIED ABOVE, ARE HEREBY CANCELLED AND RENDERED NULL AND VOID TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT AND/OR INCONSISTENCY, AND THIS AGREEMENT WILL CONTROL. THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE AMENDED ONLY BY A WRITTEN MODIFICATION SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES.**
3. **Ordering Process.**

- 3.1 During the term of this Agreement, Owner may make available Specifications and related documents and information to Contractor related to the Project, and request from Contractor a bid or proposal for Work for the Project. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Specifications" includes all plans, reports, drawings, sketches, renderings, specifications, option lists, and other related documents in connection with the Project, as enumerated on Schedule "1" of the Agreement, including all revisions thereto made throughout the progress of the Project.
- 3.2 If requested, Contractor may submit a bid or proposal to Owner in connection with the Project, in which case Contractor: (a) represents and warrants that it has inspected the Project jobsite, if necessary, has found the Project jobsite available and accessible, and has reviewed the Specifications and related documents and information for the Project in formulating and preparing its bid or proposal; (b) shall identify all suppliers, subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, engineers, agents, consultants and/or other persons from whom Contractor proposes to purchase and/or to contract for necessary Work, Materials and Labor required by Contractor for the Project and any other entity under the direction of Contractor (collectively, "Contractor's Agents"); (c) shall provide any information requested by Owner, including, without limitation, detailed take-offs, Material specifications and literature, quantities, unit costs, labor costs and hours, submittals, shop drawings, insurance costs and other overhead and (d) represents and warrants that it has investigated and confirmed that its proposed Work complies with all applicable local, state and federal ordinances, laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to building codes, safety laws, all occupational safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (collectively, "Applicable Laws"), or has brought to the immediate attention of Owner in writing any portion of the Work that does not so comply.
- 3.3 Contractor agrees that all Specifications, including copies thereof, are the property of Owner and are not to be used on other work or given to other parties, except as required for the Work or when permitted by an officer of Owner in writing. Owner shall be deemed the author and owner of the Specifications and shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including copyright. All Specifications shall be returned to Owner upon completion of the Work.
- 3.4 During the term of this Agreement, Owner may make available to Contractor: (a) notice to proceed and/or change orders; (b) Specifications, to the extent such Specifications are relevant to the Work; and/or (c) the schedule for the Project, including, but not limited to the Work to be performed by Contractor, that is prepared by Owner and provided to Contractor ("Construction Schedule"). A Construction Schedule may be delivered to Contractor, posted at the Project jobsite and/or published from time to time in electronic format. Any other notice by Owner under this Agreement may be written and/or electronic and may be placed in person by mail, fax, email and/or by or through any other media or mode of communication selected by Owner.
- 3.5 **Acceptance of Work.** If Contractor commences performance of the Work, with or without a fully executed Agreement, it will be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If Contractor commences Work without a fully executed Agreement, it shall do so at its own risk and cost.
- 3.6 Items of Work or Materials omitted from Contractor's bid or proposal that are clearly inferable from the Specifications presented by Owner shall be performed by Contractor and shall be deemed to be part of the Work, at no additional cost to Owner. The description of Work to be performed by Contractor shall not be deemed to limit the obligations of Contractor. Contractor shall immediately notify Owner in writing of any discrepancy, error, conflict or omission discovered by Contractor or Contractor's Agents in the Specifications at any time.
- 3.7 Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this is a non-exclusive agreement and that nothing herein constitutes a promise, guarantee, representation or commitment of any minimum or specified number of opportunities or that any Work shall be issued to Contractor hereunder.
4. **Initiation of Work.**
- 4.1 Contractor shall perform all Work described in the Specifications in accordance with this Agreement. Time is of the essence in connection with all of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

- 4.2 Contractor represents and warrants that it shall be properly authorized to do business in any jurisdiction where it shall perform Work, and that it shall be properly licensed by all necessary governmental authorities for the Work contemplated by this Agreement. Contractor shall, at its sole cost, obtain all permits required for Contractor to perform Work, other than general building permits, which shall be provided by Owner. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain current copies of all licenses and certificates of competency required by all jurisdictions where Contractor shall perform Work, and to provide to and maintain with Owner current copies of these documents to Owner before commencement of Work, and continually throughout the course of the Project should any of these change in any manner.
- 4.3 Contractor shall have no authority to commence Work at any location of the Project until Contractor has received written notice to proceed from Owner for the specific location.
- 4.4 Contractor represents and warrants that, prior to commencing Work on the Project initially, or at any subsequent time, it shall have:
- (a) thoroughly inspected the then-current state of the Project jobsite and reviewed the latest version of the Specifications and Construction Schedules for the Project, it being Contractor's responsibility to stay informed regarding all changes in the jobsite, Specifications and Construction Schedules throughout the course of the Project;
 - (b) ascertained the jobsite conditions to be encountered in the performance of the Work, including verifications of all grades, measurements and the locations of all existing utilities;
 - (c) inspected all curbs, landscaping, common areas, walks, drives and streets, and reported any damage to Owner (damage found later may be charged to Contractor);
 - (d) verified that all Work, storage and access areas and surfaces related to or adjoining the Work are satisfactory for the commencement of the Work. The commencement of the Work by Contractor shall be deemed as Contractor's acceptance of the jobsite and all access and storage areas; and
 - (e) notified Owner, in writing, of any discrepancy, error, conflict or omission discovered by Contractor at the jobsite, in regards to the Specifications and/or work of others.
- 4.5 Contractor shall inspect the Project prior to beginning its Work. If any problems, vandalism, damage, differences from the Specifications, and/or irregularities in components, which are unacceptable exist as to pre-existing work, Contractor shall promptly notify Owner so that these items are corrected prior to Contractor beginning its Work. Commencement of any Work to be performed by Contractor constitutes an affirmation by Contractor that, to the best of Contractor's knowledge, the work which preceded Contractor's Work has been completed in a proper and acceptable fashion. In no event should the Contractor be entitled to claim extra compensation as a result of unacceptable surface and/or areas unless same has been reported in writing prior to commencement of work. Thereafter, if any incorrect work by others preceding performance by Contractor necessitates all or a portion of Contractor's Work to be revised or replaced (as determined by Owner in its sole and absolute discretion), the costs of the same shall be borne by Contractor, and such Work shall be subject to Owner's review and acceptance. In addition, Contractor shall be liable and responsible to Owner if Contractor's Work results in problems, defects and/or delays in the work of other Contractors or Contractors. The completion of any portion of the Work constitutes a warranty on Contractor's part that such portion of the Work is in accordance with all provisions of the Agreement Documents and all Applicable Laws. To the extent all or any portion of the Work fails to meet the foregoing standard, Contractor shall have 48 hours after learning of (or receiving notice of) such failure to begin curing the failure and any damage caused thereby. To the extent Contractor fails to begin the cure within such 48 hour period, or thereafter fails to proceed diligently, then Owner may, in addition to any other remedies set forth in the Agreement Documents, complete any and all Work it deems necessary and may set off any amounts spent against amounts owed to Contractor by Owner or any of their Affiliates. Furthermore, to the extent that such amounts are insufficient to compensate Owner for monies spent, then Contractor shall remit such deficit to Owner within 5 days of request therefore by Owner.

5. Performance and Progress of Work.

- 5.1 The Contractor has prepared and provided a Construction Schedule (the "Schedule") (**Exhibit I**) for the Project. The Schedule includes a "Substantial Completion" date for these improvements. Should Contractor fail to meet this completion date, Owner has the right to subtract Liquidated Damages Amounts as outlined in Section 5.10.

The Schedule also include a "Final Completion" date for the improvements. Should Contractor fail to meet this completion date, Owner has the right to subtract Liquidated Damage Amounts as outlined in Section 5.10.

- 5.2 From time to time Owner may issue instructions to Contractor identifying the Work to be performed at each specific location within the Project, and establishing a Construction Schedule for that portion of the Work. Contractor must review the Construction Schedule daily to verify, prior to commencing any Work any changes to the Construction Schedule and that the correct Materials, colors, options, and elevations are being used, as well as confirming that the schedule is current. Owner may amend the Construction Schedule for the Project from time to time by giving Contractor written notice of the new Construction Schedule, revised Specifications or specific Project jobsite conditions. Owner may also direct that certain parts of the Work be prosecuted in preference to others in order to maintain the progress of the Project.

- 5.3 Upon request, Contractor shall identify to Owner in writing all suppliers and other persons from whom Contractor proposes to purchase or to contract with or has purchased from or contracted with for necessary Materials, Work and other items which may be required by Contractor to fully perform its obligations hereunder. Contractor shall furnish, at its own cost and expense, all Work, Materials, and Labor and equipment to perform Work in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Contractor shall have the necessary personnel available to meet the Construction Schedule, including but not limited to personnel necessary to maintain the Construction Schedule due to any weather delays. Contractor shall pay all taxes, royalties and license fees applicable to Materials furnished by Contractor in the performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall secure and pay for all government approvals, if necessary, for the incorporation of Materials into the Project. Should Contractor use Owner's equipment or facilities, Contractor shall reimburse Owner at a pre-determined rate prior to the use thereof.

- 5.4 Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all provisions and requirements of the local jurisdiction within which the Project is located, including, but not limited to, those relating to construction noise. Unless otherwise specified by Owner, construction, alteration, or repair activities which are authorized by a valid permit shall be allowed between the hours permitted by the jurisdiction in which the Project is located. On weekends and federal holidays, construction shall be allowed only upon receipt of a weekend/holiday work permit from the local jurisdiction, if required, by its ordinances and/or any applicable homeowner's association rules. Contractor shall have the option, at its own cost, to provide and maintain feasible noise control measures. If mitigation is not feasible, then Work shall be scheduled during the hours when residents shall be least affected, at no additional cost to Owner. If blasting activities are required to perform the Work, Contractor shall conduct the blasting activities in compliance with all Applicable Laws. Contractor shall submit blasting plans to the local jurisdiction for review and obtain approval prior to commencing any on-site or off-site blasting activities.

- 5.5 Contractor shall perform all Work in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor shall coordinate its Work with Owner and other Contractors and sub-Contractors of Owner and/or other contractors so that there will be no delay or interference with the Work being performed by Owner and its Contractors. Contractor shall perform all Work promptly and efficiently and without delaying other work on the Project. Contractor agrees to remedy promptly, at its expense and to the satisfaction of the Owner, and all governmental bodies and agencies having jurisdiction, all defects in its Work (including replacement of defective materials where such materials have been furnished by Contractor or its suppliers) which appear within the Warranty Period (as defined in Section 12.2 of this Agreement). In addition to the foregoing and not by way of limitation thereof, Contractor agrees to repair or replace, to the satisfaction of the Owner and all governmental bodies and agencies having jurisdiction, any of its Work and Materials and any Work and/or Materials of others that are damaged as a result of improper or defective work or materials furnished by

Contractor or those working under Contractor, which appear within the Warranty Period. If Contractor should fail or refuse to prosecute the Work properly and diligently or fail to perform any provisions of this Agreement, and should any such failure or refusal continue for 24 hours, or other legally required times, after notice to Contractor, then such failure shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Such breach shall entitle Owner to immediately terminate this Agreement and remedy the situation with all Costs being borne by Contractor.

- 5.6 Owner shall have no liability to Contractor if any other laborer, supplier, sub-contractor or Contractor fails to comply with its respective Construction Schedule thereby delaying the progress of the Work of Contractor or Contractor's Agents. Contractor expressly agrees not to make, and hereby waives, any and all monetary claims for damages against Owner caused by any delay for any cause whatsoever, even those delays caused by Owner and those delays for which Owner may otherwise be liable. Contractor acknowledges that an extension of time shall be its sole and exclusive remedy in this regard. Should the Contractor be delayed in the prosecution of any Work solely by the acts of Owner or by a Force Majeure Event, the time allowed for completion of the Work shall be extended by the number of days that Contractor has been thus delayed, but no allowance or extension shall be made unless a claim therefore is presented in writing to Owner immediately upon the onset of such delay. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Force Majeure Event" shall mean any delay caused by any condition beyond the reasonable control of either Owner or Contractor, including, without limitation, an act of God; flood or other severe weather; war; embargo; fire or other casualty; the intervention of any governmental authority unrelated to any act or failure to act by the party claiming the Force Majeure Event; any act of terrorism or sabotage; and/or a civil riot.
- 5.7 Contractor shall give Owner immediate written notice if Contractor foresees, experiences and/or is advised of any constraint, shortage or insufficiency in the supply of any Materials, labor or other items necessary for Contractor to timely perform its obligations under this Agreement. The giving of such notice shall not excuse Contractor from its obligations hereunder. In the event of any such constraint, shortage or insufficiency, Contractor shall, at its own cost and expense: (a) use its best efforts to promptly resolve any such constraint, shortage or insufficiency and increase its forces, or work such overtime or expedite the delivery of Materials as may be required to bring its Work into compliance with applicable requirements; and (b) provide Owner with priority of supply and labor over any other customer of Contractor, at no additional cost to Owner. In addition, Owner may, at its sole discretion and option, locate, order and take delivery of the affected Materials directly from the manufacturer or an alternative supplier. If Owner exercises this option, then Contractor shall reimburse Owner for all of its Costs associated therewith, and Owner may, on a going forward basis, continue to order and take delivery of the affected Materials directly from the manufacturer or an alternative supplier. Owner may also, at its sole discretion and option, utilize labor from a different Contractor to perform the Work.
- 5.8 Contractor shall make no changes in the Work to be performed by it including but not limited to additions, deletions or substitutions, nor shall Contractor perform any additional Work, without the prior written consent of Owner, it being understood that Contractor shall receive no sums in addition to the agreed to price for Work set forth in the Agreement ("Work Price"), and no extension in the Construction Schedule, without first obtaining such prior written consent of Owner. Any authorizations for changes in Work required to be performed by Contractor, including performance of additional Work, shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement and shall be upon such written forms as agreed to by Owner and Contractor. Should Owner so request, Contractor shall perform such additional Work so long as Owner agrees in writing to pay Contractor the specified cost of such additional Work together with Contractor's reasonable overhead and profit attributable thereto. Failure of Contractor to perform such additional Work shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement by Contractor, and any dispute concerning the performance of such additional Work, the amount to be paid Contractor by Owner and/or any adjustment in the Construction Schedule shall not affect Contractor's obligation to perform such additional Work. Touchup work, punch-list work and/or minor patching is considered a part of the Work, and shall not be considered additional Work.
- 5.9 If Contractor is delayed (such delay must be a critical path delay) at any time in the progress of the Work by any act of neglect of Owner, or by any agent or contractor employed by Owner, or by changes ordered in the scope of the Work, or by fire, adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, or any other causes beyond the control of Contractor, then the required completion date or duration set forth in the Construction

Schedule shall be extended by the amount of time that Contractor shall have been delayed thereby, subject to Contractor taking all reasonable measures to mitigate the effects of such delay. However, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner and their agents and employees shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage sustained by Contractor, or additional costs incurred by Contractor, resulting from a delay caused by Owner, or their Contractors, agents or employees, or any other contractor, or supplier, or by abnormal weather conditions, or by any other cause, and Contractor agrees that the sole right and remedy therefore shall be an extension of time. Additionally:

- (a) Contractor must submit any claim for an extension of time to Owner in writing before the completion of their task and Owner must respond with its response to the request for an extension of time, which shall be at the Owner's sole discretion. Contractor's failure to give such written notice to Owner shall deprive Contractor of its right to claim an extension of time and any damages or additional costs incurred by Contractor resulting from such delay. The giving of such notice shall not in and of itself establish the validity of the cause of delay or of the extension of time to remedy the delay. When referenced in this Agreement, working days are defined as Monday through Friday, and exclude weekends and holidays.
- (b) In the event a court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that this provision is inapplicable or unenforceable for any reason, then Contractor's sole right and remedy shall be the amount received by Owner from the party causing the delay on behalf of the Contractor for each day it is actually delayed by any act or neglect of Owner, or by any agent or contractor employed by Owner, or by changes ordered in the scope of the Work, or by fire, adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, or any other causes beyond the control of Contractor. Contractor waives any claim for consequential damages against Owner arising out of or related to the Project and/or this Agreement, including but not limited to loss or use, income, profit, financing, bonding capacity, and/or office overhead.

5.10 Should Contractor fail to perform any of its obligations as provided in this Section 5, then Owner shall have the right to subtract the amounts (the "Liquidated Damage Amount(s)") specified in this Section 6 from all sums due to Contractor (whether or not such sums are related to this Project or Agreement) and retain such Liquidated Damage Amounts as liquidated damages under this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the damages resulting to Owner as a result of the default by Contractor under this Section 6 shall not be subject to specific ascertainment and therefore the provision herein for liquidated damages is incorporated as a benefit to both parties. This provision for liquidated damages is a bona fide damage provision and is not a penalty. The following additional Liquidated Damage Amounts shall also apply to the following events:

- (a) Should Contractor not show up for Work, the Liquidated Damage Amount shall be \$1,000.00 per day.
- (b) Should Contractor fail to perform as outlined in this section 5, the Liquidated Damage Amount shall be \$1,000.00 per day.

The Liquidated Damage Amounts apply only to a breach by Contractor of this Section 6 and shall not limit any other damage remedies provided in the Agreement, except with respect to this Section.

6. Receipt and Protection of Materials; Protection of Work.

6.1 If requested or provided, Contractor and Owner shall sign-off on detailed take-offs provided by Contractor and/or Owner. Once Contractor has signed-off on a take-off, Contractor shall be solely responsible to meet the expectations provided for in the applicable take-off, and no adjustments in the take-off and/or changes to prices charged by Contractor hereunder shall be permitted without Owner's prior express written consent. Contractor shall not over utilize or waste Materials or exceed specifications pursuant to the take-off. In the

event of over utilization or waste, Contractor shall be responsible to obtain or procure Materials at Contractor's own expense to complete the Project.

- 6.2 All Materials placed onsite, delivered to and accepted by Contractor, and/or transported by Contractor to and from the jobsite, shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of Contractor. It shall be the duty and responsibility of Contractor to accept or reject all such Materials. Failure of Materials to conform to the Specifications shall be cause for rejection, and Contractor shall not install or use any damaged Materials.
- 6.3 Contractor shall keep, store and maintain all Materials in good order. Contractor shall take commercially reasonable efforts to protect all Materials from damage, theft and/or loss and to protect the Work to be performed by Contractor, and shall at all times be solely responsible for the good condition thereof until final completion of the Work.
- 6.4 Contractor assumes all responsibility and expense for Contractor's Materials and/or tools lost, damaged or stolen at the Project jobsite. Contractor shall protect all property adjacent to that upon which it is performing Work and the property, work and materials of other Contractors and sub-contractors from injury arising out of Contractor's Work. In no event shall Owner be responsible for loss or damage to the Work or Materials belonging to, supplied to, or under the control of Contractor (except as a direct result of the intentional acts of Owner), and Contractor shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from any such claims. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that Owner owes no duty to protect Contractor's Work, Materials or tools, and if Owner uses the services of any security service that such services are for Owner's exclusive benefit and that Contractor shall not rely upon such services.
- 6.5 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor shall take all precautions and actions that may be appropriate, whether or not requested by Owner, to protect Materials and/or Work during a predicted natural disaster, e.g., tornado, hurricane, severe thunderstorm.
- 6.6 Contractor shall be responsible for any defect in the Work or damages, theft or loss of Materials caused by or resulting from its failure to adequately and properly protect such Work or Materials. Contractor shall be fully liable and responsible to Owner for all Costs associated with any damage, loss, theft and/or vandalism resulting from Contractor's failure to fully comply with the terms of this Section.

7. Quality, Inspection and Correction of Work.

- 7.1 Contractor is solely responsible for the finished quality of its Work. Contractor shall make efficient use of all labor and Materials for the Project, and shall perform the Work in a good and workmanlike manner, free of defects, in compliance with the Agreement, Applicable Laws, and all manufacturers' recommendations, installation guidelines and specifications, and to the satisfaction of Owner. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all Work to be performed by Contractor shall meet or exceed the highest standards of the industry for the type of Work being performed in the same geographic area.
- 7.2 Contractor shall thoroughly inspect all of its Work and Materials for quality and completion. Contractor shall schedule all inspections relative to its Work and shall perform any tests necessary, if required, to receive inspection approval. Contractor shall pay all re-inspection fees. In addition, Owner may from time to time hire third party inspectors, and Contractor shall cooperate with such inspectors and make corrective Work they require, at no additional cost to Owner.
- 7.3 Contractor shall promptly correct all Work which Owner, in its sole discretion, deems to be deficient or defective, or as failing to conform to this Agreement and Contractor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected Work without any increase in the Work Price. Owner may nullify any previous approval of Work if it subsequently determines that the Work is defective or non-compliant. In addition, Contractor shall, within 1 business day after receiving notice from Owner, take down all portions of the Work and remove same which Owner rejects as unsound or improper, and Contractor shall make repair or replace all Work and/or Materials rejected, at Contractor's sole expense.

7.4 Should Owner exercise any of its options, remedies or rights granted it pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, in the event of any material failure of performance or breach by Contractor, Owner at its sole election may, but shall not be obligated so to do: (a) use any Materials, supplies, tools or equipment on the jobsite that belong to Contractor to complete the Work required to be completed by Contractor, whether such Work is completed by Owner or by others, and Contractor agrees that it shall not remove such Materials, supplies, tools and equipment from the jobsite unless directed in writing by Owner to do so; (b) eject Contractor from the jobsite; and/or (c) enforce any or all of the agreements that Contractor has with Contractor's Agents; true and complete copies of which (including all modifications and change orders) shall be provided immediately upon Owner's request. In exercising its rights under this Section 8.4(c), Owner shall only be acting as the authorized agent of Contractor and Owner shall not incur any independent obligation in connection therewith.

8. Labor Matters.

8.1 In the performance of Work under a Purchase Order, Contractor shall only employ qualified persons to perform Work on the Project, shall not employ any person, who is disorderly, unreliable or otherwise unsatisfactory, and shall immediately remove or replace any such person upon notice from Owner. In connection with performance of the Work, Contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and/or any other protected class or status.

8.2 Contractor shall maintain labor harmony on the Project jobsite, and shall not employ any persons, means, Materials or equipment which may cause strikes, work stoppages or any disturbances of Contractor's Agents, Owner and/or any other Contractor or sub-contractor on the Project. Contractor shall perform Work with labor that is compatible with that of other Contractors performing work at the Project jobsite, and Contractor shall exercise all due diligence to overcome any strike or other labor dispute or action. Any strike or other labor difficulties shall not be considered a "Force Majeure Event" for the purposes of this Agreement, if such labor difficulties are caused by the action or inaction of Contractor.

8.3 Contractor is solely responsible for the verification of each of its employee's and Contractor's Agent's eligibility to work legally in the United States. Contractor represents and warrants that: (a) Contractor's employees and Contractor's Agents shall all be eligible to work legally in the United States, (b) Contractor will timely obtain, review and retain all documentation required by Applicable Law(s) to ensure that each of its employees and each of Contractor's Agents is eligible to work legally in the United States; (c) Contractor shall comply with all Applicable Laws and other governmentally required procedures and requirements with respect to work eligibility, including all verifications and affirmation requirements; and (d) Contractor shall not knowingly or negligently hire, use, or permit to be hired or used, any person not eligible to work legally in the United States in the performance of Contractor's Work.

9. General Environmental Compliance

9.1 Contractor and Contractor's Agents shall fully comply with all applicable federal, state and local environmental and natural resource laws, rules and regulations. Contractor shall solely be responsible for and shall defend, protect, indemnify and hold Owner harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, penalties, attorney and consultant fees and costs, and damages, including, without limitation, consequential damages, arising from or related to Contractor's or Contractor's Agents' failure to comply with any federal, state and local environmental and natural resource laws, rules, and regulations, including ordinances and policies.

9.2 Contractor is solely responsible for the proper use, storage and handling of all Materials, including but not limited to potential pollutants, used in Contractor's and Contractor's Agents' Work, and for the generation, handling and disposal of all wastes resulting from Contractor's and Contractor's Agents' Work, in full compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. In addition, Contractor shall immediately notify Owner if Contractor or Contractor's Agents generate more than 100 kilograms of hazardous waste in any one month onsite.

- 9.3 Contractor and Contractor's Agents must not cause any unpermitted impacts to wetlands, waters or designated protected areas, whether on or off the jobsite.
- 9.4 Contractor and Contractor's Agents must minimize any vehicle or equipment fueling, washing, maintenance or repair on the jobsite and such activities should not result in run-off or releases onto the ground or off the jobsite or into a storm water management or conveyance system.
- 9.5 Contractor will take immediate steps, at Contractor's sole expense, to remediate in full compliance with and to the full extent required by Applicable Laws, rules and regulations, any release or discharge by Contractor of any hazardous or other regulated substance, whether on or off the jobsite while acting on behalf of or within the scope of its Work for Owner.
- 9.6 In the event that Contractor fails to correct any non-compliance with this Section after written notice from Owner, Owner may, without assuming any liability therefore, correct such non-compliance and charge the Costs of such correction to Contractor, through setoff of any amount which may be due Contractor under this or any other agreement, or otherwise, including, but not limited to repair and remediation Costs, and penalties and fines for noncompliance. In the event that there is not enough value of the Agreement remaining to allow the Owner to setoff against any sums due Contractor as a result of such non-compliance, then Contractor agrees to fully reimburse Owner the Costs of such correction immediately upon notice by Owner.

10. Storm Water Management.

- 10.1 Contractor shall comply with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, (the "Clean Water Act" or "CWA"), and all federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies relating to storm water pollution, sedimentation control and erosion control. Owner, if applicable to the Work, in accordance with Paragraph 402(p) of the CWA, which establishes a framework for regulating storm water discharges under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Program, has or will developed an erosion, sedimentation and storm water pollution control and prevention plan (a "SWPPP") for the Project in order to control erosion and storm water discharges and to prevent certain non-storm water discharges. Contractor and Contractor's Agents shall at all times comply with the NPDES Permit(s) and the SWPPP. Contractor shall solely be responsible for and shall irrevocably defend, protect, indemnify and hold Owner harmless from and against any and all past, present or future claims of any kind or nature, at law or in equity (including, without limitation, claims for personal injury, property damage or environmental remediation or restoration), losses, costs, penalties, obligations, attorney and consultant fees and costs, and damages, including, without limitation, consequential, special, exemplary and punitive damages contingent or otherwise, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseeable or unforeseeable, arising from or in any way related to Contractor's or Contractor's Agents' failure to comply with the Clean Water Act, any federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including ordinances and policies, relating to storm water pollution and erosion and sedimentation control and/or the SWPPP as they may be applicable to the Work. Such failures shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
- 10.2 Contractor shall designate a Contractor employee representative with authority from Contractor to oversee, instruct, and direct Contractor's employees and Contractor's Agents regarding compliance with the requirements of the CWA and any federal, state or local laws, regulations or ordinances relating to storm water pollution or erosion control and the requirements of the SWPPP for the Project. Prior to commencing Work at the Project or within a reasonable time after, the designated Contractor representative shall contact Owner's jobsite Project Manager to request information on storm water management at the Project. Contractor and Contractor's Agents shall review prior to commencing Work on the jobsite, and shall abide by at all times, all storm water and jobsite orientation materials and direction provided by Owner to Contractor, and as may be required by the CWA, any federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances, or policies relating to storm water pollution or erosion control, and the SWPPP, shall file all notifications, plans and forms required by the CWA, any federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances, or policies relating to storm water pollution or erosion control, and the SWPPP. Contractor is responsible for circulating information provided by Owner regarding storm water management to its employees and Contractor's Agents who will be working on the Project.

- 10.3** Contractor shall require Contractor's Agents to immediately notify Contractor and Owner of any source pollutants that Contractor's Agents intend to use on the jobsite that are not identified in the SWPPP, and shall require that each of Contractor's Agents on the Project immediately notify Contractor and Owner of any corrections or recommended changes to the SWPPP that would reduce or eliminate the discharge of pollutants and/or sediments from the jobsite. Further, neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's Agents shall discharge any prohibited non-storm water discharges to storm water systems or from the jobsite. If requested by Owner, Contractor shall annually or at the completion of the Work, certify that the Work was performed in compliance with the requirements of the CWA, any federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances, or policies relating to storm water pollution or erosion control, and the SWPPP.
- 10.4** Contractor acknowledges that periodic changes may have to be made to the SWPPP during the progress of the Work, and Contractor shall at all times comply with, and shall require that Contractor's Agents at all times comply with, the most current version of the SWPPP. Contractor and Contractor's Agents shall use best efforts to comply with the SWPPP practices and procedures, including, without limitation, the "best management practices," and Contractor shall implement "best management practices" to control erosion and sedimentation and to prevent the discharge of pollutants including sediments. Contractor shall ensure that all of Contractor's and Contractor's Agent's personnel are appropriately trained in the appropriate "best management practices", and trained to comply with the SWPPP and with all Applicable Laws and regulations.
- 10.5** Contractor shall immediately notify Owner if it observes, discovers and/or becomes aware of (i) any spill of any hazardous or toxic substance or material or other pollutants on the jobsite, (ii) any discharge of any hazardous or toxic substance or material or other pollutants into or on the jobsite which leaves the jobsite or is capable of being washed from the jobsite during a rain event, (iii) any failure by any party to comply with the requirements of the SWPPP, the Clean Water Act, and/or any federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances, or policies relating to storm water pollution or erosion control, and (iv) any damage to or failure of a "best management practice" or any other stormwater or erosion control measure. Contractor shall retain all records relating to the SWPPP, the CWA, and any federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances, or policies relating to storm water pollution or erosion control, and any and all violations of the same for a period of 5 years following completion of the Project, or longer as required by Applicable Law.
- 10.6** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Owner shall have the right, but not the obligation, to immediately remedy any violation of the CWA, any federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances, or policies relating to storm water pollution or erosion and sedimentation control, and/or the SWPPP for which Contractor is responsible, without the necessity of providing Contractor with any notice or right to cure. Should Owner remedy any such violation, Owner shall have the right to back-charge Contractor for the Costs to remedy the violation. Conversely, Owner shall have the right, in Owner's sole and absolute discretion, to require Contractor to reimburse Owner for the Costs incurred by Owner to remedy such violation and/or for fines or penalties paid for such violation, and unless Contractor reimburses Owner for such Costs within 10 days after receiving Owner's written request for payment of the same, Contractor will be in default of this Agreement, and Owner shall have all rights and remedies available to Owner as a result of a Contractor default. Nothing in this Section 11.6 shall limit or modify in any way Contractor's obligations or Owner's rights under Section 11.1.

11. Liens/Waiver of Liens

- 11.1** Contractor will pay when due, all claims for labor and/or Materials furnished to the Project as part of the Work, and all claims made by any benefit trust fund pursuant to any collective bargaining agreement to which Contractor may be bound, to prevent the filing of any mechanics' lien, material suppliers' lien, construction lien, stop notice or bond claim or any attachments, levies, garnishments, or suits (collectively "Liens") involving the Project or Contractor. Contractor agrees within 5 days after notice, to take whatever action is necessary to terminate the effect of any Liens, including, but not limited to, filing or recording a release or

lien bond. Contractor may litigate any Liens, provided Contractor causes the effect thereof to be removed from the Project, or any other of Owner's property or operations, by the proper means, including, but not limited to, Contractor's filing of a cash bond or surety bond as Owner may deem necessary.

- 11.2 Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 11.1 within a period of 5 days after notice from Owner of any Liens shall place Contractor in default and entitle Owner to terminate this Agreement upon written notice, and use whatever means it may deem best to cause the Liens, together with their effect upon the title of the Project, to be removed, discharged, compromised, or dismissed, including making payment of the full amount claimed without regard to the legitimacy of such claim, and the Costs thereof shall become immediately due and payable by Contractor to Owner.
- 11.3 If Owner receives any notice of any Liens pertaining to Contractor and/or Contractor's and/or Contractor's Agents' Work, Owner may withhold the payment of any monies to which Contractor would otherwise be entitled to receive, until such time that Owner has reasonable evidence that such Liens have been discharged.
- 11.4 If Contractor fails to pay and discharge when due, any bills or obligations of any kind or nature whatsoever incurred by Contractor by reason or in the fulfillment of this Agreement, whether or not Liens have been or may be placed or filed with respect thereto, which bills or obligations in the opinion of Owner are proper, Owner, at Owner's option but without being obligated to do so, may pay all or any part of such bills or obligations, for Contractor's account and/or Owner may, at its sole discretion, issue payment jointly to Contractor and the applicable third party. Any direct or joint payment is solely at the discretion of Owner and shall be deemed as a payment towards the obligations of this Agreement. **Contractor hereby expressly waives and releases any claim and/or right of redress or recovery against Owner by reason of any act or omission of Owner in paying such bills or obligations, and nothing herein shall be deemed to mean Owner assumes any liability towards Contractor's suppliers, laborers or material suppliers.**
- 11.5 Contractor shall pay to Owner upon demand all amounts that Owner may pay in connection with the discharge and release of any Lien, including all Costs related thereto.
- 11.6 Contractor intends to furnish Work and/or Materials in the construction, repair and/or replacement of improvements upon real property owned by Owner.
- (a) Contractor represents and warrants that it has not assigned and will not assign any claim for payment or any right to perfect a Lien against said Work, real property, or the improvements thereon, to any third person, including without limitation any lender or factoring company. Contractor agrees that any such attempted assignment shall be invalid and not enforceable. Such attempted assignment shall be deemed a material default of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. Contractor shall include substantially identical language to this Section in all subcontracts for Work and/or Materials.
- (b) In addition to any notices required by Applicable Law, Contractor also agrees to provide Owner with advance notice before placing or filing any Lien against any real property upon which Work is performed and/or Materials are delivered, used and/or installed. Such notice shall be served on Owner in written form at least 10 business days in advance of the placement or filing of any Lien, or as much in advance of placement or filing of any Lien as is reasonably practical under Applicable Laws. If the potential Lien issue is still not resolved, then 3 business days in advance of the placement or filing of any Lien, Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to contact Owner's Vice President of Finance via telephone and email.

12. Warranties; Warranty Work and Performance Standards.

- 12.1 Contractor warrants and guarantees that: (a) all Materials incorporated into the Project, except Materials provided by Owner, shall meet or exceed the requirements of all Applicable Laws and shall be new, of good quality and free of Liens, security interest, claims or encumbrances; and (b) all other Materials, except

Materials provided by Owner, used by Contractor in the performance of any Work, and all Work, shall meet or exceed the requirements of all Applicable Laws.

- 12.2 Contractor warrants that the Work and all Materials, except Materials provided by Owner, incorporated into the Project shall be and remain free from defects or flaws from (a) the date of Owner's acceptance of the Work or (b) any express, implied or other warranty for the Work and/or Materials required by Applicable Law (the longer of (a) and (b), the "Warranty Period"). In addition, upon Owner's acceptance of the Work, Contractor shall deliver and transfer to Owner any and all Materials manufacturer's warranties. The warranties and guarantees contained herein shall in all cases survive termination of this Agreement and shall apply to both patent and latent defects in workmanship and materials.
- 12.3 If during the applicable Warranty Period, the Work and/or Materials, except Materials provided by Owner, do not comply with the warranties set forth in this Section and/or elsewhere in the Agreement, then Contractor shall promptly repair the Work or replace such Materials, at Contractor's sole cost and expense for all associated Materials and labor, within 48 hours after notice to do so, or within 3 hours after notice in the event of any emergency. Owner, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall determine whether an emergency exists, which generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to, those conditions involving the risk of harm to persons or property. Repairs and replacements shall be made in a diligent first-class manner with as little inconvenience as possible to Owner. Contractor shall clean up thoroughly after repairs are completed. Neither repairs nor replacements shall be deemed to be complete until the defect or nonconformity has been permanently corrected. Contractor shall reimburse Owner for any damages and/or for any reasonable Costs incurred as a result of the inconvenience or loss of use which is caused by the defect, non-conformity or the repairs and/or replacements. In the event Contractor fails or refuses to timely fulfill any of its warranty obligations, Owner, may repair or replace the applicable Work or Materials and Contractor shall reimburse and pay Owner, for all Costs related thereto, on demand.
- 12.4 If the Work and/or Materials, except Materials provided by Owner, are determined by Owner to be defective or otherwise non-conforming after the expiration of the Warranty Period but before the expiration of the applicable statutory limitation period and/or statutory repose period, Owner, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right to request that Contractor repair and replace any Work and Materials furnished by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to promptly perform such repair and replacement at Contractor's sole cost and expense for all associated Materials and labor. If Contractor performs any such repair and/or replacement after the expiration of the Warranty Period and after the expiration of the applicable statutory limitation period and statutory repose period, Owner shall compensate Contractor for such repair and/or replacement activities at the then current reasonable market rates. The provisions of this Section shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement and/or completion of the Work of Contractor.
13. **Notice and Opportunity to Repair Statutes.** Contractor agrees to cooperate with Owner in connection with any matters relating to any applicable notice and opportunity to repair statutes. If Contractor fails or refuses to cooperate in that process, Owner will have the right to correct any defective Work, and Contractor shall, upon demand, immediately reimburse Owner for all Costs incurred responding to and/or correcting any such defective Work.
14. **Relationship Management.**
- 14.1 Each party shall designate an individual to serve as its "Authorized Representative" under this Agreement, which initially shall be those individuals identified on the first page of this Agreement. Each party's Authorized Representative shall serve as the principal point of accountability for coordinating and managing that party's obligations. Either party may assign a replacement individual to serve as an Authorized Representative from time to time, provided that the party assigning a replacement gives 30 days advance notice (or as much advance notice as is possible under the circumstances, if less than 30 days) of the replacement individual.
- 14.2 Each party shall reasonably cooperate with the other party in connection with its obligations under this Agreement. Such cooperation shall include informing the other party of all management decisions that the

party reasonably expects to have a material effect on the obligations required to be performed by that party under this Agreement.

- 14.3 Contractor shall maintain electronic communications with Owner via e-mail.
- 14.4 Contractor shall provide Owner with all reports, documentation and information as Owner reasonably requests to verify the performance of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement, including, without limitation, full reports of the progress of Work in such detail as may be required by Owner including any shop drawings, as-built drawings and/or diagrams in the course of preparation, process, fabrication, manufacture, installation or treatment of the Work and/or Materials.
- 14.5 Contractor represents and warrants that it: (a) shall perform its obligations and deal with Owner in good faith and with fair dealing; (b) shall conduct its business in a manner that reflects favorably on Owner; (c) shall not engage in any deceptive, misleading, illegal or unethical business practices; (d) has not and shall not, directly or indirectly, request, induce, solicit, give and/or accept any bribe, kickback, illegal payment and/or excessive gifts or favors to or from Owner or any Owner employee, and/or any third party acting on Owner's behalf; and/or (e) has not engaged in and shall not engage in any anticompetitive behavior, price fixing and/or any other unlawful restraints of trade. Contractor shall immediately provide written notice to Owner of any of the foregoing upon Contractor's becoming aware of the same.
- 14.6 To the extent permissible under Applicable Law or agreement, Contractor shall notify Owner in writing promptly of: (a) any litigation, mediation and/or arbitration brought against Contractor related to Work performed and/or Materials supplied by Contractor under any Purchase Order; (b) any actions taken or investigations initiated by any governmental agency in connection with the Work performed and/or Materials supplied by Contractor under any Purchase Order; (c) any legal actions initiated against Contractor by governmental agencies or individuals regarding any illegal activities, including, but not limited to, fraud, abuse, false claims and/or kickbacks; (d) any proceedings by or against Contractor in bankruptcy, insolvency of Contractor, any proceedings for appointment of a receiver or trustee or an assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other similar event. Upon Owner's request, and to the extent permissible under Applicable Law or agreement, Contractor shall provide to Owner all known details of the nature, circumstances, and disposition of any of the foregoing.
15. **Goals, Continuous Improvement and Quality.**
- 15.1 Contractor acknowledges that Owner's long term goals may include: (a) shortening build-times for the Project; (b) increasing flexibility; (c) achieving ongoing cost reductions; and (d) achieving specific quality goals and continuous quality improvement. Contractor agrees to cooperate with Owner in working toward achieving these goals, which includes, without limitation, the obligations set forth in this Section.
- 15.2 Contractor understands that Owner's selection of Contractor as a provider of Work is based in part on Owner's belief that Contractor is committed to continuing to improve its performance of Work and to find cost savings over the term of this Agreement. Savings may relate to development and implementation of manufacturing efficiencies, feature improvements, component purchase price reductions, engineering breakthroughs and/or delivery and distribution enhancements that result in lower cost of Work and/or operating expenses for Contractor and/or Owner. To this end, Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to continuously improve the performance and quality of Work, to assist Owner in achieving costs savings associated with Work, and to reduce Contractor's costs of performing Work, through increases in efficiency and otherwise.
- 15.3 If Contractor fails to perform Work properly, as determined by Owner in its sole and absolute discretion, Contractor shall promptly put into place a written corrective action plan, reasonably acceptable to Owner, designed to ensure that Contractor will perform Work properly going forward.
16. **Prices and Payment.**

- 16.1 Contractor will perform the Work for a lump sum amount of *Nine Million Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Three Hundred Thirty-Four and 35/100 (\$9,467,334.35)* **THIS IS A LUMP SUM CONTRACT.** The Work Prices, Materials prices and/or other billing amounts shall not exceed the prices agreed to between the parties, without the prior written consent of Owner. In addition, if Owner has an agreement for direct pricing with a manufacturer and/or supplier of Materials, prices for such Materials shall be passed through to Owner at Contractor's cost (i.e., without mark-up) and shall in no event exceed any prices agreed to between Owner and the applicable Material manufacturer and/or supplier. Contractor agrees that any price reduction applicable to the ordered Work and/or Materials subsequent to the Agreement date, but prior to delivery, shall be applicable to the Agreement.
- 16.2 Owner shall designate the methodology for payment to Contractor.
- (a) If Contractor is instructed to submit invoices to Owner, then Contractor will remit invoices, and Owner will pay such invoices within 30 days of approval by Owner. An invoice date shall be no earlier than the date the Work, or applicable portion thereof, is completed. All invoices must be submitted by Contractor within 30 days of its completion of the Work, or applicable portion thereof. Invoices received after 90 days of the completion of the Work, or applicable portion thereof, shall be null and void. Owner shall not be liable for any charges associated with the Work and/or Materials represented by such delinquent invoices, and Contractor hereby expressly waives its right to receive any payment in connection, any such delinquent invoices. Contractor also understands and agrees that Materials that are stored, but not incorporated into the Work are not to be billed until such Materials are incorporated into the Work. Owner is not responsible to pay Contractor for stored Materials.
- (b) Contractor agrees to notify Owner within 5 business days if Contractor has not received payment in full within 30 days of payment becoming due under Section (a) above.
- (c) The Owner is entitled to retain ten percent (10%) of the value of the Work billed by Contractor as assurance that full faithful performance of the work and other obligations shall be completed by Contractor (hereinafter referred to as the "Retainage"). All applications for payment shall have Retainage held. Any retainage held by Owner shall be paid to the Contractor at the time of final payment.
- 16.3 As a condition to any payment to be made by Owner to Contractor, Owner may, at its option, require Contractor to furnish to Owner: (a) full and complete Lien waivers, in a form acceptable to Owner, executed by Contractor and all Contractor's Agents utilized by Contractor in performing the applicable Work and/or supplying Materials in connection with the applicable Work, as well as any other information and documentation requested by Owner with respect to Work and/or Materials covered by the applicable invoice; and (b) a current sworn statement from Contractor attesting to all Contractor's Agents, the amount of each subcontract and/or contract with Contractor's Agents, the amount requested for any Contractor's Agent in the invoice, the amount the Contractor has paid to each Contractor's Agent, and the amount to be paid the Contractor under the invoice.
- 16.4 No payment made under this Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of the performance of this Agreement, either in whole or in part, and no payment shall be construed as acceptance of defective Work.
- 16.5 Contractor agrees that amounts owed under any portion of this Agreement are subject to offsets by Owner in the event of: (a) Contractor's breach(es) of this Agreement; (b) any damages caused by Contractor; (c) any Liens or other claims arising out of the Work and/or Materials; (d) any Costs or anticipated Costs of curing defective Work and/or Materials and/or any other amounts expended by Owner in connection therewith; (e) Contractor's breaches of other agreements between Contractor and Owner and/or its Affiliates; (f) any Liquidated Damage Amounts due from Contractor; and/or (g) claims or amounts due to Owner and/or its Affiliates, regardless of whether arising out of this Agreement or otherwise. Contractor further agrees that should Owner have reason to terminate this Agreement as a result of Contractor's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement then Owner and/or its Affiliates shall have the right, in their sole discretion, to terminate any other agreements between Contractor and Owner and/or its Affiliates.

- 16.6 In the event Contractor breaches this Agreement, Owner shall have the right to stop all payments to Contractor until such time as Owner can accurately ascertain its damages and Costs resulting from the breach, at which time Owner is authorized to deduct all Costs related thereto from any monies owed Contractor under this Agreement and/or other agreements with Owner.
- 16.7 Contractor shall not delay and/or stop any Work by reason of Owner' failure to make any payments if the failure is a result of a dispute as to the amount of the payment or whether payment is due.
- 16.8 Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Contractor shall not make any adjustments to the prices set forth in the Agreement without providing Owner a minimum 60 days' prior written notice. Further, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any such increases, if accepted by Owner, shall not be effective until the 60 day time period has expired and any such increases shall be applicable only to new, fully agreed upon change orders issued after such increases become effective.
- 16.9 If, during the term of this Agreement, Contractor offers Work to any other developer at prices and/or on terms more favorable than offered to Owner, then Contractor shall immediately offer those same prices and/or terms to Owner. It shall not be incumbent on Owner to discover the same. In addition, any Work Price decreases agreed to between the parties shall apply to all Work on or after the effective date of the decrease.
- 16.10 Acceptance by Contractor of any payment shall be a complete and final release of any and all claims the Contractor has or may have related to, concerning or arising out of this Agreement up to and through the time period of work included in the invoice, including but not limited to extra work, delays and change orders except only those claims that are specifically identified in writing and attached to the invoice.
- 16.11 Owner may order or propose changes in the Work consisting of additions, deletions or other revisions with the Agreement amount and time being adjusted accordingly. All such changes in the Work shall be by a written change order or written modification of the Contract signed by all parties. Owner may, by a written directive issued and signed by Owner's authorized representative, direct Contractor to proceed with changes in the Work, prior to the issuance of a change order. Upon receipt of a written directive from Owner, Contractor shall proceed with the Work.
- 16.12 Contractor shall submit to the Owner a written detailed estimate of the cost of performing the ordered or proposed changes to the Work to include quantities, unit prices, labor rates, manufacturers and supplier's quotations and all other information required by Owner for a complete analysis of the estimate. If the proposed change affects the length of time Contractor requires to complete its Work, Contractor shall set forth, in writing, the amount of any justifiable time increase in its proposal. Contractor's proposal shall be submitted to Owner within 10 working days of its receipt of the request from Owner.
- 16.13 Any and all claims for time or money must be presented to Owner, in writing, within 5 working days after the occurrence of the event giving rise to such claim. Failure by Contractor to present such claim in writing within 5 working days after the occurrence shall be deemed a waiver of such claim and the Contractor shall be barred from pursuing such claim against Owner.
- 16.14 Contractor shall forward all documents requested by Owner regarding any claim, including but not limited to job cost reports, daily reports, foreman daily reports and diaries, Contractor's complete estimate, invoices, subcontracts, purchase orders, equipment documents (list of company owned, rented or other equipment used), rental charges, job costing of company owned equipment and general ledger.
- 16.15 No dispute as to adjustment of the Agreement amount or time for changed Work, shall excuse Contractor from proceeding with such changed Work that has been duly authorized by Owner.
- 16.16 Contractor waives any claims for consequential damages, including but not limited to, claims for principal office expenses including compensation of personnel stationed there, for loss of financing, business and reputation, lost profits and loss of bonding capacity.

17. **Inspections and Reviews.** Owner and its agents shall have the right to inspect all Contractor Materials, facilities, Project jobsites and surrounding areas, to confirm Contractor's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement, as well as background OSHA and Experience Modification Factor checks. No inspection or failure to inspect by or on behalf of Owner will increase Owner's obligations or liabilities nor limit Owner's rights or Contractor's obligations.

18. **Indemnification.**

To the maximum extent permitted by law, Contractor, on behalf of itself and its employees, officers, representatives, materialmen, laborers, contractors, Contractors, sub-contractors, and any other parties acting at the direction of Contractor (collectively, "Contractor Entities") hereby agrees to save, indemnify, defend and hold harmless (such action, the "Indemnity") Owner and their parents, Affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, managers, agents, contractors, materialmen, laborers, representatives, employees, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Indemnitees"), from and against any and all liability, costs and damages of any kind whatsoever (including without limitation loss of profits, consequential damages, and/or punitive damages) sustained by the Indemnitees as a result of the activity or inactivity (the "Covered Activity") of Contractor Entities, including without limitation activity or inactivity that constitutes one or more of the following conditions: (i) a material violation of the terms of this Agreement, (ii) willful misconduct, (iii) fraud, (iv) material misrepresentation, (v) negligence, and (vi) deficient and/or defective workmanship (including without limitation the installation of deficient and/or defective materials). The parties hereto acknowledge that the Indemnity is intended to be as broad as permissible under Applicable Law or regulation. Contractor shall defend all suits brought against the Indemnitees, at its expense, regardless of the cause of such suits and regardless of any negligence (except gross negligence) on the part of the Indemnitees. Contractor shall reimburse upon demand Indemnitees for any expense sustained in connection with actions brought as a result of the Covered Activity. By way of illustration but not limitation, should the Indemnitees become liable in connection with being deemed the statutory employer of an individual acting under Contractor's direction, then Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnitees from any damages sustained in connection with being deemed the statutory employer. This indemnity obligation includes, without limitation, expenses (including attorney's fees) claims, judgments, suits, or demands for damages to persons or property arising out of, resulting from or relating to Contractor's performance of the Work under this Agreement or Contractor's breach of this Agreement ("Claims") unless such Claims have been specifically determined by the trier of fact to be solely the result of the gross negligence or intentional acts of Owner. Contractor's duty to indemnify Indemnitees shall arise at the time written notice of a Claim is first provided to Indemnitees regardless of whether claimant has filed suit on the Claim. In situations where it is determined by the trier of fact that Indemnitees are partially at fault for a Claim due to Indemnitees' gross negligence or intentional misconduct, Contractor's obligation to fully indemnify Indemnitees shall be limited to a maximum liability of \$2,000,000. Contractor's indemnification obligation shall include, but not be limited to, any Claim made against Indemnitees by a Contractor's Agent who has been injured on property owned by Indemnitees. This provision shall be deemed to be a part of the Project specifications. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require Contractor to defend or indemnify Owner for any Claims resulting solely from Owner's gross negligence or intentional acts.

18.1 Contractor will defend Claims that may be brought or threatened against Indemnitees and will pay on behalf of Indemnitees any expenses incurred by reason of such Claims including, but not limited to all reasonable costs which may include court costs, expert costs and attorney fees incurred in defending or investigating such Claims. Such payment on behalf of Indemnitees shall be in addition to any and all other legal remedies available to Indemnitees and shall not be considered Indemnitees' exclusive remedy.

18.2 In the event Indemnitees are required to mediate, arbitrate, or litigate a Claim (which may or may not be with a homeowner) arising out of or relating to the Work performed under this Agreement, Indemnitees may, in its sole discretion, require Contractor to participate in such mediation, arbitration, and/or litigation. If the Claim is resolved through arbitration, any judgment rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be confirmed, entered and enforced in any court having jurisdiction and the Contractor shall be bound by that decision.

18.3 The provisions of this Section 19 shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement and/or completion of the Work of Contractor and shall continue until such time it is determined by final judgment that the Claim

against Indemnitees is fully and finally barred by the statute of limitations. Contractor's indemnification and defense obligations shall not be limited by the amounts or types of insurance that Contractor is required to carry under this Agreement or that Contractor does in fact carry.

In the event that such court of competent jurisdiction finds that any state statutory indemnity limits apply to this Agreement with respect to Contractor's indemnification of Owner for liability caused in whole or in part by any act, omission or default by Owner, the parties hereto agree that such limit shall be equal to the limits (exclusive of deductibles) of the applicable insurance required by this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that this monetary limit, if required, bears a commercially reasonable relationship to this Agreement, in so far as, among other factors, the parties have taken into account the availability and cost of insurance and other risk transference devices, the scope of the Work, the risks associated with the Work, and the compensation and any other benefits exchanged between the parties in connection with this Agreement. The parties further agree that this provision is hereby made a part of the Project specifications and bid documents.

19. **Insurance.** Contractor shall carry, with insurance companies rated A VII or better by A.M. Best Company, the insurance coverage specified in Exhibit E continuously during the life of this Agreement, and thereafter as provided in Exhibit E. Contractor must furnish the Owner with Certificates of Insurance reflecting coverage as described below at least 7 days **before** starting any Work, giving evidence that Contractor is carrying all of the insurance required in Exhibit E.

19.1 Insurance and Indemnity of Contractor's Agent(s).

- (a) If Contractor should subcontract any Work, Contractor shall nevertheless be bound to indemnify Owner as provided in this Agreement on behalf of Contractor's Agent(s). In addition, Contractor shall require that Contractor's Agent(s) also be bound to indemnify Owner as provided in this Agreement. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor's Agent(s) shall carry insurance as set forth in this Agreement prior to permitting Contractor's Agent(s) to commence its work.
- (b) Contractor shall require in its purchase orders that its suppliers indemnify Contractor and Owner from all losses arising from any materials or supplies included in any Work.
- (c) Contractor shall require the same insurance coverage required of Contractor from any sub-Contractors performing any portion of Contractor's work. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, each party hereby waives all claims for recovery from the other party for any loss or damage to its property caused by fire or other insured casualty and agrees that where there is insurance coverage that the insurance coverage shall be the only avenue of recovery. This waiver shall apply, however, only where the insurance covering the loss or damage will not be prejudiced by reason of such waiver.

19.2 Miscellaneous Insurance Provisions.

- (a) Any attempt by the Contractor to cancel or modify insurance coverage required by this Agreement, or any failure by the Contractor to maintain such coverage, shall be a default under this Agreement and, upon such default, Owner will have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and/or exercise any of its rights at law or at equity. In addition to any other remedies, Owner may, at its discretion, withhold payment of any sums due under this Agreement until Contractor provides adequate proof of insurance.
- (b) The amounts and types of insurance set forth above are minimums required by Owner and shall not substitute for an independent determination by Contractor of the amounts and types of insurance which Contractor shall determine to be reasonably necessary to protect itself and its Work.

- (c) Owner reserves the right to modify these insurance requirements, and if Contractor continues to perform Work, Contractor agrees to be bound by such modifications 30 days after receipt of the modified provisions.

19.3 Compliance with this Section.

- (a) Contractor acknowledges that timely compliance with this Section and Exhibit E is essential to Owner's risk management. As such, if Contractor fails to comply with any of its obligations under this Section 19 and Exhibit E, Contractor shall be in default of this Agreement and Owner shall have all rights under this Agreement with respect to Contractor's default. Additionally, Owner shall be entitled to (i) withhold any and all payments due to Contractor until Contractor cures such non-compliance, and (ii) assess a service credit in the amount of \$500.00 for each instance of Contractor's non-compliance. Service credits shall be credited against the Contractor's next invoice payable by Owner hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing service credit, Contractor shall be required to protect and indemnify Owner and all Indemnitees (as defined in Section 18 of this Agreement) to the fullest extent provided in this Agreement.

- 20. Confidentiality.** During the term of this Agreement, Contractor may have access to information that is considered confidential and proprietary by Owner. This information may include, but is not limited to, non-public information relating to prices, compensation, research, products, services, developments, inventions, processes, protocols, methods of operations, techniques, strategies, programs (both software and firmware), designs, systems, proposed business arrangements, results of testing, distribution, engineering, marketing, financial, merchandising and/or sales information, individual customer profiles, customer lists and/or aggregated customer data, and similar information of a sensitive nature ("Confidential Information"). Contractor may use Confidential Information only for the purposes of this Agreement. Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information in the same manner in which it protects its own Confidential Information of like kind, but in no event shall Contractor take less than reasonable precautions to prevent the unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information. Upon request, Contractor shall return all Confidential Information and shall not use Confidential Information for its own, or any third party's benefit. The provisions of this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement for so long as the Confidential Information is considered confidential by Owner and/or its Affiliates.

21. Term and Termination.

- 21.1** This Agreement shall be effective on the Effective Date and continue until terminated in accordance with its terms. In the event that Contractor terminates this Agreement in accordance with the terms set forth herein, Contractor nevertheless shall complete all outstanding Work in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 21.2** Contractor may terminate this Agreement if Owner commits a material breach of this Agreement, or any Agreement document, and fails to cure such breach within 30 days of its receipt of written notice of the breach from Contractor. However, any dispute over amounts claimed to be owed shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of this Agreement and shall not serve as a basis for Contractor to place Owner in default hereunder and in such event, Contractor shall continue to perform its Work under the terms of this Agreement.
- 21.3** Owner shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with or without cause, effective immediately upon notice to Contractor or as otherwise set forth in such notice. A termination "for cause" includes, but is not limited to, circumstances where: (a) Contractor fails to comply with this Agreement; (b) Contractor repudiates any of this Agreement; (c) Owner is insecure and requests assurances of Contractor's ability or willingness to perform and Contractor fails to provide written assurances satisfactory to Owner within the time requested by Owner; (d) in the event of any proceedings by or against Contractor in bankruptcy, insolvency of Contractor, any proceedings for appointment of a receiver or trustee or an assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other similar event; (e) Contractor refuses or neglects to supply a sufficient quantity of Work of proper quality, as determined by Owner; (f) Contractor fails to make prompt payment to Contractor's Agents for Materials or labor; (g) Contractor violates any Applicable Law; (h) causes interference, stoppage, or delay to the Project or any activity necessary to complete the Project; and/or (i)

Contractor is listed by the administrative office of an applicable employee benefit trust, including by way of illustration but not of exclusion, health, welfare, pension, vacation or apprenticeship trust, as being delinquent in the payment to any such trust, regardless of the construction project upon which delinquency occurred.

- 21.4** Owner's total liability to Contractor upon termination of this Agreement without cause shall be limited to any remaining payment for completed Work, including any retainage, delivered and accepted by Owner. In no event shall Contractor be entitled to any indirect costs, delay damages, consequential damages, lost profits, overhead, acceleration damages or any other compensation. However, in the event that Owner terminates any this Agreement for cause, Owner may, after giving Contractor notice of default and 3 calendar days within which to cure, have the right to exercise any one or more of the following remedies:
- (a) Owner may immediately take any action Owner may deem necessary to correct such default, including specifically the right to provide labor, overtime labor, materials, equipment and/or other Contractors, and Contractor shall reimburse and pay Owner for all Costs incurred or paid by Owner resulting therefrom, or Owner may deduct the cost of correcting such default plus a markup of 10% for overhead and 10% for profit from any payment due, or that may become due, to the Contractor;
 - (b) Owner may terminate this Agreement and the employment of Contractor, without thereby waiving or releasing any rights or remedies against Contractor or its sureties, and take possession of the Contractor's materials, tools, equipment, designs, shop drawings, and work product used in performing its Work, and employ another Contractor or use the employees, equipment, designs, shop drawings and work product of Contractor to finish the remaining Work to be performed hereunder. Owner may deduct the costs of completing the remaining work plus a markup of 10% for overhead and 10% for profit from the unpaid Agreement price, and if the cost of completing the remaining Work exceeds the Agreement amount, Contractor shall pay to Owner such excess costs, including attorney's fees;
 - (c) Recover from Contractor all losses, damages, penalties and fines, whether actual or liquidated, direct or consequential (including without limitation any increase in Owner's cost of insurance resulting from Contractor's failure to maintain insurance coverages required hereunder), Owner's additional/extended general conditions costs and all attorneys' fees suffered or incurred by Owner by reason of or as a result of Contractor's default plus a markup of 10% for overhead and 10% for profit on all costs incurred by Owner to correct such default;
 - (d) Require Contractor to utilize, at its own expense, overtime labor (including Saturday and Sunday work) and additional shifts as necessary to overcome the consequences of any delay attributable to Contractor's default;
 - (e) Refrain from making any further payments under this Agreement to Contractor until the entire Project shall be fully finished and accepted by the Owner. After completion of the Work by the exercise of any one or more of the above remedies and acceptance of the Work by the Owner, Owner shall promptly pay Contractor any undisbursed balance of the Agreement, if any. If the cost of completion of the Work plus a markup of 10% for overhead and 10% for profit, together with any other damages or losses sustained or incurred by Owner, shall exceed the un-disbursed balance of the Agreement, Contractor and its guarantors, surety, or sureties shall pay the difference within 15 days of written demand from Owner.
- 21.5** Should any termination for cause under this Agreement be deemed invalid, wrongful or improper, such termination for cause shall be deemed a termination without cause as set forth above and Contractor's rights and remedies against Owner shall be limited as set forth above.
- 21.6** If Contractor neglects to perform the Work in accordance with the Agreement and/or as directed by Owner and fails within 3 calendar days from the date of written notice from Owner to correct such deficiency, Owner may, without declaring Contractor in default and without prejudice to any other remedies the Owner may have, correct such deficiencies. In such case, an appropriate deductive change order shall be issued for all costs incurred by Owner in carrying out such work, including but not limited to attorneys' fees. If the

remaining Agreement balance is not sufficient to cover such costs, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner.

- 21.7 Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor will, at Owner's request, continue to provide Work pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and provide reasonable transition assistance services to prevent disruption in Owner's business activities, for a period of up to 6 months after the termination date, at Owner's discretion. However, at Owner's request, Contractor will promptly vacate the jobsite(s), remove all Contractor equipment from the jobsite(s), complete all of Contractor's clean-up and other obligations, and otherwise reasonably cooperate with Owner in winding down Contractor's participation in the Project. Should Contractor fail to promptly vacate the jobsite(s), Owner may take possession of the premises and of all materials, tools and equipment thereon, and finish the work by whatever method it may deem expedient. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the contract price shall exceed the expense of finishing the work, including compensation for additional managerial and administrative expenses, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor. If such expense shall exceed such unpaid balance, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner upon demand.
- 21.8 All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature should survive termination of this Agreement shall so survive termination of this Agreement, including, without limitation, those provisions related to confidentiality, warranty, arbitration, indemnification and limitations of liability.
22. **Limitation of Liability and Waiver of Consequential Damages.** In no event shall Owner be liable to Contractor in connection with this Agreement and/or the Work, regardless of the form of action or theory of recovery, for any: (a) indirect, special, exemplary, consequential, liquidated, incidental or punitive damages, even if Owner has been advised of the possibility of such damages; and/or (b) lost profits, lost revenues, lost business expectancy, business interruption losses and/or benefit of the bargain damages.
23. **Force Majeure.** Subject to the terms of this Agreement, neither Party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations hereunder during any period in which such performance is prevented or delayed by any Force Majeure Event.
24. **Independent Contractor Relationship.** The relationship between Owner and Contractor is that of an independent contractor. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a relationship between Owner and Contractor of joint venturers, partners, employer-employee, or agent. Neither party has the authority to create any obligations for the other, or to bind the other to any representation or document.
25. **Continued Performance.** Each party shall continue performing its obligations under this Agreement while any dispute submitted to litigation or any other dispute resolution process is being resolved until such obligations are terminated by the expiration or termination of this Agreement or by a final and binding award, order, or judgment to the contrary. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, however, neither party shall withhold any payments due to the other party under this Agreement during the pendency of any other dispute resolution process, including mediation, unless such payments relate to or are the subject matter of such proceedings, or are otherwise subject to dispute, or withholding of such payment is otherwise permitted by this Agreement.
26. **Publicity.** Contractor shall not use any Owner trademarks, service marks, trade names and/or logos or refer to Owner and/or its Affiliates directly or indirectly in any marketing materials, customer lists, media release, public announcement or other public disclosure relating to this Agreement or its subject matter without obtaining Owner's prior express written consent.
27. **General Terms.**
- 27.1 Contractor hereby consents and agrees to allow Owner (or Project Owner and any of their Affiliates), in their sole discretion and judgment, to set-off any of Owner's (or any of their respective Affiliates') existing or anticipated claims for damages or deficiencies resulting from Contractor's Work on the Project against any

funds due, or which may become due to Contractor for Work performed on another project pursuant to another agreement with Owner (or any of their respective Affiliates). No refusal or failure of Owner to exercise its rights hereunder shall constitute the basis of any right or claim against Owner.

- 27.2 Where agreement, approval, acceptance, consent or similar action by either party is required by any provision of this Agreement, such action shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld unless otherwise expressly permitted.
- 27.3 All warranties provided by Contractor, and all of Owner's rights and remedies set forth in this Agreement, are cumulative and are in addition to all other warranties, rights and remedies provided to Owner by this Agreement, all Purchase Orders, any other document, or at law, in equity or otherwise, including all warranties, rights and remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 27.4 The parties agree that, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement: (a) this Agreement is for the benefit of the parties to this Agreement and is not intended to confer any rights or benefits on any third party (including any employee of either party) other than the Indemnitees; and (b) there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement or any specific term of this Agreement, other than the Indemnitees.
- 27.5 This Agreement, all of the Agreement Documents, and any Amendments thereto, contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter addressed herein and supersede, replace and merge all prior understandings, promises, representations and agreements, whether written or oral, relating thereto. Upon execution of this Agreement, and any renewal thereof, the terms of this Agreement shall apply to all then-outstanding Agreements between Owner and Contractor. Both parties contributed to the drafting of this Agreement, and had the advice of counsel, and therefore agree that this Agreement should not be construed in favor of either party. Except as expressly provided herein, the remedies accorded the parties under this Agreement are cumulative and in addition to those provided by law, in equity or elsewhere in this Agreement.
- 27.6 Except as expressly provided herein, this Agreement may not be modified except by a writing signed by both parties. All requests for amendments, modifications and/or changes to the terms and conditions of this Agreement ("Amendments") shall be communicated in writing to an authorized representative of the other party. All approved Amendments shall be formalized by an Amendment document executed by an authorized representative of each party.
- 27.7 Any waiver of a party's right or remedy related to this Agreement must be in writing, signed by that party to be effective. No waiver shall be implied from a failure of either party to exercise a right or remedy. In addition, no waiver of a party's right or remedy shall affect the other provisions of this Agreement.
- 27.8 If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be enforced to the fullest extent that it is valid and enforceable under Applicable Law. All other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 27.9 Except as otherwise provided herein, all notices must be in writing and sent either by hand delivery; messenger; certified mail, return receipt requested; overnight courier; facsimile; or by e-mail (with a confirming copy) and shall be effective when received by such party (as documented by a delivery receipt, confirmed facsimile transmission, or return e-mail acknowledging receipt) at the address listed above or other address provided in writing.
- 27.10 Neither party may assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the other party's prior express written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempted assignment without such written consent shall be void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Owner may assign this Agreement without Contractor's consent: (a) to one or more Affiliates, provided that each such Affiliate agrees to be bound by this Agreement; and (b) as reasonably necessary in connection with any merger, acquisition, sale of assets or other corporate restructuring. Subject to the provisions of this Section, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns.

27.11 FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT, OWNER AND CONTRACTOR WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OR ENFORCEMENT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO, THIS AGREEMENT

27.12 Choice of Law, Arbitration and Venue

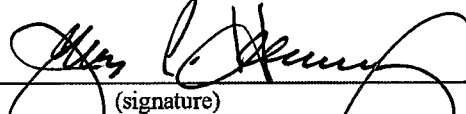
- a) All actions, claims, counterclaims, controversies, or disputes (each, a "Dispute") between Owner and Contractor arising out of or related to this Agreement, the Agreement Documents, or the Work, whether based on contract or tort, shall be decided by binding arbitration with the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in West Palm Beach, Florida, in accordance with the Construction Industry Rules of the AAA then existing, but subject to the requirements and limitations set forth below. If AAA will not enforce the Agreement Documents as written, it cannot serve as the arbitration organization to resolve the Dispute. If this situation arises, the parties shall agree on a substitute arbitration organization. If the parties are unable to agree, the parties shall mutually petition a court of appropriate jurisdiction in West Palm Beach, Florida, to appoint an arbitration organization that will enforce the Agreement Documents as written.
- b) A single arbitrator will resolve the Dispute. The arbitrator will honor claims of privilege recognized by law and will take reasonable steps to protect all confidential or proprietary information. The arbitrator will make any award in writing but need not provide a statement of reasons unless requested by a party.
- c) The party filing for arbitration shall pay the initiation/filing fees and the arbitrator's costs and expenses. The parties shall each be responsible for additional costs they incur in the arbitration, including, but not limited to, fees for attorneys or expert witnesses. The prevailing party in the arbitration shall be entitled to recover as part of the final award all reasonable costs, including attorneys' fees and costs and fees for expert witnesses incurred in the arbitration. The arbitrator may re-allocate other fees and costs (but not the attorneys' and expert fees of the parties) among the parties to the proceeding in his or her discretion as the interests of justice dictate.
- d) This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Florida. However, all Disputes shall be governed, interpreted and enforced according to the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16), which is designed to encourage use of alternative methods of Dispute resolution that avoid costly and potentially lengthy court proceedings. Interpretation and application of these procedures shall conform to federal court rulings interpreting and applying the Federal Arbitration Act. References to state law shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights of the parties under the Federal Arbitration Act or the right of the parties to have the procedures set forth in this Agreement interpreted and enforced under the Federal Arbitration Act. However, whenever such laws are not in conflict, the arbitrator shall apply the laws of the State of Florida. The arbitrator's award may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction sitting in and for Palm Beach County, Florida. The arbitrator shall have the authority to try and shall try all issues, whether of fact or law, including without limitation, the validity, scope and enforceability of these Dispute resolution provisions, and may issue any remedy or relief that the courts of the State of Florida could issue if presented the same circumstances.
- e) The arbitrator is required to enforce the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall not be authorized to award any punitive damages or any other damages waived or prohibited under the terms of this Agreement.
- f) Prior to any arbitration, mediation and/or litigation arising under this Agreement, the parties shall each appoint a corporate officer (someone other than the project manager responsible for the Project) to meet to negotiate the claim/dispute. Such corporate officer shall have full settlement authority to resolve the claim/dispute. This settlement meeting shall be a condition precedent to the filing of any arbitration and/or litigation.
- g) THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE THAT SHOULD ANY LITIGATION ARISE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING IF THE ARBITRATION DECISION MUST BE ENFORCED IN ANY COURT, THE PARTIES HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS TO A JURY TRIAL, AND THE PARTIES HEREBY STIPULATE THAT ANY SUCH TRIAL SHALL OCCUR WITHOUT A JURY.
- h) Discovery in any arbitration hereunder shall be limited to the following:
 - i. The production of each side's hard document project files as they are maintained in the ordinary course of business and any file index related to same with all such documents being produced in West Palm Beach, Florida;
 - ii. The production of each side's electronic documents provided that the party requesting such electronic documents shall be responsible to pay for all costs associated with such production,

including attorneys' fees incurred in the review for privilege and relevance, third-party consultant fees and any other costs associated with such electronic production. The payment of all such costs is an express condition precedent to either side's right to any electronic production. These cost associated with obtaining electronic discovery shall not be taxed to the prevailing party as costs/fees and to the extent this conflicts with any provision in the AAA rules, this provision shall control;

- iii. 3 fact depositions with one being a corporate representative under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure if so requested with all such depositions to take place in West Palm Beach, Florida;
 - iv. The deposition of any experts that intend to testify at the arbitration hearing;
 - v. 30 days prior to any expert deposition, all experts that will testify at the final hearing shall provide a report containing all of his/her opinions and information/documents/facts relied upon in arriving at such opinions, along with a current resume;
 - vi. The issuance of third party subpoenas for documents. The other side shall be entitled to a copy of all documents provided in response to a third party subpoena provided that it has to pay for the copy cost but shall be entitled to use a third party to make such copies; and
 - vii. An itemized statement of damages with all supporting documents related to same. No other discovery shall be permitted by the arbitrator unless mutually agreed to by the parties.
- i) This Choice of Law, Arbitration and Venue provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement and/or completion of the Work required hereunder.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Owner: RLS-KL Blackwell LLC

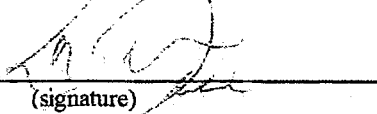
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Contractor: RIPA & Associates LLC

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Exhibit A

TRADE SPECIFIC SCOPE OF WORK

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Line #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
001	PREFERRED CUSTOMER DISCOUNT	1.00	LS	(\$20,000.00)	(\$20,000.00)
Total Price for above Items:					(\$20,000.00)

101 - GENERAL CONDITIONS - PH 1

002	MOBILIZATION	1.00	LS	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
003	NPDES COMPLIANCE	1.00	LS	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00
004	CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	1.00	EACH	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
005	SILT FENCE	8,645.00	LF	\$1.75	\$15,128.75
006	WELL ABANDONMENT	3.00	EACH	\$8,000.00	\$24,000.00
007	BUILDING DEMOLITION	1.00	LS	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
008	DEMO EXISTING FENCE	16,525.00	LF	\$2.00	\$33,050.00
Total Price for above 101 - GENERAL CONDITIONS - PH 1 Items:					\$243,478.75

102 - EARTHWORK - PH 1

009	CLEARING & GRUBBING (OPEN BURN ONSITE)	1.00	LS	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00
010	STRIP / PREP SITE	1.00	LS	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
011	SITE EXCAVATION	135,151.00	CY	\$3.60	\$486,543.60
012	SODDED SWALE	1,230.00	LF	\$10.50	\$12,915.00
013	SOD 2' BOC / EOP - BAHIA	2,380.00	SY	\$3.50	\$8,330.00
014	SOD POND / 4:1 SLOPES - BAHIA	46,240.00	SY	\$3.50	\$161,840.00
015	SEED & MULCH RIGHT OF WAY	19,415.00	SY	\$0.40	\$7,766.00
016	SEED & MULCH DISTURBED AREAS / POND BOTTOMS	234,095.00	SY	\$0.40	\$93,638.00
017	FINAL GRADING	1.00	LS	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
Total Price for above 102 - EARTHWORK - PH 1 Items:					\$1,010,032.60

103 - PAVING - PH1

018	1 1/2" TYPE SP ASPHALT	13,990.00	SY	\$17.75	\$248,322.50
019	6" LIMEROCK BASE (LBR 100)	13,990.00	SY	\$15.00	\$209,850.00
020	12" STABILIZED SUBGRADE (LBR-40)	13,990.00	SY	\$9.50	\$132,905.00
021	STABILIZED CURB PAD	10,120.00	LF	\$3.25	\$32,890.00
022	MIAMI CURB	8,855.00	LF	\$21.75	\$192,596.25
023	TYPE "D" CURB - TRENCH	580.00	LF	\$18.00	\$10,440.00
024	TYPE "F" CURB	1,265.00	LF	\$24.00	\$30,360.00
025	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALK W\ FIBER - PER PLAN	9,995.00	SF	\$7.00	\$69,965.00
026	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALK W\ FIBER - SIDE YARD	6,815.00	SF	\$7.00	\$47,705.00
027	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALK W\ FIBER - MAIL KIOSK - NOT INCLUDED	0.00	SF	\$0.00	\$0.00
028	5' ADA HANDICAPPED RAMP	16.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$17,600.00
029	SIGNAGE & STRIPING	1.00	LS	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00
Total Price for above 103 - PAVING - PH1 Items:					\$1,024,633.75



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Line #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
104 - STORM - PH 1					
030	CONNECT TO EXISTING STORM INLET	1.00	EACH	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
031	18" HP STORM	2,445.00	LF	\$55.00	\$134,475.00
032	24" HP STORM	1,715.00	LF	\$80.00	\$137,200.00
033	30" HP STORM	2,110.00	LF	\$115.00	\$242,650.00
034	36" HP STORM	970.00	LF	\$130.00	\$126,100.00
035	42" HP STORM	335.00	LF	\$165.00	\$55,275.00
036	19" X 30" CLASS III ERCP STORM	275.00	LF	\$155.00	\$42,625.00
037	FDOT TYPE P-5 CURB INLET	6.00	EACH	\$7,950.00	\$47,700.00
038	FDOT TYPE P-9 CURB INLET	33.00	EACH	\$6,250.00	\$206,250.00
039	FDOT TYPE J-9 CURB INLET	5.00	EACH	\$11,000.00	\$55,000.00
040	TYPE C GRATE INLET	6.00	EACH	\$3,900.00	\$23,400.00
041	TYPE D GRATE INLET	3.00	EACH	\$5,550.00	\$16,650.00
042	TYPE F GRATE INLET	15.00	EACH	\$5,750.00	\$86,250.00
043	TYPE J GRATE INLET	1.00	EACH	\$7,850.00	\$7,850.00
044	TYPE H GRATE INLET	2.00	EACH	\$7,350.00	\$14,700.00
045	TYPE V GRATE INLET	1.00	EACH	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00
046	TYPE P MANHOLE	13.00	EACH	\$6,800.00	\$88,400.00
047	TYPE J MANHOLE	5.00	EACH	\$10,500.00	\$52,500.00
048	18" FES	2.00	EACH	\$3,750.00	\$7,500.00
049	24" FES	0.00	EACH	\$4,150.00	\$0.00
050	30" FES	2.00	EACH	\$5,550.00	\$11,100.00
051	RIP RAP @ END SECTION	4.00	EACH	\$700.00	\$2,800.00
052	DEWATERING	7,850.00	LF	\$1.50	\$11,775.00
053	STORM SEWER TESTING	7,850.00	LF	\$8.40	\$65,940.00
Total Price for above 104 - STORM - PH 1 Items:					\$1,446,740.00

105 - SANITARY - PH 1					
054	8" PVC (0'-6' CUT)	809.00	LF	\$33.00	\$26,697.00
055	8" PVC (6'-8' CUT)	1,183.00	LF	\$35.00	\$41,405.00
056	8" PVC (8'-10' CUT)	643.00	LF	\$37.00	\$23,791.00
057	8" PVC (10'-12' CUT)	810.00	LF	\$40.00	\$32,400.00
058	8" PVC (12'-14' CUT)	902.00	LF	\$45.00	\$40,590.00
059	8" PVC (14'-16' CUT)	415.00	LF	\$67.00	\$27,805.00
060	8" PVC (16'-18' CUT)	16.00	LF	\$95.00	\$1,520.00
061	SANITARY MANHOLE (0'-6' CUT)	5.00	EACH	\$5,750.00	\$28,750.00
062	SANITARY MANHOLE (6'-8' CUT)	1.00	EACH	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00
063	SANITARY MANHOLE (8'-10' CUT)	1.00	EACH	\$7,350.00	\$7,350.00
064	SANITARY LINED DROP MANHOLE (8'-10' CUT)	1.00	EACH	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
065	SANITARY LINED DROP MANHOLE (12'-14' CUT)	3.00	EACH	\$12,000.00	\$36,000.00
066	SANITARY LINED MANHOLE (0'-6' CUT)	2.00	EACH	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
067	SANITARY LINED MANHOLE (6'-8' CUT)	3.00	EACH	\$12,000.00	\$36,000.00



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Line #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
068	SANITARY LINED MANHOLE (10'-12' CUT)	2.00	EACH	\$16,000.00	\$32,000.00
069	SANITARY LINED MANHOLE (12'-14' CUT)	2.00	EACH	\$18,500.00	\$37,000.00
070	SANITARY LINED MANHOLE (14'-16' CUT)	2.00	EACH	\$21,000.00	\$42,000.00
071	SINGLE SERVICE	17.00	EACH	\$1,200.00	\$20,400.00
072	DOUBLE SERVICE	55.00	EACH	\$1,550.00	\$85,250.00
073	DEWATERING	4,778.00	LF	\$7.50	\$35,835.00
074	SANITARY SEWER TESTING	4,778.00	LF	\$11.25	\$53,752.50
075	PUMP STATION (6' DIA)	1.00	EACH	\$440,000.00	\$440,000.00
076	6" PVC FORCEMAIN (DR 18)	1,655.00	LF	\$26.50	\$43,857.50
077	6" PLUG VALVE ASSEMBLY	4.00	EACH	\$2,100.00	\$8,400.00
078	6" MJ BEND	18.00	EACH	\$900.00	\$16,200.00
079	6" MJ TEE	1.00	EACH	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
080	TEMPORARY BLOWOFF ASSEMBLY	2.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$2,200.00
081	PRESSURE TESTING	1,655.00	LF	\$2.50	\$4,137.50

Total Price for above 105 - SANITARY - PH 1 Items: \$1,161,040.50

106 - WATER - PH 1

082	CONNECT TO EXISTING WATERMAIN	1.00	EACH	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
083	TEMPORARY JUMPER	1.00	EACH	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00
084	8" PVC WATER MAIN (DR 18)	5,455.00	LF	\$40.00	\$218,200.00
085	8" GATE VALVE ASSEMBLY	35.00	EACH	\$2,800.00	\$98,000.00
086	8" MJ BEND	30.00	EACH	\$570.00	\$17,100.00
087	8" MJ TEE	8.00	EACH	\$905.00	\$7,240.00
088	FIRE HYDRANT ASSEMBLY	5.00	EACH	\$8,100.00	\$40,500.00
089	SINGLE SERVICE SHORT	16.00	EACH	\$440.00	\$7,040.00
090	DOUBLE SERVICE SHORT	28.00	EACH	\$575.00	\$16,100.00
091	SINGLE SERVICE LONG	18.00	EACH	\$600.00	\$10,800.00
092	DOUBLE SERVICE LONG	17.00	EACH	\$750.00	\$12,750.00
093	WATER SERVICE TO LIFT STATION	1.00	EACH	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
094	TEMPORARY BLOWOFF ASSEMBLY	6.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$6,600.00
095	CHLORINATION & PRESSURE TESTING	5,455.00	LF	\$2.60	\$14,183.00

Total Price for above 106 - WATER - PH 1 Items: \$460,863.00

107 - OFFSITE

096	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	LS	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
097	DEMO EXISTING SHOULDER	1,535.00	SY	\$6.00	\$9,210.00
098	CLEAR & GRUBB	1.00	LS	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
099	EXCAVATE / PREP RIGHT OF WAY	1.00	LS	\$38,330.50	\$38,330.50
100	SOD RIGHT OF WAY - BAHIA	5,285.00	SY	\$3.50	\$18,497.50
101	SOD RIGHT OF WAY - BAHIA - HAZEL	3,210.00	SY	\$3.50	\$11,235.00
102	FINAL GRADING	1.00	LS	\$7,996.75	\$7,996.75
103	FINAL GRADING - HAZEL	3,250.00	LF	\$4.40	\$14,300.00



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		Bid Date:	8/20/2025

Line #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
104	SAWCUT & MATCH EXISTING ASPHALT	2,300.00	LF	\$1.70	\$3,910.00
105	1 1/2" TYPE FC FRICTION COURSE	5,985.00	SY	\$24.40	\$146,034.00
106	1 1/2" TYPE SP ASPHALT	2,175.00	SY	\$19.00	\$41,325.00
107	MILL EXISTING ASPHALT 1.5"	2,850.00	SY	\$7.85	\$22,372.50
108	OPT. BASE GROUP 9 - 6" ASPHALT BASE	2,175.00	SY	\$72.25	\$157,143.75
109	OPT. BASE GROUP 1- 4" LIMEROCK	960.00	SY	\$20.50	\$19,680.00
110	12" STABILIZED SUBGRADE	3,155.00	SY	\$20.50	\$64,677.50
111	STABILIZED SHOULDER (LBR-40)	960.00	SY	\$15.00	\$14,400.00
112	TYPE "F" CURB	90.00	LF	\$29.00	\$2,610.00
113	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALK W\ FIBER - HAZEL / HUDSON	22,310.00	SF	\$7.00	\$156,170.00
114	6" CONCRETE SIDEWALK W\ FIBER - HAZEL	1,250.00	SF	\$9.35	\$11,687.50
115	5' ADA HANDICAPPED RAMP	2.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$2,200.00
116	10' ADA HANDICAPPED RAMP	2.00	EACH	\$1,900.00	\$3,800.00
117	SIGNAGE & STRIPING	1.00	LS	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
Total Price for above 107 - OFFSITE Items:					\$842,580.00

108 - OFFSITE WATERMAIN

118	CONNECT TO EXISTING 12" WATERMAIN	1.00	EACH	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
119	24" JACK & BORE	100.00	LF	\$1,185.00	\$118,500.00
120	12" DIRECTIONAL BORE	4,800.00	LF	\$146.00	\$700,800.00
121	12" PVC WATER MAIN (DR 18)	1,100.00	LF	\$110.00	\$121,000.00
122	12" PVC WATER MAIN (DR 14) - THROUGH J&B	140.00	LF	\$145.00	\$20,300.00
123	12" GATE VALVE ASSEMBLY	7.00	EACH	\$5,000.00	\$35,000.00
124	12" MJ BEND	8.00	EACH	\$1,050.00	\$8,400.00
125	12" MJ TEE	1.00	EACH	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00
126	WDSP / CIP	12.00	EACH	\$700.00	\$8,400.00
127	TEMPORARY BLOWOFF ASSEMBLY	2.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$2,200.00
128	CHLORINATION & PRESSURE TESTING	6,040.00	LF	\$2.65	\$16,006.00
129	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	LS	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
130	SOD RESTORATION - BAHIA	2,500.00	SY	\$3.50	\$8,750.00
131	FINAL GRADING	1.00	LS	\$9,019.00	\$9,019.00
Total Price for above 108 - OFFSITE WATERMAIN Items:					\$1,061,300.00

109 - OFFSITE FORCEMAIN

132	CONNECT TO EXISTING 12" FORCEMAIN	1.00	EACH	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
133	12" X 6" TAPPING SLEEVE & VALVE	1.00	EACH	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
134	6" PVC FORCEMAIN (DR 18)	1,320.00	LF	\$61.00	\$80,520.00
135	6" PVC FORCE MAIN (DR 14) - THROUGH J&B	80.00	LF	\$65.00	\$5,200.00
136	16" JACK & BORE - UNDER HUDSON AVE.	70.00	LF	\$1,080.00	\$75,600.00
137	6" DIRECTIONAL BORE	5,500.00	LF	\$73.50	\$404,250.00
138	6" GATE VALVE ASSEMBLY	9.00	EACH	\$2,125.00	\$19,125.00
139	6" MJ BEND	14.00	EACH	\$925.00	\$12,950.00



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140	6" MJ TEE	1.00	EACH	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00
141	TEMPORARY BLOWOFF ASSEMBLY	2.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$2,200.00
142	PRESSURE TESTING	6,900.00	LF	\$2.60	\$17,940.00
143	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC	1.00	LS	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
144	ASPHALT / SIDEWALK RESTORATION	1.00	LS	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
145	SOD RESTORATION - BAHIA	3,200.00	SY	\$3.50	\$11,200.00
146	FINAL GRADING	1.00	LS	\$19,415.00	\$19,415.00
Total Price for above 109 - OFFSITE FORCEMAIN Items:					\$702,850.00

201 - GENERAL CONDITIONS - PH 2

147	MOBILIZATION	1.00	LS	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
148	NPDES COMPLIANCE	1.00	LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
149	CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE	1.00	EACH	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
150	SILT FENCE	5,435.00	LF	\$1.75	\$9,511.25
Total Price for above 201 - GENERAL CONDITIONS - PH 2 Items:					\$46,011.25

202 - EARTHWORK - PH 2

151	STRIP / PREP SITE	1.00	LS	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
152	SOD 2' BOC / EOP - BAHIA	1,150.00	SY	\$3.50	\$4,025.00
153	SEED & MULCH RIGHT OF WAY	6,325.00	SY	\$0.40	\$2,530.00
154	SEED & MULCH DISTURBED AREAS	12,650.00	SY	\$0.40	\$5,060.00
155	FINAL GRADING	1.00	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Total Price for above 202 - EARTHWORK - PH 2 Items:					\$48,615.00

203 - PAVING - PH2

156	1 1/2" TYPE SP ASPHALT	8,440.00	SY	\$17.75	\$149,810.00
157	6" LIMEROCK BASE (LBR 100)	8,440.00	SY	\$15.00	\$126,600.00
158	12" STABILIZED SUBGRADE (LBR-40)	8,440.00	SY	\$9.50	\$80,180.00
159	STABILIZED CURB PAD	5,755.00	LF	\$3.25	\$18,703.75
160	MIAMI CURB	5,755.00	LF	\$21.75	\$125,171.25
161	TYPE "D" CURB - TRENCH	345.00	LF	\$18.00	\$6,210.00
162	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALK W\ FIBER - PER PLAN	2,050.00	SF	\$7.00	\$14,350.00
163	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALK W\ FIBER - SIDE YARD	3,600.00	SF	\$7.00	\$25,200.00
164	5' ADA HANDICAPPED RAMP	7.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$7,700.00
165	SIGNAGE & STRIPING	1.00	LS	\$18,300.00	\$18,300.00
Total Price for above 203 - PAVING - PH2 Items:					\$572,225.00

204 - STORM - PH 2

166	CONNECT TO EXISTING STORM INLET	5.00	EACH	\$2,500.00	\$12,500.00
167	18" HP STORM	880.00	LF	\$55.00	\$48,400.00
168	24" HP STORM	925.00	LF	\$80.00	\$74,000.00
169	30" HP STORM	320.00	LF	\$115.00	\$36,800.00



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170	FDOT TYPE P-9 CURB INLET	17.00	EACH	\$6,250.00	\$106,250.00
171	TYPE D GRATE INLET	1.00	EACH	\$5,550.00	\$5,550.00
172	TYPE V GRATE INLET	1.00	EACH	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00
173	TYPE P MANHOLE	2.00	EACH	\$6,800.00	\$13,600.00
174	DEWATERING	2,125.00	LF	\$1.50	\$3,187.50
175	STORM SEWER TESTING	2,125.00	LF	\$8.40	\$17,850.00
Total Price for above 204 - STORM - PH 2 Items:					\$326,237.50

205 - SANITARY - PH 2

176	CONNECT TO EXISTING MANHOLE	3.00	EACH	\$6,200.00	\$18,600.00
177	8" PVC (0-6' CUT)	758.00	LF	\$33.00	\$25,014.00
178	8" PVC (6'-8' CUT)	909.00	LF	\$35.00	\$31,815.00
179	8" PVC (8'-10' CUT)	700.00	LF	\$37.00	\$25,900.00
180	8" PVC (10'-12' CUT)	281.00	LF	\$40.00	\$11,240.00
181	SANITARY MANHOLE (0'-6' CUT)	4.00	EACH	\$5,750.00	\$23,000.00
182	SANITARY MANHOLE (6'-8' CUT)	2.00	EACH	\$6,300.00	\$12,600.00
183	SANITARY MANHOLE (8'-10' CUT)	2.00	EACH	\$7,350.00	\$14,700.00
184	SANITARY LINED DROP MANHOLE (8'-10' CUT)	1.00	EACH	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
185	SINGLE SERVICE	26.00	EACH	\$1,200.00	\$31,200.00
186	DOUBLE SERVICE	30.00	EACH	\$1,550.00	\$46,500.00
187	DEWATERING	2,648.00	LF	\$7.50	\$19,860.00
188	SANITARY SEWER TESTING	2,648.00	LF	\$11.25	\$29,790.00
Total Price for above 205 - SANITARY - PH 2 Items:					\$300,219.00

206 - WATER - PH 2

189	CONNECT TO EXISTING WATERMAIN	2.00	EACH	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
190	TEMPORARY JUMPER	1.00	EACH	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00
191	8" PVC WATER MAIN (DR 18)	2,820.00	LF	\$40.00	\$112,800.00
192	4" PVC WATER MAIN (DR 18)	435.00	LF	\$21.00	\$9,135.00
193	8" GATE VALVE ASSEMBLY	13.00	EACH	\$2,800.00	\$36,400.00
194	8" MJ BEND	8.00	EACH	\$570.00	\$4,560.00
195	4" MJ BEND	6.00	EACH	\$305.00	\$1,830.00
196	8" MJ TEE	1.00	EACH	\$905.00	\$905.00
197	4" MJ TEE	1.00	EACH	\$460.00	\$460.00
198	8" MJ CROSS	1.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
199	8" MJ REDUCER	1.00	EACH	\$440.00	\$440.00
200	FIRE HYDRANT ASSEMBLY	4.00	EACH	\$8,100.00	\$32,400.00
201	SINGLE SERVICE SHORT	11.00	EACH	\$440.00	\$4,840.00
202	DOUBLE SERVICE SHORT	17.00	EACH	\$575.00	\$9,775.00
203	SINGLE SERVICE LONG	2.00	EACH	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
204	DOUBLE SERVICE LONG	18.00	EACH	\$750.00	\$13,500.00
205	TEMPORARY BLOWOFF ASSEMBLY	1.00	EACH	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00



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Project Name: Blackwell	Bid Number: 25-067
Project Location: Hudson Ave, Hudson, FL	Bid Date: 8/20/2025

Line #	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
206	CHLORINATION & PRESSURE TESTING	3,255.00	LF	\$2.60	\$8,463.00
Total Price for above 206 - WATER - PH 2 Items:					\$250,508.00

Total Bid Price: \$9,477,334.35

PHASE 1

101 - GENERAL CONDITIONS - PH 1	\$243,478.75
102 - EARTHWORK - PH 1	\$1,010,032.60
103 - PAVING - PH1	\$1,024,633.75
104 - STORM - PH 1	\$1,446,740.00
105 - SANITARY - PH 1	\$1,161,040.50
106 - WATER - PH 1	\$460,863.00
107 - OFFSITE	\$842,580.00
108 - OFFSITE WATERMAIN	\$1,061,300.00
109 - OFFSITE FORCEMAIN	\$702,850.00
Total Price for above PHASE 1 Items:	\$7,953,518.60

PHASE 2

201 - GENERAL CONDITIONS - PH 2	\$46,011.25
202 - EARTHWORK - PH 2	\$48,615.00
203 - PAVING - PH2	\$572,225.00
204 - STORM - PH 2	\$326,237.50
205 - SANITARY - PH 2	\$300,219.00
206 - WATER - PH 2	\$250,508.00
Total Price for above PHASE 2 Items:	\$1,543,815.75

Notes:

- CONSTRUCTION STAKING AND AS-BUILTS, FOR RIPA'S SCOPE OF WORK ONLY, ARE INCLUDED. RECORD DRAWINGS, WHICH ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENGINEER OF RECORD, ARE NOT INCLUDED. WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED STAKING OR CONTROL POINTS FOR BUILDING PAD FOUNDATION OR FOOTER CONSTRUCTION.
- ASSUMES DISCING SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER.
- TELEPHONE, POWER, CABLE, IRRIGATION, ETC. CONDUIT AND SLEEVES BY OTHERS, UNLESS SPECIFIED.
- UNLESS NOTED, WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED ANY ADJUSTMENTS/REMOVAL OR RELOCATION OF EXISTING UTILITIES WHICH MAY CONFLICT WITH PROPOSED WORK.
- **ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:** GEOTECHNICAL TESTING; LANDSCAPING; IRRIGATION; ROOT PRUNING; TREE TRIMMING; INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL; MITIGATION PLANTINGS; FENCE; HANDRAIL; AND PERIMETER WALLS.
- FUEL PRICING IS BASED ON \$3.00 / GALLON FOR OFF-ROAD DIESEL FUEL AND CONCRETE AT \$185 / CY AVERAGE. THIS PROPOSAL IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS.
- SIDEWALK ALONG HAZEL AVE INCLUDES THE PROPOSED SIDEWALK AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS; PRICING EXCLUDES ANY NEW DRIVEWAY APRONS.
- NOTE 5 UNDER WATER, WASTEWATER & REUSE WATER SYSTEM NOTES ON SHEET G-001 STATES THAT ALL PVC PIPE 4-12 INCHES SHALL BE DR-14. ALL PVC PIPE HAS BEEN PRICED AS DR-18 IN LIEU OF.



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- THIS PROPOSAL SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDES ANY ARV'S NEEDED. PLEASE ADD \$7,500 PER EACH IF NEEDED.
- THIS PROPOSAL ASSUMES PHASE 1 & 2 WILL BE MASS GRADED TOGETHER AND PHASE 3 IN 2026. ALSO, ASSUMES INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PHASE 2 & 3 WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TOGETHER AT A LATER DATE.

Payment Terms:

<p>ACCEPTED: The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.</p> <p>Buyer: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date of Acceptance: _____</p>	<p>CONFIRMED: Ripa & Associates</p> <p>Authorized Signature: _____</p> <p>Estimator: David Compton 813-376-2261 dcompton@ripaconstruction.com</p>
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Exhibit B

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following rules, regulations and conditions apply to Contractor in connection with that certain Kolter Contractor Agreement (the "Agreement"). For purposes of these General Conditions, the term "Contractor" includes all of Contractor's employees, invitees, agents, laborers, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors and suppliers and their respective employees, invitees, agents, laborers, sub-subcontractors and suppliers (if applicable). All other terms used herein shall have the same meaning and definition as in the Agreement.

These General Conditions are part of the Agreement and are in force at all times while Contractor is performing Work for Owner and/or Contractor is present on the Project under current direction of Owner and/or Owner's personnel. It is the responsibility of Contractor to adhere to the conditions and specifications herein, and for Contractor to provide copies and/or educate and oversee that all personnel in the service of Contractor adhere to same.

The following items are included in the Agreement and are itemized for definition only and are not to be considered the full extent of Work to be completed by the Contractor:

1. General.

- A. Codes. Contractor shall strictly comply with all applicable City, County, State, FHA and VA codes and ordinances and all applicable OSHA, EPA, and SWPPP requirements at all times on the job.
- B. Site Requirements. Contractor is responsible to know, understand, follow and strictly comply with and implement the requirements of all Applicable Laws, including but not limited to, all federal, state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies relating to storm water pollution, sedimentation control and erosion control as they may be changed and updated from time to time, applicable to the Contractor's Work concerning or related to site issues, including but not limited to water, runoff, pollution, pollutants, spills, residues, dust, dust control, waste, discharges, erosion, storm drains and sewers, and including but not limited to the requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 (aka the Clean Water Act), including the 1987 Amendments, and specifically paragraph 402(p) which establishes a framework for regulating storm water discharges under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Program, the Air Quality Management District, the applicable State Water Resources Control Board, the applicable Water Quality Control Board, any general construction permits, any local storm water permits, any municipal separate storm sewer system permits, any storm water pollution prevention plans, any waste discharge requirements, any water quality orders, and any best management practices ("BMPs") (collectively "Site Requirements").

Contractor acknowledges and accepts that: (1) the site and all Work on the site is

subject to the applicable Site Requirements, and that prior to commencement of its Work, Contractor will have reviewed and executed any and all necessary documents related to the Site Requirements; (2) it is solely responsible for strictly complying with all implementing, training, sampling, reporting, monitoring, supervising, remediating and repairing provisions of the Site Requirements applicable to its Work and its activities and operations in connection with the site; (3) it is solely responsible to clean up its Work and debris therefrom in complete compliance with all Site Requirements and Contractor will, 6 hours of notification to Contractor's onsite personnel, correct all deficiencies if Contractor shall have failed to comply with such rules and regulations or in the event of any violation notice by any authority exercising jurisdiction over the site. In the event of an emergency situation (e.g., flood, storm, etc.), Owner reserves the right to undertake immediate remedial action, without advance notification to Contractor, to comply with the Site Requirements, and may immediately collect such sums expended from Contractor; (4) any violations, fines or other costs associated with Contractor's noncompliance with the Site Requirements shall be borne solely by Contractor irrespective of which entity is cited, fined or incurs costs related to such noncompliance by Contractor; (5) it must immediately notify Owner if it observes or becomes aware of: (A) any deficiency in the documentation required by the Site Requirements, and (B) any failure, by any entity or person, on the site to comply with the Site Requirements, including but not limited to acts, omissions and disturbances, whether intentional or accidental; and (6) it is responsible to ensure that its personnel, agents, employees, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors and suppliers are aware of and strictly comply with this Section, and any non-compliance with the Site Requirements by any of them is the sole responsibility of Contractor.

Contractor further acknowledges that various agencies may inspect the site to enforce the Site Requirements, and substantial fines and penalties may be assessed by such agencies exercising jurisdiction over the site, for failure to comply with the Site Requirements. Contractor shall cooperate fully with all such agencies. Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, immediately and fully comply with all terms and conditions of any verbal or written notice, finding, citation, violation, order, document, complaint or other demand by any agency exercising jurisdiction to enforce the Site Requirements, and shall immediately and fully correct all deficiencies and amend all Site Requirement documents as may be required and identified by such inspecting agencies, and shall immediately notify Owner of the foregoing.

Contractor further agrees that Contractor, Contractor's employees and subcontractors and sub-subcontractors shall not discharge hazardous materials or chemicals on the site, shall not engage in clean-up or repair activities on the site which will result in the discharge of hazardous materials or chemicals, and shall, upon completion of performance of all duties under any purchase order, remove all supplies, materials and waste remaining on the site which, if exposed, could result in the discharge of hazardous materials or chemicals. Contractor shall bear full financial responsibility,

as between the parties of this Agreement, for the compliance of all persons mentioned in the previous sentence.

- C. Underground Lines. Contractor is solely responsible to contact the applicable underground utility location service for a staked location of all underground utilities prior to starting the Work, if necessary. Contractor is solely responsible for all costs for correction and associated delay in connection with repair of all utilities, marked or unmarked, damaged by it during performance of the Work. Prior to any excavation or digging, Contractor must verify that there is no conflict with the location of all underground utilities and/or landscaping. Contractor is responsible for locating any and all existing underground utilities prior to excavation or digging. Contractor shall perform Work so as to not damage utility lines, and shall follow all applicable encroachment standards affecting the utility rights of way and adequately protect its own employees, and those of others and Owner, in performing the Work.

- D. Lines and Grades. If necessary, Owner shall provide Contractor with base control points within 50 feet of property lines, and with other lines, benchmarks and reference lines. Contractor acknowledges that as part of its site inspection, it shall verify the extent of such reference points to be supplied by Owner for Contractor's Work. If reference points are missing or Contractor finds the points inadequate, Contractor immediately shall provide written notification to Owner. Absent written notification to Owner, Contractor assumes full responsibility for the accuracy of all lines, levels, and measurements and their relation to benchmarks, property lines, and reference lines. In all cases where dimensions are governed by conditions already established before Contractor starts the Work, Contractor shall have full responsibility for correct knowledge of the actual conditions. No variation from specified lines or grades shall be made except on the written direction of Owner. Contractor shall bear all costs for correction and associated delay in connection with line or grade deviations unless Contractor can establish that the engineer's staking was in error, and the error caused the need for corrective work.

- E. Archaeological Monitoring. There may be archaeologically sensitive zones on the site. Archaeological monitors may be present on the site on a full or part time basis. In the event archaeological artifacts are discovered during performance of the Work, the appropriate governmental agency shall have and retain all right, title and interest to such artifacts and shall further have the right to perform archaeological excavations as deemed necessary.

- F. No Substitutions. There shall be no substitutions or alterations in designs, materials or equipment, and/or manufacturers specifications without the prior written approval of Owner. This policy shall include "or equal" determination.

- G. Meetings. Contractor shall be required to attend any construction meetings scheduled during regular business hours, as reasonably directed by Owner. Those present must be able to take responsibility for any contract issues, monetary back

charges, and any schedule commitments as directed by Owner. Failure to attend may result in a \$150 fine/per occurrence.

- H. Scheduling. It is Contractor's responsibility to contact Owner about scheduling Work. All scheduling shall be by Owner or its assigned representative. All moves as required and movement through the applicable subdivision are included in the contract unit prices, and no other compensation will be made. Contractor shall cooperate totally in accelerations or deviations made by Owner in the scheduling and completion of Contractor's Work. Contractor shall, if requested, submit daily reports to Owner showing the total number of workmen and a description of the Work performed (classified by skills).
- I. Layout. Contractor is responsible for its own layout and engineering and for furnishing, locating and installing any sleeves, inserts, hangers, box outs, flashings, etc. for all required structural penetrations unless specifically excluded from their individual Scope of Work.
- J. Workmanship. All workmanship shall be first class in all respects and carried out in a manner satisfactory to and meeting the approval of Owner. All workers employed in making the installations shall be skilled in their particular trade and Contractor's supervisor shall be in charge at all times.
- K. Cooperation with work of Contractor and Others. Owner may directly or indirectly perform Work at the Home. In the event that Owner elects to perform work at the site directly or through others, Contractor and Owner shall coordinate the activities of all forces at the site and agree upon fair and reasonable schedules and operational procedures for site activities. Contractor shall at all times cooperate with Owner and all other subcontractors on site and shall not interfere with the performance of those other subcontractors impacted by its Work. Contractor is responsible to coordinate its Work with those subcontractors that impact, or are impacted by its Work. This includes scheduling, delivery and installation of materials and the coordinating of the workmen involved in same. Contractor shall perform its Work in such a manner that it will not injure, damage or delay Work performed by Owner or any other contractor, and shall pay Owner for any damages or delay that Contractor may cause to such other work. Contractor shall cooperate with Owner and its other subcontractors, consultants and regulatory agencies and officials. Contractor shall participate in the preparation of coordination drawings when required, specifically noting and advising Owner of any interference with or by others.
- L. Operation of Vehicles. The operation of vehicles in or about the site by Contractor (including material delivery vehicles operated by material suppliers of Contractor) shall be as follows: (1) use only the designated entries to enter and exit the site; (2) use only established roadways and temporary roadways as authorized by Owner; (3) no crossing of curbs or sidewalks without prior approval by Contractor; and (4) observe speed limit of no greater than 15 miles per hour and 10 miles per hour or

less in congested construction zones within the entire site. Contractor shall immediately reimburse Owner for any damage to curbs, sidewalks, landscaping, or concrete surfaces or any other damage to the site caused by Contractor.

- M. Parking. Contractor shall ensure that parking areas are used by all workers, in suitable locations as approved by Owner. In the event Owner has to tow vehicles owned by Contractor, or Contractor's employees, agents, laborers and subcontractors to maintain ingress and egress to the site, all such towing charges will be back charged to Contractor. There shall be no parking in driveways, garages or carports of the housing units (whether completed or being constructed) or on sidewalks or graded lots within the site. Owner shall have the right to fine Contractor \$100 per vehicle per day for violation of parking restrictions, and/or back charge Contractor for damages. Owner has the right to remove any such improperly parked vehicle without prior permission, and Owner shall be held harmless from any damages that may occur as a result of such removal.
- N. **NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. THE SITE IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AREA, AND NO CHILDREN OR OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS OR PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SITE AT ANY TIME.**
- O. Acceptance of Prior Work. It is the responsibility of Contractor to accept the Work of prior subcontractors before proceeding, if applicable. In the event the prior Work was done in a defective manner, Contractor shall promptly notify Owner of alleged defective Work verbally and then in writing. In the event that the Contractor proceeds before the defective Work is corrected, Contractor shall bear full responsibility for any costs incurred due to the Work in place not being acceptable. Contractor shall notify Owner immediately if Contractor damages materials installed by others or if others damage materials installed by Contractor.
- P. Protection of Finished Work. Contractor shall at all times during their portion of the Work protect the Work of others and leave the site completely clean and free of damage upon completion of Contractor's operations.
- a. Contractor's personnel shall not remove protective devices (if applicable).
 - b. Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of its Work until final completion and acceptance by Owner and shall repair or replace, as determined by Owner, any damage to its Work that occurs before the final acceptance at no expense to Owner, even if Contractor could not reasonably foresee or prevent the cause of the damage or damages.
- Q. Materials. All materials and equipment shall be new and of the best quality their respective kind, free from all defects. Contractor is responsible to supply and/or install all items strictly in accordance with the Agreement Documents. Contractor is fully responsible for all Materials stored/staged on the site prior to installation. Owner will not pay for stolen or missing Materials of any kind prior to acceptance by Owner. Contractor shall provide for the delivery, unloading, storage and onsite

protection and maintenance of Materials necessary to complete scope of Work and remove and/or transfer any remaining materials from the site upon completion.

- R. Delivery, Dumping. Contractor shall not deliver, dump, place, or store any materials of any kind anywhere on-site at any time without specific permission and direction of Owner. Owner has the right to remove any such delivery or dumping, or storage of any materials if placed without prior permission, and Owner shall be held harmless from any damages that may occur.
- S. Water/Utilities. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement Documents, Contractor will supply its own electric power, light and water as necessary to the site in order to complete its Work.
- T. Cleanliness, Trash & Debris. Contractor, according to Contractor's particular trade, shall keep all aspects of the jobsite, including any streets, alleys, sidewalks and storage areas, orderly, in safe condition and free all waste material, spoils, dirt, mud, scrap, debris, trash, excess Materials and rubbish (collectively, "Waste"), and all Waste shall be removed from the jobsite or deposited in such locations as Owner may from time to time designate. If practicable, all debris is to be compacted before disposal. Contractor shall not at any time leave any aspect of the jobsite, including streets and sidewalks, in an unsafe condition. Contractor shall clean daily and remove from the site, or deposit in approved containers/locations on the site, all rubbish and surplus materials that accumulate from Contractor's Work. Contractor shall clean the Work area daily and upon completion of its portion of the Work. Owner shall give Contractor 24 hours' notice if Contractor has failed to properly clean up. Should Contractor, its employees, or subcontractors or their employees fail to comply within 24 hours from the time Owner issues Contractor a written notice of noncompliance or within the time of an abatement period specified by any government agency, whichever period is shorter, Owner may give notice of default to Contractor. Failure of Contractor to cure such default within 24 hours after such notice shall give Owner the option to elect and enforce any and all rights or remedies set forth in the Agreement. Upon completion of Contractor's Work, Contractor shall promptly remove all Waste, tools, and equipment from the Project jobsite. If Contractor fails to do so, Owner has the right, but not the obligation to, cleanup and remove any Waste, tools and/or equipment in dispute and allocate all Costs related thereto to those believed to be responsible therefore, and Owner's allocation shall be binding upon Contractor. Contractor shall also move all excess usable Materials and/or spoils provided to Owner by Contractor in accordance with instructions issued by Owner.
- U. Pets. No pets (other than service dogs) shall be brought to the site by Contractor. Owner shall have the right to fine or back charge Contractor \$200 per occurrence for violations of this pet policy.
- V. Weather. In the event of rain, wind, or other adverse weather, Contractor shall be completely responsible for the protection of the Work, using all reasonable efforts.

Should Contractor fail to perform said protective measures, all restoration of damages to Contractor's Work and adjacent property damaged by Contractor's inadequacy, will be performed by Contractor or completed by others and paid for by Contractor.

- W. Storage. By written notice to Contractor, Owner may permit Contractor to store materials, tools and equipment at the site at Contractor's own risk. Such permission is within Owner's sole discretion. Contractor is solely responsible for its own materials, tools and equipment stored on the site. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor waives all rights of recovery against Owner and all other Contractors, sub-contractors, sub-subcontractors and sub-sub-subcontractors that Contractor may have for loss or damage caused to any of Contractor's materials or tools or equipment stored on site. Owner will not provide any utilities for storage facilities. Contractor shall maintain permitted storage areas in a neat, safe and sanitary condition. By written notice to Contractor, Owner may revoke Contractor's use of any permitted storage area at any time. In such event, Contractor shall remove all materials, tools and equipment and restore the area to its original condition within 48 hours after delivery of the removal notice.

- X. Contractor's Personal Property Insurance. Contractor and its subcontractors may, at its or their option and sole expense, purchase and maintain insurance for its or their tools, equipment, materials and other personal property. Any deductible in relation thereto shall be its or their sole responsibility. Any such insurance shall be Contractor's and its subcontractors' sole source of recovery in the event of a loss. All such insurance maintained by Contractor and its subcontractors shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of Owner, Project HOA entity, and their affiliates as Owner may specify.

2. **Job Conduct.**

- A. Representatives. During all times when its Work is in progress, Contractor shall have a competent project manager, superintendent or foreperson, readily available or on the Project jobsite as Contractor's representative who: (a) shall be authorized by Contractor and capable to communicate in English with Owner and others on the jobsite; (b) shall be authorized by Contractor to make such monetary and non-monetary decisions on behalf of Contractor as may be necessary for the prompt and efficient performance of the terms of this Agreement by Contractor; and (c) shall be authorized to represent Contractor as to all matters on the Project. Prior to the commencement of Work, Contractor shall notify Owner of the identity of Contractor's representative on the Project jobsite, and in the event of any replacement by Contractor of such representative, Contractor shall notify Owner in writing of the identity of such replacement. Owner may reasonably reject Contractor's representative and/or any replacements. Owner reserves the right to remove any person or crew from the site due to incompetence or failure to conduct

himself or herself in a proper manner, as determined by Owner, in its sole discretion.

- B. Professional Appearance and Safety. Contractor and Contractor's field workers shall maintain a clean and professional appearance on the site at all times including, but not limited to, wearing proper work attire or other personal safety equipment as necessary to perform the Work in a professional and safe manner. In connection with all of its activities under this Agreement, Contractor shall take all reasonable safety precautions, shall comply with all safety measures, rules, programs and/or processes initiated by Owner, shall comply with all Applicable Laws, and, to the extent that such safety orders are applicable to the Work being performed by Contractor, shall provide Material Safety Data Sheets to Owner for any hazardous material that Contractor may use in performing the Contractor's Work. Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, and shall ensure that all Work areas comply with all safety measures, rules, programs and/or processes initiated by Owner, all Applicable Laws and all applicable industry standards. Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of, and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to: (i) all employees involved in the Work and all other persons who may be affected thereby; (ii) all the Work of Contractor and of others and all Materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the jobsite, and/or (iii) other property at the jobsite or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities. All signage required by Applicable Law shall be included by the Contractor, whether such signage is specifically shown in the Specifications or not.
- C. OSHA. Contractor acknowledges that the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (and any and all state and local laws related to occupational health and safety) (the "OSHA Regulations"), all as amended from time to time, require, among other things, all Contractors and subcontractors to furnish to their workers employment and a place of employment that is free from recognized hazards. In this regard, Contractor specifically agrees, without limitation of its general obligations, as follows:
- a. Contractor will fully comply with the OSHA Regulations and will cooperate with Owner and all other contractors, subcontractors and sub-subcontractors of Owner in order to assure compliance with the OSHA Regulations.
 - b. Contractor accepts full responsibility and liability for the training of its employees as to all precautionary measures necessary to protect such employees during both routine and emergency situations on the Project jobsite and Contractor shall make available for Owners review all records and logs indicating such training was administered by Contractor to its employees.
 - c. Contractor will assist Owner in complying with the OSHA Regulations.
 - d. Before using any chemicals in its performance of the Work for Owner, Contractor must give Owner prior written notice of the existence and the

possible exposure to such chemicals, and deliver a material safety data sheet to Owner.

- e. Contractor will fully comply (and will cause its employees and Agents to comply) with any Project jobsite rules or regulations, including those that relate to safety, that Owner may choose to put in place. Even though Owner may put some safety-related rules and regulations in place, Contractor acknowledges that it continues to be responsible for the safety of its employees and Agents and that Owner assumes no responsibility or obligation for their safety.

Owner has entered into this Agreement with Contractor with the expectation that Contractor will perform Work on the Project jobsites fully in compliance with OSHA Regulations. Any failure by Contractor to do so could result in potential losses to Owner (for example, without limitation, potential liability for injuries, administrative fines or penalties, operational costs due to work stoppages, etc.). Because of these potential losses, if Owner identifies violations of OSHA Regulations or of the Project jobsite rules and regulations related to safety established by Owner by Contractor (or its employees or Agents), Contractor shall, in addition to and not in place of any and all other rights and remedies that Owner may have under this Agreement, reimburse Owner for all direct and indirect costs, fees, damages and expenses incurred or paid by Owner, including, without limitation, replacement Material, equipment and/or product costs, labor costs, production stoppage costs, and legal fees and expenses (collectively the "Costs") associated therewith. Owner may offset or back-charge these Costs against any amounts that may otherwise be due from Owner to Contractor, whether under this Agreement or under any other agreement between Owner and Contractor now or hereafter existing. Although Owner has the right to do so, Owner has no obligation (and does not commit or assume) to monitor compliance with OSHA Regulations by Contractor (and Contractor's Agents and employees). Owner's failure to assess Costs against Contractor for violations of OSHA Regulations or of the Project jobsite rules and regulations related to safety established by Owner shall in no way waive any of Owner's rights and remedies available under this Agreement or otherwise. Furthermore, failure to comply with this Section is a default by Contractor, giving Owner the right to exercise any remedies (including termination, penalties and fines) available under this Agreement.

- D. Professional Conduct. Contractor and Contractor's Agents, employees and field workers of any tier shall conduct themselves in a professional manner, shall comply with all Project jobsite rules and regulations adopted by Owner, shall comply with all of Owner's reasonable requests regarding personal conduct and shall resolve any field disputes with Owner in a professional and diplomatic manner without impeding progress of the Work.
- E. Rules. Contractor, its field workers, and any subcontractors and sub-subcontractors shall observe the following rules at all times:

1. Job site working hours are regulated by the local governmental agencies, Applicable Laws and ordinances and possibly homeowner's association rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of Contractor, its personnel and suppliers to learn and comply with said Applicable Laws and ordinances.
2. No loud radios, music, or unnecessary noise on the site.
3. No distraction of fellow workers.
4. No alcohol or drugs on the site.
5. No weapons of any kind on the site.
6. No profanity or discourteous conduct on the site.
7. No horseplay or fighting on the site.
8. No unauthorized visitors (including pets unless otherwise stated above) on the site.
9. No unauthorized vehicles or parking in any production area.
10. No entry into an active blasting or barricaded area during active operations.
11. No open fires.

F. Violation of the site conduct rules is a breach of contract and grounds for immediate removal from the site and may be cause for termination of Contractor as set forth in Section 22 of the Agreement.

G. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor has a zero tolerance sexual harassment policy and discrimination policy, and Contractor shall comply with such policies to avoid sexual harassment at the site and to implement non-discriminatory hiring practices for the Work.

Exhibit C

SITE SAFETY RULES

Contractor agrees as follows:

- 1) Contractor shall maintain a written safety program that meets or exceeds all governmental standards and requirements, and Owner's Code of Safety Practices (as defined below) ("**Contractor's Written Safety Program**"). Contractor shall, within 10 days of request (or such earlier time period if required by a regulatory agency or court order), provide a copy of Contractor's Written Safety Program to Owner.
- 2) Contractor shall provide safety training to employees of Contractor and its subcontractors and sub-subcontractors as reasonably required to educate employees of Contractor and its subcontractors and sub-Subcontractors on requirements and provisions of Contractor's Written Safety Program.
- 3) Contractor shall supply, maintain and utilize equipment (this list is not inclusive and not limited to, fall protection, heavy lifting protection, foot, eye and ear protection and hard hats) reasonably required for employees of Contractor and its subcontractors and sub-subcontractors to perform the Work safely and in compliance with Contractor's Written Safety Program.
- 4) Contractor shall designate a management level employee of Contractor who frequently visits the site of the Work as Contractor's safety coordinator. The safety coordinator shall (a) be thoroughly trained and understand Contractor's Written Safety Program, (b) perform, as a routine practice, safety inspections of Contractor's performance of the Work with frequency and detail necessary to ensure a safe working environment and shall provide written reports on such inspections to Owner as reasonably requested by Owner, (c) be available to respond to Contractors' and its subcontractors and sub-subcontractors' employees' inquiries concerning Contractor's Written Safety Program, (d) discipline (including removal from the job site) employees of Contractor and its subcontractors and sub-subcontractors who violate Contractor's Written Safety Program, and (e) attend, with its employees and subcontractors and sub-subcontractors, Owners safety meetings (as requested by Owner).
- 5) Contractor shall abide and cause all employees of Contractor and its subcontractors and sub-subcontractors to comply with Owners Code of Safety Practices and Owners Health and Safety Program, as published and amended by Owner from time to time.
- 6) Material Incidents.
 - a. Material Incident Notification. Contractor shall notify Owner immediately by telephone, with prompt confirmation in writing, of the following (each, a "**Material Incident**"): (1) any injuries requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, (2) fatalities, and/or (3) the existence of any conditions arising out of the Work or

otherwise which have created or could create an environmental hazard. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate, prevent, and remediate such incidents where under the Contractor's reasonable control.

- b. Initial Written Report. Contractor shall report and document all Material Incidents and provide Owner with such reports or documentation as Owner shall deem appropriate, including, but not limited to, copies of all reports, photos and other documents filed or provided to agencies or authorities having jurisdiction in connection with such incidents. Owner reserves the right to require Contractor to utilize Owner's standardized incident report forms. Contractor shall provide an initial written report of the Material Incident within eight (8) hours of having knowledge of such Material Incident, and if required by Owner, Contractor shall update said report not less than weekly until such time the report is considered final by Owner. The initial written report shall include, at a minimum, a description of the event, nature of injuries (if applicable), where the person(s) was transported (if applicable), name, job title, organization and years of experience related to the person(s) involved, nature of the work being performed when the incident occurred, a description of the work set-up prior to the incident, pre-incident and post-incident photos, and immediate actions and corrective actions taken.
 - c. Final Written Report. Contractor shall prepare and deliver to Owner a final written report that includes a root cause analysis of the Material Incident and describes the efforts, interim and final, made to correct, mitigate, avoid, and prevent reoccurrence of such incidents. The final written report shall also identify the parties involved in the investigation process. Contractor shall provide Owner with the final written report within thirty (30) days after the Material Incident occurs, unless an alternate timeline has been agreed to by Owner. The final report should include, at a minimum, any post incident police reports, any third-party site inspections and reports, and any other information that was not available when the initial written report was filed.
- 7) Contractor shall participate in Owner's safety audits as requested by Owner. Information requested by Owner shall be provided by Contractor within 2 business days of request.
- 8) OSHA has established regulations entitled OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard. According to the regulations, manufacturers of hazardous materials are required to furnish Material Safety Data Sheets ("MSDS") giving information on proper handling and precautionary measures in using the materials. Contractor shall obtain all MSDS pertaining to any hazardous material used or created in the process of performing the Work, and shall distribute copies of such MSDS to Owner and to all other contractors, sub-subcontractors, and suppliers performing Work on the Site. Contractor shall also obtain from all other subcontractors, sub-subcontractors and suppliers performing Work on the Site, copies of all MSDS for all hazardous materials used or created by such subcontractors, sub-subcontractors or suppliers, and shall retain copies of such MSDS and provide them to Contractor's employees, sub-subcontractors, and suppliers as required by the OSHA regulations. In other words, Contractor must exchange MSDS with all other

subcontractors, sub-subcontractors and suppliers, and implement a training program for its employees. Furthermore, Contractor must ensure all Materials are labeled.

- 9) Contractor is expected to provide a safe Work environment for its employees, consistent with Owners Code of Safety Practices. As part of the foregoing, alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited at the Site.

Exhibit D

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

SEE ATTACHED. **(N/A)**

Exhibit E

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Prior to the commencement of any work, Contractor, and any Contractor's Agent, shall at its sole expense secure and maintain the insurance as provided in this Exhibit as will protect Contractor, Owner, Brookfield Kolter Land Partners LLC, The Kolter Group LLC, Kolter Group Acquisitions LLC, Osprey Creek Member LP, Grace Groves Member LP, Brookfield Communities (Florida) GP LLC, BF-KL (Florida) Holdco LLC, Trez US #8 Master Partnership, LP, and TB Lot Development #1 Aggregator Limited Partnership from claims which may arise in whole or in part from operations by Contractor or any Contractor's Agent or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or anyone for whose acts either of them may be liable:

(i) **Commercial General Liability:** This insurance shall be written on an occurrence (not claims-made) basis, on a current ISO occurrence form, covering liability for all ongoing and completed operations of Contractor, including liability for all ongoing and completed operations of Contractor's subcontractors and other Contractor's Agents, and covering claims for bodily injury, including without limitation sickness, disease or death of any persons, injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom, personal and advertising injury, completed operations, and contractual liability insuring the obligations assumed by Contractor under this Agreement. This insurance shall have annual limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage, \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal and advertising injury, \$2,000,000 general aggregate on a per project basis, and \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate on a per project basis. This insurance shall not have any residential, apartments, or tract home exclusions. Contractor shall maintain, without interruption, this insurance from the commencement date of the Work through and including the date the applicable statute of repose for the project expires. Policies and/or endorsements cannot include any provisions that terminate products-completed operations coverage at the end of a policy period or limit the coverage in any other way with respect to additional insureds.

(ii) **Automobile Liability:** This insurance shall be provided by a current ISO occurrence form policy (or equivalent) and apply on an "any auto" (Symbol 1) basis, including coverage for bodily injury and property damage arising out of the operation, maintenance, use, loading or unloading of any vehicle, including owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles, in connection with the Work, and providing annual limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage combined including uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage, medical payment protection, and loading and unloading. If the Work requires the removal and transportation of hazardous materials from the project site, coverage must be amended to include pollution liability coverage applicable to bodily injury and property damage arising from all hazardous waste hauling and include the CA 9948 and MCS90 endorsements. Contractor shall maintain, without interruption, this insurance from the commencement date of the Work through and including the date that Contractor achieves final completion of the Work.

(iii) **Workers' Compensation:** This insurance shall be provided as required by law in the state in which the Work will take place. If Contractor leases one or more employees through the use of a payroll, employee management, or other similar company, then Contractor must procure worker's compensation insurance written on an "if any" policy form, including an endorsement providing coverage for alternate employer/leased employee liability. Such insurance shall be in addition to the workers' compensation coverage provided to the leased employee by the payroll, employee management, or other similar company. Contractor shall maintain, without interruption, this insurance from the commencement date of the Work through and including the date that the Contractor achieves final completion of the Work.

- (a) The workers' compensation insurance shall ensure that: (1) Owner will have no liability to Contractor, its employees or Contractor's Agents; and (2) Contractor will satisfy all workers' compensation obligations imposed by state law.
- (b) If any of Contractor's employees or Contractor's Agents are subject to the rights and obligations of the Longshoremen and Harbor Workers Act or any other maritime law or act, the workers' compensation insurance must be broadened to provide additional required coverage.

(c) For purposes of worker's compensation coverage, Contractor agrees that Contractor, Contractor's employees and Contractor's Agents are not employees of Owner or its Affiliates, and are therefore not beneficiaries of any Owner coverage.

(iv) **Employer's Liability:** This insurance shall provide limits of at least \$1,000,000 for each bodily injury by accident, bodily injury by disease, and annual aggregate. Contractor shall maintain, without interruption, this insurance from the commencement date of the Work through and including the date that Contractor achieves final completion of the Work.

(v) **Excess/Umbrella Liability Coverage:** This insurance shall provide coverage excess to, and at least as broad as, the Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Employer's Liability insurance coverages detailed above with limits of at least \$5,000,000 per occurrence and in the aggregate. Contractor shall maintain, without interruption, this insurance from the commencement date of the Work through and including the date the applicable statute of repose for the project expires.

(vi) **Professional Liability:** For all work performed by Contractor as an architect, engineer, professional and/or on a design/build basis, Contractor shall provide and maintain professional liability insurance covering errors and omissions in the performance of such work with limits of at least \$2,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate and with a deductible, if any, acceptable to Owner in its sole discretion. This insurance shall have a retroactive coverage date that precedes the commencement date of the Work. This insurance shall not contain policy language that (i) excludes coverage for claims arising out of mold, asbestos or silica that are the result of Contractor's and/or Contractor's Agents' performance or failure to perform work under the Agreement; or (ii) excludes coverage for claims arising from work within the means, methods and techniques of construction. Contractor shall maintain, without interruption, this insurance from the commencement date of the Work through and including the date the applicable statute of repose for the project expires.

2. Prior to commencement of any work, Contractor shall furnish to Owner certificates of insurance on ACORD Form 25 (or such other form approved by Owner) and copies of insurance policy endorsements evidencing (i) the coverages required to be carried by Contractor under this Agreement and (ii) the additional insureds and other requirements under this Agreement. From time to time, upon Owner's request, to evidence compliance with the insurance requirements hereunder, Contractor shall promptly deliver appropriate certificates of insurance, insurance policy endorsements, and certified copies of insurance policies. Certificates of insurance, insurance policy endorsements and/or insurance policies which, in Owner's sole opinion, are incomplete or do not reflect the coverage, limits, or terms required hereunder may be returned by Owner for resubmission by Contractor. If Contractor's current insurance will expire before final completion of the Work, Contractor shall provide to Owner renewal certificates of insurance and additional insureds and other endorsements (conforming with the requirements set forth in this Agreement) before the date of expiration of all applicable insurance. For all coverage required to be maintained after final completion of the Work, Contractor shall submit to Owner certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage and the satisfaction of the additional insureds requirements on an annual basis as the coverage is renewed (or replaced).

3. **Additional Insureds:** Owner, Brookfield Kolter Land Partners LLC, The Kolter Group LLC, Kolter Group Acquisitions LLC, Osprey Creek Member LP, Grace Groves Member LP, Brookfield Communities (Florida) GP LLC, BF-KL (Florida) Holdco LLC, Trez US #8 Master Partnership, LP, TB Lot Development #1 Aggregator Limited Partnership, and other persons or entities designated by Owner in writing shall each be included in all policies required hereunder to be maintained by Contractor and Contractor's Agents (except for workers' compensation and professional liability insurance) as an additional insured for claims against them relating to the Work, with the understanding that any affirmative obligation imposed upon the insured Contractor or Contractor's Agent (including without limitation the liability to pay premiums and deductibles) shall be the sole obligation of Contractor or Contractor's Agent, as applicable, and not of any of the additional insureds. The additional insureds' status under the Contractor's and Contractor's Agent's Commercial General Liability insurance policies shall be effected using the ISO Additional Insured Endorsement form CG 20 10 11 85 (or CG 20 10 10 01 and CG 20 37 10 01) or such other endorsement or combination of endorsements providing coverage at least as broad and approved by Owner in writing. The insurance afforded to each additional insured shall be at least as broad as that afforded to the first named insured under each policy. All of Contractor's and Contractor's Agent's liability policies (except for workers' compensation and professional liability insurance) shall be endorsed using ISO form CG 20 01 04 13 or its equivalent so as to indicate that such policies provide primary coverage (without any right of contribution by any other insurance or self-

insurance, including any deductible or retention maintained by an additional insured) for all claims against the additional insureds arising out of the performance of this Contract by Contractor or Contractor's Agent, or anyone for whom the Contractor or a Contractor's Agent may be liable.

4. Primary and Non-Contributory Coverage: All insurance required hereunder shall state that the insurance provided to the additional insureds is primary and non-contributory to any other insurance maintained by or available to the additional insureds. Contractor's insurance shall exhaust vertically, and not share horizontally with any of the additional insured's insurance, notwithstanding any case law to the contrary.

5. Severability of Interests (cross-liability): All policies required hereunder shall not contain any cross-liability exclusion applicable to the additional insureds, or any restriction that limits coverage for a claim brought by an additional insured against a named insured.

6. Waiver of Subrogation: All insurance required hereunder shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the additional insureds. Contractor hereby waives all rights of recovery by subrogation because of deductible clauses, inadequacy of limits of any insurance policy, limitations or exclusions of coverage, and/or any other reason. A waiver of subrogation shall be effective as to any individual or entity, even if such individual or entity (a) would otherwise have a duty of indemnification, contractual or otherwise, (b) did not pay the insurance premium, directly or indirectly, and (c) whether or not such individual or entity has an insurable interest in the property damaged.

7. Notice of Cancellation, Modification or Termination: All policies required hereunder shall not be subject to cancellation, termination, modification or non-renewal except upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the additional insureds.

8. All insurance shall be maintained in the form and with companies satisfactory to Owner and that have a current A.M Best rating of A- VII or better, that have an S&P rating of A- or better, and that have been authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

9. Failure of Contractor to comply with the insurance requirements hereunder, or to ensure that all Contractor's Agents comply with the insurance requirements hereunder, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and Owner may terminate the Agreement or, at its discretion, procure such insurance to protect Owner's interests, pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, and withhold or recover all monies so paid from Contractor. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the insurance required hereunder nor any other provision in this Article shall (A) relieve Contractor, or any Contractor's Agent, of their respective obligations to exercise due care in the performance of their duties in connection with the Work, and to complete the Work in strict compliance with the Agreement; or (B) limit any of the Contractor's indemnification obligations or other obligations arising out of or relating to the Work and/or this Agreement. Contractor and Contractor's Agents shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums, deductibles, and/or self-insured retentions for their respective insurance policies. Owner, in its sole discretion, at any time, may audit compliance with the insurance requirements hereunder, and Contractor shall cooperate with any such audits. Contractor shall provide complete copies of insurance policies upon Owner's request. Contractor understands and agrees that Owner's timely receipt from Contractor of all certificates evidencing all insurance required hereunder, all endorsements required hereunder, and copies of all insurance policies (if requested by Owner) shall be a condition precedent to Owner's obligation to make any payments under the Agreement.

10. The provisions of this Exhibit shall survive the expiration or sooner termination of this Agreement.

Exhibit F
PARTIAL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIEN

RLS-KL Blackwell LLC
14025 Riveredge Drive
Suite 175
Tampa, FL 33637

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT: that the undersigned, for and in consideration of the receipt of fully available funds of the payment of \$ _____, paid by RLS-KL Blackwell LLC (Owner), hereby waives and releases in favor of Owner any and all lien(s), right(s) of lien or claim(s) of lien of whatsoever kind or character which the undersigned now has or might have against Owner and/or the property known as Blackwell according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court in and for Pasco County, Florida, on account of any and all labor, material or both, performed and/or furnished by the undersigned in connection with the construction of improvements upon the above described property.

The undersigned does hereby represent and warrant to Owner that the undersigned has paid all of its laborers, subcontractors and material men for all of the foregoing labor, material or both, as performed and/or furnished and that all taxes imposed by applicable laws in respect thereof have been paid and discharged in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Partial Waiver and Release of Lien (or caused the same to be executed in its name) this ____ day of _____ 20 ____.

CONTRACTOR

BY: _____

PRINT: _____

TITLE: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing was acknowledged before me by [] physical presence or [] online notarization this ____ day of _____, 2021, by _____, as _____ of _____ a _____ corporation [limited liability company] [partnership], for and on behalf of the corporation. He/She is personally known to me or has produced a driver license as identification and did/did not take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

BY: _____

PRINT: _____

COMMISSION #: _____

Note: This release has been modified from the statutory form prescribed by Section 713.20, Florida Statutes (1996). Effective October 1, 1996, a person may not require a lienor to furnish a waiver or release of lien that is different from the statutory form. If you choose to use this form, you consent to such form. This form may not be usable in all states. Check with your attorney if in a state other than Florida.

Exhibit G
FINAL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIEN

RLS-KL Blackwell LLC
14025 Riveredge Drive
Suite 175
Tampa, FL 33637

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: that the undersigned, for and in consideration of the receipt of fully available funds of the payment of \$ _____, paid by RLS-KL Blackwell LLC (Owner), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby waives and releases in favor of Owner any and all lien(s), right(s) of lien or claim(s) of lien of whatsoever kind or character which the undersigned now has or might have against Owner and/or the property known as Blackwell according to the plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court in and for Pasco County, Florida, on account of any and all labor, material or both, performed and/or furnished by the undersigned in connection with the construction of improvements upon the above described property.

The undersigned does hereby represent and warrant to Owner that the undersigned has paid all of its laborers, subcontractors and material men for all of the foregoing labor, material or both, as performed and/or furnished and that all taxes imposed by applicable laws in respect thereof have been paid and discharged in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed the Final Waiver and Release of Lien (or caused the same to be executed in its name) this _____ day of _____ 20____.

CONTRACTOR

BY: _____

PRINT: _____

TITLE: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing was acknowledged before me by physical presence or online notarization this _____ day of _____, 2021, by _____, as _____ of _____ a _____ corporation [limited liability company] [partnership], for and on behalf of the corporation. He/She is personally known to me or has produced a driver license as identification and did/did not take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

BY: _____

PRINT: _____

COMMISSION #: _____

Note: This release has been modified from the statutory form prescribed by Section 713.20, Florida Statutes (1996). Effective October 1, 1996, a person may not require a lienor to furnish a waiver or release of lien that is different from the statutory form. If you choose to use this form, you consent to such form. This form may not be usable in all states. Check with your attorney if in a state other than Florida.

SCHEDULE 1

ADDENDUM ("ADDENDUM") TO CONTRACT ("CONTRACT")
[BLACKWELL CDD – PHASE 1 & 2 PROJECT]

1. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Addendum applies to that certain *Contractor Agreement*, dated October 9, 2025 ("**Contract**") between the RLS-KL Blackwell LLC ("**Developer**") and RIPA & Associates LLC ("**Contractor**"), and in order to add certain third party rights in favor of the Blackwell Community Development District ("**District**"), which has an address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. To the extent the terms of the Contract conflict with this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall control.

2. **ACQUISITIONS.** This Contractor and Developer agree and acknowledge that the Developer intends to sell to the District the portions of the "**Work**" constructed pursuant to the Contract, on a monthly basis and upon payment of each "**Pay Application**" under the Contract. The Contractor agrees that, upon payment of each Payment Application, the Contractor agrees that the District's acquisition of the Work shall mean that the District and not the Developer owns that Work; the Contractor shall be deemed to have released all rights to the Work paid for under the Payment Application; and the Contractor shall have no lien rights on the Work paid for under the Payment Application; provided however that nothing herein shall waive the Contractor's lien or other rights relating to payment of retainage under the Contract.

3. **THIRD PARTY RIGHTS.** The District is a third party beneficiary under the Contract, with the rights to enforce all warranties, bonds, insurance, indemnification, and other provisions of the Contract. The District, or its designee, shall have the right to assume all rights and obligations of the Developer under the Contract at any time and in the District's sole discretion.

4. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Without intending to limit the provisions of Section 3, the Contractor's indemnification, defense, and hold harmless obligations that are in favor of the Developer under the Contract are hereby deemed to include the District and its supervisors, consultants, agents, attorneys, managers, engineers and representatives. To the extent that a maximum limit for indemnification is required by law, and not otherwise set forth in the Contract, the indemnification limit shall be the greater of the limits of the insurance amounts set forth in the Contract or Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), which amounts Contractor agrees are reasonable and enforceable, and were included as part of the bid and/or assignment documents. The Contractor's obligations hereunder are intended to be consistent with all provisions of applicable law, and to the extent found inconsistent by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Contract shall be deemed amended and/or reformed consistent with the intent of this paragraph and such that the obligations apply to the maximum limits of the law.

5. **INSURANCE AND BONDS.** At the District's request, the District shall be named as an additional insured under any insurance provided by the Contractor under the Contract, and shall be a named beneficiary of any bonds or similar forms of security.

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

7. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be considered public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and other Florida law.

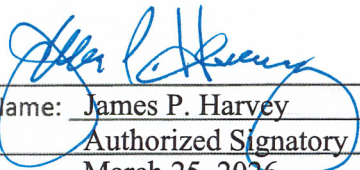
8. **NOTICES.** Notices provided to the Developer or the Contractor under the District shall also be provided to the District at the address first listed above.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto hereby acknowledge and agree to this Addendum to be effective upon full execution of the same.

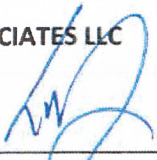
RLS-KL BLACKWELL LLC

By: 
Printed Name: James P. Harvey
Title: Authorized Signatory
Dated: March 25, 2026

BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Signed by: 
By: 
Printed Name: Bill Fife
Title: Chairperson
Dated: 3/27/2026

RIPA & ASSOCIATES LLC

By: 
Printed Name: Chris LaFace
Title: Authorized Signatory
Dated: 3/24/2026

BLACKWELL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RATIFICATION

ITEMS

B

AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES – CDD PROJECT & BONDS

This “**Agreement**” is by and between: Blackwell Community Development District (“**District**”) and TLC Land Consulting, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (“**Contractor**”):

1. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Agreement shall be deemed effective as of the date of the full execution of the Agreement.
2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The Contractor agrees to provide the “**Services**” outlined in **Exhibit A**. Contractor hereby covenants to the District that it shall perform the Services: (i) using its best skill and judgment and in accordance with generally accepted professional standards, and (ii) in compliance with all applicable federal, state, county, municipal, building and zoning, land use, environmental, public safety, non-discrimination and disability accessibility laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, permits and approvals for all required basic disciplines that it shall perform. While providing the Services, the Contractor shall assign such staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects to assure completion of the Services. Contractor shall solely be responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District. Contractor shall at its cost obtain all permits, licenses, and other approvals necessary for providing the Services.
3. **COMPENSATION.** As compensation for the Services, the District agrees to pay the Contractor the amounts set forth in **Exhibit A**, but subject to the terms set forth in **Exhibit A**.
4. **CARE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY.** Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its patrons, landowners and authorized guests from damage by Contractor or its employees or agents. Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from the Services within twenty-four (24) hours. Any such repairs shall be at Contractor’s sole expense, unless otherwise agreed, in writing, by the District.
5. **STANDARD OF CARE; INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor shall use reasonable care in performing the services and shall be responsible for any harm of any kind to persons or property resulting from Contractor’s actions or inactions. The Contractor warrants to the District that all materials furnished under this Agreement shall be new, and that all services and materials shall be of good quality, free from faults and defects. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. The indemnification rights herein contained shall be cumulative of, and in addition to, any and all rights, remedies and recourse to which the District shall be entitled, whether pursuant to some other provision of this Agreement, at law, or in equity. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Nothing in this Section is intended to waive or alter any other remedies that the District may have as against the Contractor.
6. **INSURANCE.** The Contractor or any subcontractor performing the work described in this Agreement shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the insurance identified in the Certificate of Insurance attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and the District shall be listed as an additional insured under all such insurance. The Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.
7. **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.** Contractor further agrees that nothing in the Agreement between the parties shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District’s limitations on liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute.
8. **TERMINATION.** The Agreement may be terminated immediately by the District for cause, or for any or no reason upon 5 days written notice by either party. Contractor shall not be entitled to lost profits or any other damages of any kind resulting from any such termination by the District, provided however that Contractor shall be entitled to payment for any work provided through the effective date of termination, subject to any offsets.
9. **PUBLIC RECORDS.** Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*.
10. **ATTORNEY’S FEES.** In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.
11. **SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES.** Contractor certifies that it is not in violation of section 287.135, *Florida Statutes*, and is not prohibited from doing business with the District under Florida law, including but not limited to Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. If Contractor is found to have submitted a false statement, 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, or is now or in the future on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate this Agreement.
12. **E-VERIFY.** Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.
13. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any purported assignment of this Agreement without such prior written approval shall be void.
14. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS.** In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. The Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Contractor shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.
15. **AGREEMENT.** This instrument, together with its attachments which are hereby incorporated herein, shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the District and Contractor relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.
16. **AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the District and the Contractor.
17. **AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and the Contractor, both the District and the Contractor have complied with all the requirements of law, and both the District and the Contractor have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.
18. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.
19. **ARM’S LENGTH TRANSACTION.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Contractor as an arm’s length transaction. The District and the Contractor participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.
20. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute the foregoing Agreement.

Signed by:
TLC Land Companies, LLC
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By: D Truxton
Its: President

DocuSigned by:
Blackwell Community Development District, LLC
William Fife 3/9/2026
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By: William Fife
Its: Director of HOAs/CDDS - Brookfield Kolter

- Exhibit A:** Services & Compensation
- Exhibit B:** Insurance Certificate with Endorsements

Exhibit A: Services & Compensation

Contractor agrees to provide the following Services in connection with the District's "Series 2025 Project" (herein, "**Project**") and related Series _____ Bond issuance:

- Consult and assist the District and project developer regarding bond sizing, lot counts, assessment levels, timing, project due diligence, engineer and assessment reports, and other items necessary for the issuance of the District's bonds pledged to fund a portion of the Project (together, "**Bond Services**");

Contractor shall be reasonably available to District, as and when requested by District from time to time (either telephonically, by video or in person) on reasonable advance notice or by email, on an as-needed basis during normal business hours, to: (i) assist District with development and implementation of Project strategies; (ii) participate in regularly scheduled meetings; and (iii) respond to requests from District for information or business advice. Contractor agrees to use his best efforts in performing the duties set forth hereunder. However, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as a guarantee of results including the Project returns and obtaining the required permits.

Bond Services Compensation - For the Bond Services, the District agrees to pay the Contractor from the Bond proceeds and in the amount of fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000). In the event that the District does not in its sole discretion elect to issue a particular series of Bonds, then the District will owe nothing to Contractor under this Agreement for the Services related to that series of Bonds.

The Contractor does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is the Contractor registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, the Contractor does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

Further, as a point of clarification, the Services shall NOT include any work within the scope of "Professional services" as defined in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, or similar law, and instead the Services are limited to the items above, as they relate to administration of the Project, and NOT Professional services.

Exhibit B: Certificate of Insurance

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

03/02/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).


PRODUCER Academy Insurance Agency, Inc 5917 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 609 Bradenton, FL 34209	CONTACT NAME: Bill Mahler PHONE (AC, HQ, Ext): (941) 758-4800 FAX (AC, HQ): (941) 751-5232 E-MAIL ADDRESS: w.mahler@academyins.net
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE
INSURED TLC Land Consulting, LLC 6901 Professional Pkwy E Suite 103 Sarasota, FL 34240	INSURER A: The Hartford
	INSURER B: Hiscox
	INSURER C:
	INSURER D:
	INSURER E:
	INSURER F:

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 00011949-260302092613 REVISION NUMBER: 1

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS. LIMITS SHOWN ARE INCLUSIVE OF AMOUNTS REQUESTED BY THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER AND MAY NOT REFLECT POLICY LIMIT AMOUNTS IN EXCESS OF THOSE REQUESTED. *Not Applicable in WY

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
 Land Consulting

CERTIFICATE HOLDER Blackwell Community Development District C/O Wrathell, Hunt and Associates 2300 Glades Rd., Ste. # 410W Boca Raton, FL 33431	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  (WRM)
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INVOICE

TLC Land, LLC

6901 Professional Pkwy Ste 103

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240-8432

katie@tlclandco.com

+1 (314) 578-8783



TLC LAND COMPANIES

TLC LAND CONSULTING LLC • TLC LAND BROKERAGE LLC

Bill to

Blackwell Community Development District

2300 Glades Rd

Ste 410W

Boca Raton, FL 33431

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Blackwell Community Development District

2300 Glades Rd

Ste 410W

Boca Raton, FL 33431

Invoice details

Invoice no.: 1432

Terms: Net 30

Invoice date: 03/02/2026

Due date: 04/01/2026

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.	03/02/2026	*Consulting - Brookfield Kolter	Bill to Blackwell Community Development District. Consult and assist the District and project developer regarding bond sizing, lot counts, assessment levels, timing, project due diligence, engineer and assessment reports, and other items necessary for the issuance of the District's bonds pledged to fund a portion of the Project (together, "Bond Services");	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Total

\$15,000.00

Ways to pay



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BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

UNAUDITED
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STATEMENTS

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
APRIL 30, 2026**

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
APRIL 30, 2026**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 9,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,980
Investments				
Reserve	-	486,335	-	486,335
Interest	-	260,254	-	260,254
COI	-	10	-	10
Construction	-	-	5,946,665	5,946,665
Due from Landowner	17,367	4,270	-	21,637
Total assets	27,347	750,869	5,946,665	6,724,881
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 15,881	\$ 4,270	\$ -	\$ 20,151
Due to Landowner	-	5,655	-	5,655
Landowner advance	11,542	-	-	11,542
Total liabilities	27,423	9,925	-	37,348
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred receipts	17,367	-	-	17,367
Total deferred inflows of resources	17,367	-	-	17,367
Fund balances:				
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	740,944	-	740,944
Unassigned	(17,443)	-	-	(17,443)
Total fund balances	(17,443)	740,944	5,946,665	6,670,166
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 27,347	\$ 750,869	\$ 5,946,665	\$ 6,724,881

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Landowner contribution	\$ 4,058	\$ 19,271	\$ 87,540	22%
Total revenues	<u>4,058</u>	<u>19,271</u>	<u>87,540</u>	22%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Supervisor	-	646	-	N/A
Management/accounting/recording	4,000	28,000	48,000	58%
Legal	1,279	2,660	25,000	11%
Engineering	-	-	2,000	0%
Dissemination agent*	-	-	750	0%
Telephone	16	117	200	59%
Postage	55	120	500	24%
Printing & binding	42	292	500	58%
Legal advertising	-	1,861	2,500	74%
Annual special district fee	-	-	175	0%
Insurance	-	-	5,500	0%
Contingencies/bank charges	376	1,343	1,500	90%
Website hosting & maintenance	1,680	1,680	705	238%
Website ADA compliance	145	145	210	69%
Total expenditures	<u>7,593</u>	<u>36,864</u>	<u>87,540</u>	42%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	(3,535)	(17,593)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	(13,908)	150	-	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ (17,443)</u>	<u>\$ (17,443)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

*These items will be realized when bonds are issued

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES		
Interest	\$ 2,103	\$ 2,308
Total revenues	2,103	2,308
EXPENDITURES		
Cost of issuance	-	202,559
Total expenditures	-	202,559
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	2,103	(200,251)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)		
Bond proceeds	-	1,081,641
Underwriter's discount	-	(140,200)
Total other financing sources	-	941,441
Net change in fund balances	2,103	741,190
Fund balances - beginning	738,841	(246)
Fund balances - ending	\$ 740,944	\$ 740,944

**BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES		
Interest	\$ 16,679	\$ 18,306
Total revenues	16,679	18,306
EXPENDITURES		
Total expenditures	-	-
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	16,679	18,306
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)		
Bond proceeds	-	5,928,359
Total other financing sources/(uses)	-	5,928,359
Net change in fund balances	16,679	5,946,665
Fund balances - beginning	5,929,986	-
Fund balances - ending	\$ 5,946,665	\$ 5,946,665

BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF MEETING
BLACKWELL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Blackwell Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on December 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., at the Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton – Tampa/Wesley Chapel, 2740 Cypress Ridge Blvd., Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544.

Present:

Bill Fife (via telephone)	Chair
Owen Budorick	Vice Chair
Pete Williams	Assistant Secretary
Clay Kollenbaum	Assistant Secretary
Ed Suchora (via telephone)	Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Kristen Suit	District Manager
Jordan Lansford	Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC (WHA)
Bennett Davenport (via telephone)	District Counsel
Steve Sanford (via telephone)	Bond Counsel

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Suit called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Ms. Suit administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Suchora, which will be witnessed, notarized and verbally verified by a Notary at his location.

Supervisors Kollenbaum, Williams, and Budorick were present. Supervisors Fife and Suchora attended via telephone.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Administration of Oath of Office to Elected Supervisor Ed Suchora (the following will be provided in a separate package)

This occurred during the First Order of Business. Mr. Suchora is aware of the following:

- A. Updates and Reminders: Ethics Training for Special District Supervisors and Form 1**
- B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities**
- C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees**

41 **D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local**
42 **Public Officers**

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44 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Consideration of Resolution 2026-10,**
45 **Electing and Removing Officers of the**
46 **District and Providing for an Effective Date**
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48 Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2026-10. Mr. Williams nominated the following slate:

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| 49 | Chair | Bill Fife |
| 50 | Vice Chair | Owen Budorick |
| 51 | Assistant Secretary | Pete Williams |
| 52 | Assistant Secretary | Ed Suchora |
| 53 | Assistant Secretary | Clay Kollenbaum |

54 No other nominations were made.

55 The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

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| 56 | Secretary | Craig Wrathell |
| 57 | Assistant Secretary | Kristen Suit |
| 58 | Assistant Secretary | Jordan Lansford |
| 59 | Treasurer | Craig Wrathell |
| 60 | Assistant Treasurer | Jeff Pinder |

61 **On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor,**
62 **Resolution 2026-10, Electing, as nominated, and Removing Officers of the**
63 **District and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

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66 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Presentation of Engineer’s Report**
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68 Ms. Suit stated the Engineer’s Report is unchanged since it was last presented. She
69 stated that the error previously noted in the Total CIP Costs has not yet been corrected. The
70 District Engineer will update the Engineer’s Report to reflect Total CIP Costs of \$15,470,000.

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72 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Presentation of Supplemental Special**
73 **Assessment Methodology Report**
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75 Ms. Suit presented the First Supplemental Special Assessment Methodology Report
76 dated December 16, 2025. She reviewed the pertinent information and discussed the

77 Development Program, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Financing Program, Assessment
78 Methodology, lienability tests, special and peculiar benefits to the units, True-up Mechanism
79 and the Appendix Tables. She noted the following:

- 80 ➤ The total CIP costs are estimated at \$15,470,000.
- 81 ➤ The total par amount of bonds, including the costs of financing, capitalized interest and
82 debt service reserve, is \$6,860,000 to finance an estimated \$5,643,400 in CIP costs.
- 83 ➤ The Development Plan envisions 321 total units.

84 Mr. Williams noted the need to confirm whether the intention is for both Single-family
85 45’ and Single-family 55’ lots to have the same ERU weight of 1.0.

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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2026-07, Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$8,000,000 Blackwell Community Development District, Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2026 (2026 Project) (the “2026 Bonds”) to Finance Certain Public Infrastructure Within the District; Determining the Need for a Negotiated Limited Offering of the 2026 Bonds and Providing for a Delegated Award of Such Bonds; Appointing the Underwriter for the Limited Offering of the 2026 Bonds; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Bond Purchase Contract With Respect to the 2026 Bonds; Authorizing the Use of that Certain Master Trust Indenture Previously Approved With Respect to the 2026 Bonds; Approving the Form Of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of A First Supplemental Trust Indenture Governing the 2026 Bonds; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Distribution of a Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum; Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Final Limited Offering Memorandum; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution of a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and Appointing a Dissemination Agent; Approving the Application of Bond Proceeds; Authorizing Certain Modifications to the Assessment

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Methodology Report and Engineer’s Report; Making Certain Declarations; Providing for the Registration of the 2026 Bonds Pursuant to the DTC Book-Entry Only System; Authorizing the Proper Officials to do All Things Deemed Necessary in Connection With the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of the 2026 Bonds; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts and an Effective Date

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Mr. Sanford presented Resolution 2026-07, which accomplishes the following:

- Authorizes a principal amount of bonds not exceeding \$8,000,000 to finance a portion of the public infrastructure necessary for the development of the 2026 Project.
- Approves the forms of Exhibits A through D attached to the Resolution, including the Bond Purchase Contract, Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum, Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and a First Supplemental Trust Indenture.
- Authorizes making any necessary changes to the Engineer’s Report and Methodology Report, in connection with marketing the bonds, without the need for a Special Meeting.

On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-07, Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$8,000,000 Blackwell Community Development District, Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2026 (2026 Project) (the “2026 Bonds”) to Finance Certain Public Infrastructure Within the District; Determining the Need for a Negotiated Limited Offering of the 2026 Bonds and Providing for a Delegated Award of Such Bonds; Appointing the Underwriter for the Limited Offering of the 2026 Bonds; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Bond Purchase Contract With Respect to the 2026 Bonds; Authorizing the Use of that Certain Master Trust Indenture Previously Approved With Respect to the 2026 Bonds; Approving the Form Of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of A First Supplemental Trust Indenture Governing the 2026 Bonds; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Distribution of a Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum; Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Final Limited Offering Memorandum; Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution of a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and Appointing a Dissemination Agent; Approving the Application of Bond Proceeds; Authorizing Certain Modifications to the Assessment Methodology Report and Engineer’s Report; Making Certain Declarations; Providing for the Registration of the 2026 Bonds Pursuant to the DTC Book-Entry Only System; Authorizing the Proper Officials to do All Things Deemed Necessary in Connection With the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of the 2026 Bonds; and Providing for Severability, Conflicts and an Effective Date, was adopted.

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EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2026-08, Setting Forth the Specific Terms of the District’s Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2026 (Series 2026 Project) (“Bonds”); Making Certain Additional Findings and Confirming and/or Adopting an Engineer’s Report and a Supplemental Assessment Report; Delegating Authority to Prepare Final Reports and Update this Resolution: Confirming the Maximum Assessment Lien Securing the Bonds; Addressing the Allocation and Collection of the Assessments Securing the Bonds; Addressing Prepayments; Addressing True-Up Payments; Providing for the Supplementation of the Improvement Lien Book; and Providing for Conflicts, Severability and an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2026-08.

On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-08, Setting Forth the Specific Terms of the District’s Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2026 (Series 2026 Project) (“Bonds”); Making Certain Additional Findings and Confirming and/or Adopting an Engineer’s Report and a Supplemental Assessment Report; Delegating Authority to Prepare Final Reports and Update this Resolution: Confirming the Maximum Assessment Lien Securing the Bonds; Addressing the Allocation and Collection of the Assessments Securing the Bonds; Addressing Prepayments; Addressing True-Up Payments; Providing for the Supplementation of the Improvement Lien Book; and Providing for Conflicts, Severability and an Effective Date, was adopted.

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NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Issuer’s Counsel Documents

- A. Collateral Assignment**
- B. Completion Agreement**
- C. Declaration of Consent**
- D. True-Up Agreement**
- E. Notice of Special Assessments**
- F. Disclosure of Public Finance**

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On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor, the Collateral Assignment, Completion Agreement, Declaration of Consent, True-Up Agreement, Notice of Special Assessments, and Disclosure of Public Finance, were approved.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2026-09, Extending the Terms of Office of All Current Supervisors to Coincide with the General Election Pursuant to Section 190.006, Florida Statutes; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2026-09, which extends the terms of Seats 3, 4 and 5 to the November 2028 General Election and Seats 1 and 2 to the 2030 General Election.

On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor, Resolution 2026-09, Extending the Terms of Office of All Current Supervisors to Coincide with the General Election Pursuant to Section 190.006, Florida Statutes; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion/Consideration/Ratification: Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form

A. October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Ms. Suit stated Goal 2.1, the District Engineer’s Annual Inspection of CDD infrastructure, will be removed for Fiscal Year 2025.

B. October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor, the 2025 Goals and Objectives Reporting, as amended, was ratified; and the Goals and Objectives Reporting Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Measures and Standards, were approved.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Resolution 2026-06, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date

This item was deferred.

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249 **THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Acceptance of Unaudited Financial**
250 **Statements as of October 31, 2025**

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252 **On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor,**
253 **the Unaudited Financial Statements as of October 31, 2025, were accepted.**

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256 **FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Approval of October 28, 2025 Public**
257 **Hearings, Regular Meeting and Audit**
258 **Committee Meeting Minutes**

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260 **On MOTION by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Budorick, with all in favor,**
261 **the October 28, 2025 Public Hearings, Regular Meeting and Audit Committee**
262 **Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.**

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265 **FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Staff Reports**

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267 **A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP**

268 Mr. Davenport reminded the Board Members to complete the required four hours of
269 ethics training by the December 31 deadline.

270 **B. District Engineer: WRA Engineering**

271 There was no report.

272 **C. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC**

273 • **NEXT MEETING DATE: January 27, 2026 at 10:30 AM**

274 ○ **QUORUM CHECK**

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276 **SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Board Members' Comments/Requests**

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278 There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

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280 **SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Public Comments**

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284 **EIGHTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Adjournment**

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286 **On MOTION by Mr. Budorick and seconded by Mr. Kollenbaum, with all in**
287 **favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCATION

*Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton - Tampa/Wesley Chapel
2740 Cypress Ridge Blvd, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544*

DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 28, 2025	Public Hearings, Regular Meeting and Audit Committee Meeting <i>Adoption of Uniform Method, Debt Assessments, Rules of Procedure, FY2025 and FY2026 Budgets</i>	10:30 AM
November 25, 2025 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
December 16, 2025	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
December 23, 2025 <i>rescheduled to December 16, 2025</i>	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
January 27, 2026 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
February 24, 2026 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
March 24, 2026 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
April 28, 2026 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
May 26, 2026	Regular Meeting <i>Presentation of FY2027 Proposed Budget</i>	10:30 AM
June 23, 2026	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
July 28, 2026	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
August 25, 2026	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM
September 22, 2026	Regular Meeting	10:30 AM

BLACKWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form
October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

1. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Goal 1.1 Public Meetings Compliance

Objective: Hold at least two (2) regular Board of Supervisor meetings per year to conduct CDD related business and discuss community needs.

Measurement: Number of public board meetings held annually as evidenced by meeting minutes and legal advertisements.

Standard: A minimum of two (2) regular board meetings was held during the fiscal year.

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 1.2 Notice of Meetings Compliance

Objective: Provide public notice of each meeting at least seven days in advance, as specified in Section 190.007(1), using at least two communication methods.

Measurement: Timeliness and method of meeting notices as evidenced by posting to CDD website, publishing in local newspaper and via electronic communication.

Standard: 100% of meetings were advertised with 7 days' notice per statute on at least two mediums (i.e., newspaper, CDD website, electronic communications).

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 1.3 Access to Records Compliance

Objective: Ensure that meeting minutes and other public records are readily available and easily accessible to the public by completing monthly CDD website checks.

Measurement: Monthly website reviews will be completed to ensure meeting minutes and other public records are up to date as evidenced by District Management's records.

Standard: 100% of monthly website checks were completed by District Management.

Achieved: Yes No

2. INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Goal 2.1 District Infrastructure and Facilities Inspections

Objective: District Engineer will conduct an annual inspection of the District's infrastructure and related systems.

Measurement: A minimum of one (1) inspection completed per year as evidenced by district engineer's report related to district's infrastructure and related systems.

Standard: Minimum of one (1) inspection was completed in the Fiscal Year by the district's engineer.

Achieved: Yes No

3. FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Goal 3.1 Annual Budget Preparation

Objective: Prepare and approve the annual proposed budget by June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 each year.

Measurement: Proposed budget was approved by the Board before June 15 and final budget was adopted by September 30 as evidenced by meeting minutes and budget documents listed on CDD website and/or within district records.

Standard: 100% of budget approval and adoption were completed by the statutory deadlines and posted to the CDD website.

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 3.2 Financial Reports

Objective: Publish to the CDD website the most recent versions of the following documents: current fiscal year budget with any amendments, most recent financials within the latest agenda package; and annual audit via link to Florida Auditor General website.

Measurement: Previous years' budgets, financials and annual audit, are accessible to the public as evidenced by corresponding documents and link on the CDD's website.

Standard: CDD website contains 100% of the following information: most recent link to annual audit, most recently adopted/amended fiscal year budget, and most recent agenda package with updated financials.

Achieved: Yes No

Goal 3.3 Annual Financial Audit

Objective: Conduct an annual independent financial audit per statutory requirements, transmit to the State of Florida and publish corresponding link to Florida Auditor General Website on the CDD website for public inspection.

Measurement: Timeliness of audit completion and publication as evidenced by meeting minutes showing board approval and annual audit is transmitted to the State of Florida and available on the Florida Auditor General Website, for which a corresponding link is published on the CDD website.

Standard: Audit was completed by an independent auditing firm per statutory requirements and results were transmitted to the State of Florida and corresponding link to Florida Auditor General Website is published on CDD website.

Achieved: Yes No