



PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Invitation to Negotiate for Floor and Carpet Care Services

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1.0 STATEMENT AND SCOPE OF WORK

1.1 Background and Summary

The University of Florida (University) is a large educational, research and medical institution.

The University invites qualified floor and carpet care service providers with the ability, experience, and resources to provide floor care services for all Main Campus (Gainesville, FL) facilities to submit responses to this Invitation to Negotiate (ITN). The University's Main Campus spans approximately 1,830 acres comprised of more than 1,045 campus offices, libraries, classrooms, research laboratories, and other facilities with a gross square footage (GSF) of 13,372,208.

This solicitation will result in an award to one or more vendors to provide the floor cleaning services needed for the facilities, including classrooms (moveable and fixed seating), traditional offices, cubicles, research laboratories, and meeting rooms; and floor types that include vinyl composite tile (VCT), luxury vinyl tile (LVT), ceramic, laminate, marble, terrazzo, varnish on wood floors, dance studios, and carpeting.

Additionally, this process will create a pool of pre-qualified Floor Care Service vendors with which the University of Florida departments may contract for floor care services on an as-needed basis. These needs will vary in size, may be off hours or be on short notice.

Vendors will be required to submit responses to questions, submit pricing worksheets, and describe plans for providing best value service to the University. The successful Vendor(s) will submit proposals that reflect the most responsive and comprehensive understanding of the University's needs, in conjunction with meeting the required standards.

1.2 Scope of Work

There are two opportunities to support UF. Vendors may opt to respond to either one or both of the two lots listed below. UF anticipates one Vendor being awarded Lot 1 and more than one being awarded Lot 2 but may choose to award differently.

Vendors shall provide fixed pricing for various floor types based on Net Square Feet (NSF). See section 1.2.10 for more information on pricing requirements.

Vendors are responsible for providing all necessary equipment, supplies and labor in order to perform services. Supplies to be used must be pre-certified by the contracting department prior to use, with an environmentally friendly option encouraged.

1.2.1 Lot 1: Scheduled Floor and Carpet Care Services

The awarded contractor will be responsible for maintaining a variety of flooring surfaces within the facilities located on UF Main Campus. Scheduled floor care services encompass between approximately 500,000 and 1,000,000 NSF each contract year. The floor care services include a combination of stripping and waxing various types of floors, and shampooing carpets. The University shall provide work schedules to the Vendor monthly. Majority of services to be provided after regular office hours (beginning at 5pm), however there may be an occasional need for services required at a different time.

The Vendor shall perform floor care services in all designated spaces including, but not limited to:

- Halls
- Offices
- Classrooms
- Entrances

- Lobbies
- Libraries
- Work areas
- Research laboratories.

The floor care services include stripping and waxing floors and shampooing carpets, areas under furniture, furnishings, floor mats and runners. All furniture and furnishings shall be restored to their proper locations after operations have been suspended for the evening or completed.

The awarded Vendor(s) will be responsible for providing floor care services for the various flooring surfaces that exist throughout the facilities located on the main campus.

Vendors responding to Lot 1 must complete **ATTACHMENT 1—PRICE PAGE** and provide pricing based on the floor type and the net square footage ranges detailed on the price page.

1.2.2 Lot 2: Vendor Pool

The awarded vendor(s) will be one of a pool of vendors that may be called upon for specific floor care services as identified by the University departments.

Vendors responding to Lot 2 must complete **ATTACHMENT 1—PRICE PAGE** and provide pricing based on the floor type and the net square footage ranges detailed on the price page.

1.2.3 General Requirements

a. Qualified Firms: Vendors should meet the following minimum qualifications:

- i. An established geographical presence providing floor care services in the State of Florida.
- ii. A business model capable of delivering services.
- iii. Offer the range of services necessary to provide the service level expectations for each Lot(s) included in your ITN response.

1.2.4 Floor Care Services Specifications

These specifications are given as general guidelines to establish a minimum quality or service for each floor care activity. (Vendors are responsible for providing their own equipment, supplies and labor).

a. Strip & Refinish Floors:

- Prep Area (*remove furniture, place threshold water guards, sweep floor, etc.*)
- Remove all old wax and stubborn soils and stains by applying a stripper solution and using an automatic scrubber, or other equipment (at low speeds).
- Strip areas in corners, at baseboards, and other areas inaccessible to equipment by hand or other methods as necessary.
- Rinse the clean floors which are free of stripping solution with a neutralizer.
- Dust and dry mop floors.

- Floor are to be sealed with two (2) coats of an approved sealer, then apply wax using a new mop or other equipment according to manufacturer's instructions, applying four (4) coats of wax (*25% solids per coat*).
- Wax shall be applied evenly and shall cover the entire floor surface.
- Inspect area serviced and return furniture to proper locations.
- The stripper, sealer and wax brands must be approved by the University.

b. Shampooing Carpets:

- Move furniture and pre-vacuum to remove dry soil from carpets.
- Apply a pre-conditioning agent to emulsify and break down traffic area soil and general spots.
- Apply a carpet groomer or rotary brush to further loosen or agitate the soil.
- Thoroughly rinse carpet using extraction cleaning system.
- Apply high velocity air movers on carpets to promote faster drying.
- Inspect area serviced and return furniture to proper locations.

1.2.5 Vendor Personnel Requirements

a. Staffing: The vendor(s) shall provide the necessary work force and supervisory personnel to perform the specified services.

b. Site Manager: The vendor(s) shall assign at least one (1) qualified Site Manager/Supervisor to directly supervise the work of the vendor(s)' employees and to ensure adherence to the cleaning schedule. The Site Manager shall:

- Inspect the entire area of the buildings under contract weekly for the purpose of ensuring quality workmanship and compliance with the contract. This procedure should provide the Site Manager with the opportunity to note discrepancies and complaints, and to plan for correction of deficiencies in the work.
- Be responsible for all building keys and Lenel access cards assigned to unlock spaces and for the security of the building.
- Be responsible for the conduct and performance of the vendor(s)' employees.
- During the performance of this contract, the vendor(s) or its Site Manager shall be available at all times to receive notices, reports or requests for the University or representative at least five (5) working days prior to contract start date, the name, telephone number, email and addresses of the Site Manager.
- The Site Manager shall be responsible for the day-to-day work and is on site and will accept and sign for inspection reports, and all correspondence on behalf of the vendor(s).
- The Site Manager shall be available from 6:00PM until 1:30AM to inspect buildings, meet building occupants, and University representatives to resolve floor care and

carpet care service problems.

- The Site Manager shall be available between 9:00AM until 4:00PM to participate in meetings with UF to discuss the contract, service or any issues arising given reasonable notice.

c. Vendor(s)' Employees shall comply with the following rules:

- Employees shall adhere to UF employee work policies
- Employees appearing to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be permitted on the campus (see sections 6.7 and 6.19).
- No loud or boisterous conduct will be permitted (see section 6.17 in addition).
- Vendor(s)' employees shall not open desk drawers or cabinets at any time.
- Vendor(s)' employees shall not use or tamper with research, research subjects, office machines, copiers, computers, office telephones, or any personal property of building occupants.
- Employees shall be in Vendor's uniform, wearing visible photo identification badges.

d. Change of Vendor(s)' Employees: The University reserves the right to request reassignment of vendor staff to non UF accounts following any undesired behavior.

e. Training: Vendor(s) shall provide detailed training for each floor care and carpet care task required of their employees.

- On-the-job (OTJ) training should be a part of the training program but not the sole method of training. Documentation of passing the training course will be submitted to the University representative within two (2) business days of completion. Any employee not passing the training will not be allowed to work under this contract. The vendor(s) will provide a refresher course for its employees with each renewal of this contract.
- In addition to staff training the vendor will provide a supervisor training program that will include detail training for all new hires and quarterly refresher courses to ensure professionalism and effectiveness in their duties.

1.2.6 Furnished by the Vendor

The Vendor shall furnish all managerial, administrative, and qualified direct labor personnel that are necessary to successfully accomplish the work in this contract. Vendor employees shall be on site only for the contractual duties and not for other business purposes.

The Vendor shall furnish all equipment, chemicals, tools, parts, incidentals, transportation, and miscellaneous items and/or services required and/or implied for the complete and satisfactory performance of floor care services. All supplies used must be pre-approved for use on specific floor type prior to their use. Any data/safety sheets must be supplied to UF in order for approval. UF is always interested in environmentally friendly certified options being provided, but their use will be designated for any appropriate work or on a one-off basis.

The awarded Lot 1 Vendor may provide and place a mobile storage unit in the Facilities Services secure Compound Area to store equipment and supplies if so desired. The University accepts no liability for the storage unit or its contents.

1.2.7 Furnished by the University

The University shall provide the Vendor with a monthly schedule of facilities to be **serviced, access to those facilities, access to water sources in those facilities, and access to the Facilities Services' compound area for their equipment storage (Lot 1 awardee only).**

1.2.8 Product Requirements

- a. Current Products:** Proposals shall include a list of products, materials and equipment in current production and marketed to the general public and education/government agencies at the time the proposal is submitted.
- b. Discontinued Products:** If a product or model is discontinued by the manufacturer, with University approval, vendor may substitute a new product or model if the replacement product meets or exceeds the specifications and performance of the discontinued model and if the discount is the same or greater than the discontinued model.
- c. New Products/Services:** New products and/or services that meet the scope of work may be added to the contract. Pricing shall be equivalent to the percentage discount for other products. Vendor may replace or add product lines to an existing contract if the line is replacing or supplementing products on contract, is equal or superior to the original products offered, is discounted in a similar or to a greater degree, and if the products meet the requirements of the solicitation. No products and/or services may be added to avoid competitive procurement requirements.
- d. Environmentally friendly Products:** These products will need to meet industry recognized certified green standards from independent third-party certifications like EcoLogo and Green Seal.

1.2.9 Service Requirements

Services: The University is interested in the following categories of value-add services for inclusion in this contract. The categories include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Quality of Workmanship:** The vendor shall provide the necessary personnel for the satisfactory performance of this work at the frequencies and within the time frames specified (see section 1.2.4). The vendor shall establish and follow a quality program for the purpose of identifying and correcting deficiencies in the quality of services performed before the level of services becomes acceptable to the University.
- b. Experience:** The vendor shall have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in commercial floor care services in facilities similar to those at the University, with similar types of flooring.
- c. Small Business Program:** The ability to incorporate small business enterprise into your offerings. The program should focus on increasing opportunities for small local businesses under this contract. At a minimum, it should establish any unique product or services offerings and develop small businesses as second-tier suppliers.
- d. Employee Screening:** The ability to recruit, screen and evaluate the qualification of applicants, and ensure the safety and security of University customers and property (see section 1.2.5 c).

- e. **Training and Education:** The ability to provide on-site and/or online training and educational programs/seminars. The vendor shall provide detailed training for each task required of their staff (see section 1.2.5 e).
- f. **Site Manager:** The Vendor Site Manager shall carry a cellular phone and have access to a device for sending and receiving emails. The cell phone and email device shall be the primary means for the University to contact the Vendor Site Manager for afterhours and emergency responses as well as day-to-day conversations (see section 1.2.5 b).
- g. **Staffing Levels:** The ability to provide ample levels of staff to perform the expert services required herein, with plan to ensure stability during unforeseen employee absences.
- h. **Access to Buildings:** The vendor will have access to buildings scheduled for floor care services, and shall be responsible and liable for keys, access cards and the security of the buildings.
- i. **Green/Sustainability Program:** The vendor will be responsible for staying aware of environmentally friendly practices and products, offering those appropriate to UF, and achieving any Industry-recognized certifications and standards.
- j. **Customer Support Services:** The policies on after-hours service, non-performance, vacation days, on-site management.
- k. **Other Services/Programs:** Other value-add services not included in above categories.

1.2.10 Pricing Requirements

- a. **Net Square Feet (NSF):** The vendor shall provide fixed pricing based on NSF associated with a striation of gradual range scenarios. The NSF range scenarios will distinguish between various type of hard floor surfaces, and carpets. Any variation in pricing due to different hours being required should be included on Attachment 1. Also include which lot/s the submitted pricing is for on Attachment 1.
- b. **Price Escalation:** The price escalation/de-escalation rates will be mutually agreed upon and will be locked in for the two (2) years of the contract term. Each year thereafter shall be re-negotiated at the end of each year during the term of the contract. Vendor will submit requests for price adjustments in writing to University for review in good faith and at least sixty (60) days in advance of any adjustment implementation. Requests will include information demonstrating the estimated effect to UF of the price adjustment, in both dollar amount and percentage of total spend based on the prior contract period. All requests for acceptance of revised pricing must be substantiated by written evidence that they are the result of general industry-wide changes. Adjustments that depend in any part on an index such as the Producer Price Index (PPI) shall also include those relevant calculations. In addition, if such an index were to decrease prices should be reduced accordingly.
 - Any increase in price will only be effective after documented and agreed to by University.
 - In the event that the price of any service is reduced, Vendor shall notify Procurement Services and apply the price decrease immediately.
 - Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall increases for floor care service rates exceed the change in the Producer Price Index (PPI) Cleaning and Building

Maintenance Services [WPU491]. The calculation will be by simple percentage method using the last month published that is not subject to revision.

- There will be a cap on the increase that will be accepted by UF of 3% unless there are exceptional documented circumstances.

1.2.11 Inspection Requirements

The Vendor shall agree to participate in scheduled inspections with the University's representative. Inspections of the contracted area(s) will be made by the University of Florida's Representative on a regular basis. Standards (illustrated in section 1.2.4) used to assess the quality of work performed are outlined in this document.

Work that fails to meet expected standards will be brought to the attention of the Vendor. The Vendor will then be requested to correct the problem. Failure by the Vendor to take corrective actions within forty-eight hours may result in the work being done by others and costs charged to the Vendor, or deduction of the payment made to the others from the awarded Vendor's payment.

The Vendor shall submit a monthly report of associated work completed to the University's representative. This report shall contain details of carpet cleaning, hard surface floor refinishing, window washing, blind cleaning, or other similar tasks. The Vendor shall schedule all required work so as not to interfere with University operations. Variances in schedules requires prior approval of the University's representative.

1.3 Term of Agreement

The term of this Agreement will be for an initial period of two (2) years, 05/01/2021 to 04/30/2023, with an option to renew based on satisfactory performance and the written approval of both parties for up to two (2) additional two (2) year terms.

1.4 Coverage and Participation

The intended coverage of this ITN and any Agreement resulting from this solicitation shall be for the use of all Departments at the University of Florida. With the consent and agreement of the Successful Vendor, the other state universities, community colleges, district school boards, other educational institutions, and other governmental agencies, may assess and access an Agreement resulting from this solicitation issued and administered by the University of Florida.

The University reserves the right to add and/or delete elements, or to change any element of the coverage and participation at any time without prior notification and without any liability of any kind or amount.

1.5 University Demographics

The University of Florida is a major public land-grant research university. The state's oldest, largest, and most comprehensive university, the University of Florida is among the nation's most academically diverse public universities.

The University has a long history of established programs in international education, research, and service. It is one of only 17 public land-grant universities nationwide and the only university in Florida belonging to the Association of American Universities. With more than 50,000 students, the University of Florida is now one of the five largest universities in the nation.

The University of Florida has a 2,000-acre campus and more than 1000 buildings (including 170 with classrooms and laboratories). The northeast corner of campus is listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

The University's extensive capital improvement program has resulted in facilities ideal for 21st century research including the McKnight Brain Institute, the Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy Building, the Cancer and Genetics Research Complex, and the Proton Therapy Institute in Jacksonville. Overall, the university's current facilities have a book value of more than \$1 billion and a replacement value of \$2 billion.

Several qualities distinguish UF among today's leading public research universities.

The first is its highly comprehensive breadth on a single campus, facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration among, for example, faculty within the adjacent colleges of journalism, engineering and medicine.

The second is its unwavering support from the state of Florida, which has endorsed UF's drive to become one of the nation's very best public research universities – supporting those efforts since 2013 with hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding to grow its faculty ranks.

UF's third exceptional quality is its dynamism. Like the state of Florida, now the nation's third-largest and among its fastest-growing, UF is undergoing rapid transformation as it pursues its overarching aspiration "to be a premier university that the state, nation and world look to for leadership."

For any additional information about the University of Florida, please visit the University's web page at: www.ufl.edu.

2.0 EVALUATION PROCESS AND METHOD OF AWARD

2.1 Method of Award

The evaluation of each response to this ITN will be based on its overall competence, compliance, format, and organization. The Award shall be made to the responsive and responsible vendors whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the University of Florida, taking into consideration the evaluation criteria listed below.

Pricing may be a criterion although it is important to note that ***pricing is not the sole criterion; the University is under no obligation whatsoever to select as most responsive the proposal that demonstrates the lowest pricing.*** Lots may be awarded individually or together according to the needs of the University.

The contract will consist of the University's ITN, the proposal with all revisions, award letter, purchase order, and the signed agreement between the parties, as stated in that agreement.

Vendors responding to this ITN will be notified of the University's decision after the Committee has made its final selection(s) and the name(s) of the awarded vendor(s) have been publicly posted. This public posting functions as the rejection of all other proposals. This posting will be made to <https://procurement.ufl.edu/vendors/schedule-of-bids/>.

2.2 Evaluation Criteria

Vendor responses will be evaluated based upon how well each Vendor's plans meet the University's needs. Specific consideration will be given to the following responses in no order or weighting:

- Vendor registration, licensing, bond and insurance status;
- Vendor organization and account team;
- Vendor's experience providing commercial cleaning services;
- Vendor experience with contracts of similar size and scope;
- Vendor training program resources (both for staff and supervisors);
- Availability of appropriate cleaning products, including environmentally friendly options;
- Company resources (staff and equipment);
- Ability to implement a quality plan to meet UF needs and provide best value;
- Acceptance of UFs terms and conditions; and
- Pricing.

2.3 Selection, Negotiation, Additional Information

Although the University reserves the right to negotiate with any vendor or vendors to arrive at its final decision and/or to request additional information or clarification on any matter included in the proposal, it also reserves the right to select the most responsive vendor or vendors without further discussion, negotiation, or prior notice. The University may presume that *any proposal is a best-and-final offer*.

The University also reserves the right to award to the next highest evaluated, responsive and responsible bidder for any and all groups, subgroups, or items in the event of vendor default, nonperformance, noncompliance, or similar issues affecting the University's ability to obtain services at any time throughout the contract period.

2.4 Pre-Award Presentations

The University reserves the right to require presentation from any and all vendors, in which they may be asked to provide, or they may provide information in addition to that provided in their proposals.

2.5 Pre-Award Negotiations

The University reserves the right to negotiate prior to award with vendors for purpose of addressing the matters set forth in the following list, which may not be exhaustive.

- Resolving minor difference and typographical errors;
- Terms and conditions;
- Clarifying necessary details and responsibilities;
- Emphasizing important issues and points;
- Receiving assurances from vendors; and/or
- Obtaining the lowest and best pricing and/or revenue agreement

2.6 Vendor Protest Procedure; Notice of Proposal Protest Bonding Requirement

Any vendor protest to a University decision or intended decision regarding this ITN is subject to Florida Board of Governors' (BOG) Regulations 18.002 and 18.003.

Any vendor who files an action protesting a decision or intended decision shall post at the time of the filing the formal written protest, a bond, payable to the University of Florida, in an amount equal to the lesser of 10% of the estimated value of the protestor's proposal or 10% of the University's estimated expenditure during the contract term, or \$10,000.

The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the vendor. In lieu of a bond, the University will accept a cashier's check or money order in the amount of the bond.

2.7 Contractual Intent/Right to Terminate and Recommence ITN Process

The University intends to contract with one or more vendors whose proposal(s) are in the best interests of the University. However, the University may terminate this ITN process at any time up to notice of award, without prior notice, and without liability of any kind or amount.

Further, the University reserves the right to commence one or more subsequent ITN processes seeking the same or similar products or services covered hereunder. In the event of cancellation or termination, the University reserves the right to award the contract to another Offeror, cancel in its entirety, or to request new proposals, whichever is in the best interest of University of Florida.

2.8 Effective Period of Proposals

Under this ITN, the University shall hold that vendors' responses to this ITN shall remain in effect for a period of ninety (90) days following the closing date, in order to allow time for evaluation, approval, and award of the contract.

Any vendor who does not agree to this condition shall specifically communicate in its proposal such disagreement to the University, along with any proposed alternatives. This University may accept or reject such proposed alternatives without further notification or explanation.

2.9 Proposal Acceptance/Rejection

The University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Such rejection may be without prior notice and shall be without any liability of any kind or amount to the University. The University shall not accept any proposal that the University deems not to be in its best interests. The University shall reject proposals submitted after the closing date and time.

2.10 Errors and Omissions in Vendors Proposals

The University may accept or reject any vendor's proposal, in part or in its entirety, if such proposal contains errors, omissions, or other problematic information. The University may decide upon the materiality of such errors, omissions, or other problematic information.

2.11 Determination of and Information Concerning Vendor's Qualifications

The University reserves the right to determine whether a vendor has the ability, capacity, and resources necessary to perform in full any contract resulting from this ITN. The University may request from vendors information it deems necessary to evaluate such vendors' qualifications and capacities to deliver the products and/or services sought hereunder. The University may reject any vendor's proposal for which such information has been requested but which the vendor has not provided. Such information may include but is not limited to:

- Financial resources;
- Personnel resources;
- Physical resources;
- Internal financial, operating, quality assurance, and other similar controls and policies;
- Resumes of key executives, officers, and other personnel pertinent to the requirements of the ITN;
- Customer references;
- Disclosures of complaints or pending actions, legal or otherwise, against the vendor; and
- The University reserves the right to check references with current customers as provided by the vendor and with any customers the University identifies.

2.12 Apparently Conflicting Information Obtained by Vendor

The University is under no obligation whatsoever to honor or observe any information that may apparently conflict with any provision herein, regardless of whether such information is obtained from any office, agent, or employee of the University. Such information shall not affect the vendor's risks or obligations under a contract resulting from this ITN.

2.13 Rejection of Vendor Counteroffers, Stipulations, and Other Exceptions

Any vendor exception, stipulation, counteroffer, requirement, and/or other alternative term or condition shall be considered rejected unless specifically accepted in writing by the University and thereafter incorporated into any contract resulting from this ITN.

2.14 Vendor's Need to Use Proprietary Rights of the University

All information proprietary to the University and disclosed by the University to any vendor shall be held in confidence by the vendor and shall be used only for purposes of the vendor's performance under any contract resulting from this ITN.

2.15 Public Record

On the earlier of (i) the time the University provides notice of a decision or intended decision, or (ii) 30 days after the final competitive sealed proposals are all opened, whichever occurs earlier, vendor proposals may be disclosed as public record.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is the tentative schedule that will apply to this ITN but may change in accordance with the University's needs.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
03/18/2021	5:00PM (EST)	Issuance of the ITN
03/30/2021	9:00AM (EST)	Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting Via Zoom
04/06/2021	5:00PM (EST)	Technical Questions/Inquiries Due
04/15/2021	5:00PM (EST)	Addendum Responses to Questions/Inquiries Posted
04/27/2021	3:00PM (EST)	ITN Closes/Opening of Proposals
05/06/2021	9:00AM (EST)	Negotiation Meeting/Presentations
05/13/2021	5:00PM (EST)	Complete Evaluations
06/01/2021	6:00PM (EST)	Commence Services

3.1 Intentionally Omitted**3.2 Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference**

A virtual mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held for vendors who intend to respond to this ITN.

Date & Time: **03/30/2021 9:00AM ET**
 University of Florida
Via Zoom (See Procurement Website for link)

The purpose of the conference is to provide for questions and answers regarding terms, conditions, or specifications of the ITN. Answers to any questions that might arise will be in the form of Addenda to the Invitation to Negotiate prior to the proposal opening. All such revisions must be acknowledged

by signature and returned with the proposal. This conference will be held virtually via Zoom. The link to the Zoom conference will be posted on the UF Procurement website.

The Procurement Staff may choose to call for additional pre-proposal conference(s) if, in the sole judgment of the Procurement Staff, there is a need for such conference(s) in order to promote competition.

3.3 Special Accommodations

If special accommodations are needed in order to attend a pre-proposal meeting or a proposal opening, contact Steve Neal at (352) 294-1157 or via email at sneal@ufl.edu **three (3) business days prior** to the pre-proposal meeting and/or proposal opening.

4.0 PROPOSAL RESPONSE AND PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Vendor Responses must be delivered, sealed, and addressed to:

UF Procurement Services
ATTN: Steve Neal
971 Elmore Drive
Gainesville, FL 32607

on or prior to **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 3:00PM (EST)**.

The above address is a valid campus address for any courier service.

It is the vendor's responsibility to assure that the proposal is delivered at the proper time and place of the proposal opening. Proposals which for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered. The University shall not accept proposals received by facsimile or email.

The University shall, at the specified closing date and time, open all proposals that are otherwise in order. The University will allow interested parties to attend such opening for purposes of identifying which vendors have responded.

The University will make no immediate decision at such time, and there will be no disclosure of any information contained in any proposal until the earlier of (i) the time University provides notice of a decision or intended decision, or (ii) 30 days after the final competitive sealed proposals are all opened, whichever occurs earlier, at which time the vendor proposals become public record. When multiple solicitations have been scheduled to open at the same date and time, the University will open solicitations that have interested individuals present in sequential order by solicitation number.

The University will hold unopened any proposals received after the closing date and time and will not consider such proposals. The University reserves the right to retain or dispose of such proposals at its discretion; however, the University may return such proposals to their related vendors, but only at such vendor's request and at no cost or expense whatsoever to the University.

If only one proposal is received, Procurement may delay the opening in order to determine why other vendors did not respond and to encourage other vendors to respond.

4.1 Proposal Format Organization

Original proposal and all copies must be on 8.5 x 11 text weight paper, double-sided, using binding tabs that will facilitate the distribution and evaluation of the proposals. Proposals should be printed when possible on paper containing a high level of post-consumer recycle content.

Proposals should conform to the tabbed format below as well as the requirements of sections 4.1.2, 4.1.3 and 4.1.4.

4.1.1 Response Format

- Submit one (1) hardcopy original and nine additional hard copy of the initial response and one copy on PC compatible media (CD/DVD or USB flash drive), preferably in Word® and/or Excel®. The original hardcopy response must contain the original signature of the authorized person signing the proposal.
- The outer carton of the response must display clearly and conspicuously the following identifying information, The ITN number, name and due date and is sealed.
- The offer's response must include the information and required submittals described, tabbed and numbered as shown below, with all information appearing in the Tab in which it was requested.
- Questions and requests for information may not be rearranged, regrouped, or divided in any way.
- All information and required submittals requested **MUST BE** in both hardcopy and electronic and included in your written response.
 - **Failure to adhere to this condition may result in the University's rejection if the vendor's response without further evaluation.**
- Information submitted that is not requested by the University may be considered to be supplemental, not subject to evaluation by the committee members.
- If there is any information or required submittals which due to size or binding cannot be incorporated following the proper tab, the vendor must provide information following the numbered tab, telling the evaluator where the information can be found in the response.
- **RESPONSES TO THIS FLOOR CARE SERVICES ITN MUST ADHERE TO THE TABULATION FORMAT DETAILED BELOW IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD:**
 - **Tab 1:** Completed and signed Certification of Proposal form, and/or signed and completed acknowledgement forms for any addenda issued.
 - **Tab 2:** Approach to services
 - ✓ An explanation of your company's approach and the methodology to be applied to attain excellent adherence to the cleaning standards based on the information provided in the ITN.
 - ✓ A detailed and thorough explanation of products, methods, staffing, oversight, training, background checks, quality review, and other aspects of a successful janitorial services program.
 - **Tab 3:**
 - ✓ A listing of all vendor owned equipment to be utilized (please indicate if there would be an intention to store equipment onsite)
 - ✓ Include any information regarding products to be used, why they were chosen, and manufacturer affiliations.

- **Tab 4:** Include sample training documentation, checklists, SOPs etc to be used onsite
- **Tab 5:** Name(s), title(s), and contact information of the individual(s) responsible for the company's proposal and negotiation during this ITN process. Please include the Organizational chart beginning with your account management team through CEO of your company.
- **Tab 6:** Provide documentation regarding proof of insurance, bonding, licensure, background checking, any small or minority business certifications.
- **Tab 7:** A listing of the company projects/customers similar in size and scope to the services described in the ITN, both current and past customers.
 - ✓ This list must include the name, address, telephone, and email address of the client contract administrator.
 - ✓ If applicable, please list examples of services rendered in the State of Florida, particularly within institutions of higher learning.
- **Tab 8:** Please describe the process of producing “best value” for University and its users, through creative marketing, small business & diversity programs, “green” initiatives, and/or other programs.
- **Tab 9:** Describe the vendor's pricing proposal and any financial considerations and flexibility (for example: creative pricing, multiyear contract discount, tiered discounts, process improvements, incentives for early payment). (Attachment 1 – Fixed Price Page should be included in this tab). Also indicate which Lot/s you are submitting a proposal for.
- **Tab 10:** Provide an itemized list of concerns regarding the University's terms and conditions and, where appropriate, suggest preferred alternate language. UF will not negotiate terms not identified at the time of submittal.

4.1.2 Number of Proposal Copies to be Furnished

Submit one (1) hardcopy original of the initial response, nine (9) additional hardcopies and one copy on PC compatible media (CD/DVD or USB flash drive), preferably in Word® and/or Excel®.

4.1.3 Bindings and Marking

Vendors shall ensure that the original and each copy are individually bound. When submitting more than one (1) proposal, vendors shall ensure that units are clearly marked; for example, as “Original of Proposal One”, “Copy One of Proposal One”, “Original of Proposal Two”, “Copy One of Proposal Two”, and so on.

This Contract shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

4.1.4 Marking of Envelopes

Vendors shall ensure that the outer carton of the response must display clearly and conspicuously the following identifying information:

ITN #: ITN21SN-136 – Floor and Carpet Care Services
Opening date and time: 04/27/2021 3:00 PM

4.1.5 Proposal Costs

The University is not liable in any manner or to any extent for any cost or expense incurred by any vendor in the preparation, submission, presentation, or any other action connected with proposing or otherwise responding to this ITN. Such exemption from liability applies whether such costs are incurred directly by the vendor or indirectly through the vendor's agents, employees, assigns or others, whether related or not to the vendor.

4.1.6 Faxes Not Accepted

The University shall not accept proposals received by fax.

4.2 Requirements of Proposer for Response

4.2.1 Original ITN Document

Procurement Services shall retain the ITN, and all related terms and conditions, exhibits and other attachments, in original form in an archival copy. Any modification of these, in the vendor's submission, is grounds for immediate disqualification.

4.2.2 Vendor's Understanding of the ITN

In responding to this ITN, the vendor accepts the responsibility fully to understand the ITN in its entirety, and in detail, including making any inquiries to the University as necessary to gain such understanding. The University reserves the right to disqualify any vendor who demonstrates less than such understanding.

Further, the University reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether the vendor has demonstrated such understanding. Related to this, the University's right extends to cancellation of award if award has been made. Such disqualification and/or cancellation shall be at no fault, cost or liability whatsoever to the University.

4.2.3 University Provides Information in Good Faith without Liability

All information provided by the University in this ITN is offered in good faith. Individual items are subject to change at any time. The University makes no certification that any item is without error. The University is not responsible or liable for any use of the information, or for any claims attempted to be asserted there from.

4.2.4 Verbal versus Written Communication

Verbal communication shall not be effective unless formally confirmed in writing by the specified University Procurement staff in charge of managing this ITN's process. In no case shall verbal communication override written communication.

4.2.5 Questions, Communications, and Inquires between the University and Vendors

Vendor inquiries, questions, and requests for clarification related to this ITN must be submitted in writing and directed to:

University of Florida
Procurement Services
971 Elmore Drive
Gainesville, FL 32607

Attn: Steve Neal
Telephone No: (352) 294-1157
E-mail Address: sneal@ufl.edu

Applicable terms and conditions herein shall govern communications and inquiries between the University and vendors, as they relate to this ITN.

Informal communications shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Requests from/to vendors or the vendor's representatives of any kind or capacity;
2. Requests to/from any University employee or representative of any kind or capacity, with the exception of Procurement Services.

Inquiries for clarifications and information that will not require addenda may be submitted verbally to the Procurement Staff named above.

Formal communications shall include but are not limited to the following:

1. Questions concerning this ITN must be submitted in writing and be received prior to **04/06/2021 at 5:00PM (EST)**.
2. Errors and omissions in this ITN and enhancements. Vendors shall bring to the University's attention any discrepancies, errors, or omissions that may exist within this ITN. Vendors shall recommend to the University any enhancements in respect to this ITN, which might be in the University's best interests. These must be submitted in writing and be received prior to **04/06/2021 at 5:00PM (EST)**.
3. Inquiries about technical interpretations must be submitted in writing and be received prior to **04/06/2021 at 5:00PM (EST)**.
4. Inquiries for clarifications/information that will not require addenda may be submitted verbally to the Procurement Staff named above at any time during this process.
5. Verbal and/or written presentations and pre-award proposals under this ITN.
6. Addenda to this ITN.

Informal communications shall cease on the date of distribution of this ITN and formal communications shall commence. On the date that the University completes the award process for this ITN and executes the resulting contract with the successful Vendor, informal communications may resume, and formal communications must cease.

4.2.6 Addenda and the University's Response to Communications from Vendor

The University will make a good-faith effort to provide a written response to each question or request for clarification that requires addenda within five (5) University business days.

All addenda will be posted to the UF Procurement website. Vendors are responsible for periodically checking check the UF Procurement website for any additional information and addenda concerning this ITN.

<https://procurement.ufl.edu/vendors/schedule-of-bids/>

Vendors requesting that ITN revisions be provided another way must submit the request to the Procurement Staff responsible for this ITN.

The University will not respond to any questions/requests for clarification that require addenda, if received by the University **after 04/06/2021 at 5:00PM (EST)**.

4.2.7 Pricing and/or Revenue Proposal

Vendors shall indicate pricing and/or revenue offers in the appropriate spaces and/or areas provided in this ITN. Vendors shall ensure that any departure from this condition results in an offer that is clearly cross-referenced to the applicable sections within this ITN. For any material departure from this condition, vendors shall provide clear and unambiguous explanations how the departure relates in detail to the applicable sections within this ITN. If the vendor responds with an “All or None” proposal, it shall be clearly and unambiguously marked as such.

The University may presume and hold as the vendor’s final offer all pricing and/or revenue offerings, whether stated as amounts or percentages, and/or whether or not offered on an all-or-none basis, if not specified by the vendor.

The University may accept or reject in part or entirely the vendor’s pricing and/or revenue offerings when such offerings are not on an all-or-none basis. The University prohibits the changing of pricing and/or revenue proposals after the ITN closing date and time. Unless otherwise specifically proposed by the vendor, the University reserves the right to hold such pricing and/or revenue proposal as effective for the entire intended contract term.

The University may prescribe the manner and method by which pricing and/or revenue offerings shall be communicated in the vendor’s proposal. The University may reject any proposal in which the pricing and/or revenue offering does not conform to such prescribed manner and method.

4.2.8 Revisions to the ITN

The University may revise any part of this ITN for any reason by issuing addenda. The University will communicate additional information and addenda to this ITN by posting the information on UF Procurement’s website (link provided immediately below). **Vendors are responsible for periodically checking check the UF Procurement website for any additional information and addenda concerning this ITN.**

<https://procurement.ufl.edu/vendors/schedule-of-bids/>

Vendors requesting that ITN revisions be provided another way must submit the request to the Procurement Staff responsible for this ITN.

Vendors are responsible for the information contained in such addenda regardless of whether formal receipt of such information has been formally acknowledged. The University is under no obligation to communicate such addenda to vendors that have notified the University of their decision not to respond to this ITN. The University may determine whether an addendum will be considered as part of this ITN and/or as part of a resulting contract. The University shall reject vendors’ responses to addenda if such responses are received after the ITN closing date and time.

4.2.9 Attention to Terms and Conditions

Vendors are cautioned to thoroughly understand and comply with all matters covered under the Terms and Conditions section of this ITN. The successful Vendor is expected to enter into a form of agreement. The University agreement terms and conditions included in this ITN are intended to be incorporated into this agreement.

PROPOSALS THAT ARE CONTINGENT UPON ANY CHANGES TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY BE DEEMED TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE AND MAY BE REJECTED (within the University’s sole discretion).

4.2.10 Required Signature

The University may reject any vendors' response if it is not signed as indicated and/or required by the areas, spaces, or forms provided within this ITN.

4.2.11 Authority to Negotiate

Representatives of the vendor(s) selected to participate in oral negotiation(s) shall be first required to submit written authorization from the company CEO or CFO attesting to the fact that the company's lead negotiator is authorized to bind the company to the terms and conditions agreed to during negotiations and as contained in the vendor's best and final offer. The provision of such authorization shall be a prerequisite to continuation in the ITN process.

The University shall not engage in extensive contract negotiations with the selected vendor(s) after the negotiation process has been completed. If the University determines that a company awarded a contract based on this ITN does not honor all aspects of the agreement reached during the negotiations in the best and final offer, the University reserves the right to immediately cancel the award, and to place the company on the University's suspended vendor list.

Company negotiators must enter the negotiations prepared to speak on behalf of the vendor's company. The University reserves the right to immediately terminate negotiations with any company whose representatives are not empowered to, or who will not, make decisions during the negotiation session. Vendors are reminded that the University may elect not to solicit a best and final offer from any company whose representative(s) have been unable or unwilling to commit to decisions reached during the verbal negotiation process.

4.2.12 Collusion Prohibited

In connection with this ITN, vendor collusion with other vendors or employees thereof, or with any employee of the University, is prohibited and may result in vendor disqualification and/or cancellation of award. Any attempt by the vendor, whether successful or not, to subvert or skirt the principles of open and fair competition may result in vendor disqualification and/or cancellation of award. Such disqualification and/or cancellation shall be at no fault or liability whatsoever to the University.

4.2.13 Improper Business Relationships/Conflict of Interest Prohibited

In connection with this ITN, each vendor shall ensure that no improper, unethical, or illegal relationships or conflict of interest exists between or among the vendor, the University, and any other party to this ITN. The University reserves the right to determine the materiality of such relationships, when discovered or disclosed, whether intended or not; and to decide whether vendor disqualification and/or cancellation of award shall result. Such disqualification and/or cancellation shall be at no fault or liability whatsoever to the University.

Contractor represents that no University employee who has, or whose relative has, a relationship with Contractor, will violate the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, including, but not limited to F.S. Section 112.313(3) and (7) and F.S. 112.3185(6) thereof, by reason of Contractor entering into this Contract.

4.2.14 Corrections, Changes, and Providing Information on Forms within the ITN

Vendors shall ensure that an authorized individual initials each correction using pen and ink. Vendors shall use pen and ink or typewriter in providing information directly on pages, or copies thereof, contained within this ITN.

4.2.15 Intentionally Omitted

4.2.16 Anti-Kickback

In compliance with FAR 52.203-7, the University has in place and follows procedures designed to prevent and detect violations of the Anti-Kickback Act of 1986 in its operations and direct business relationships.

4.2.17 Withdrawal of ITN

Vendors may withdraw their proposals any time prior to the ITN closing date. Vendors may request to withdraw their proposals after the ITN closing date and time prior to selection and notice of award. The University shall have sole authority to grant or deny such a request. In the event the University grants such a request, it may withhold issuing future ITN's to such vendors.

4.2.18 University's Right to Use Vendor's Ideas/Proprietary Information

If the vendor needs to submit proprietary/trade secret information with the proposal, the vendor shall ensure that it is enclosed in a separate envelope from the proposal and that it is clearly designated and conspicuously labeled as such. Vendors who submit responses with information noted as proprietary may be asked to substantiate why the information is proprietary or is otherwise exempt from a public records request under Florida Law.

Selection or rejection of the proposal shall not affect the University's right of use. Provided, however, that the University will, in good faith, honor any vendor information that is clearly designated and conspicuously labeled as proprietary when the University concurs that the information is proprietary, and that trade secrets or other proprietary data contained in the proposal documents shall be maintained as confidential in accordance with procedures promulgated by the Procurement Staff and subject to limitations in Florida or Federal law.

Pricing information cannot be considered proprietary. The University shall not be liable in any manner or in any amount for disclosing proprietary information if such information is not clearly so designated and conspicuously so labeled. The University shall likewise not be liable if it did not know or could not have reasonably known that such information was proprietary.

Should a request be made of the University for access to the information designated confidential or trade secret by the bidder and, on the basis of that designation, the University denies the request, the bidder may be responsible for all legal costs necessary to defend such action if the denial is challenged in a court of law.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that (a) all documents, studies, materials and information furnished to Contractor by University or University's affiliates in connection with the Services and (b) all reports, studies, plans, deliverables, strategies, materials and other documents and information developed or prepared for University in connection with the Services or which reflect any of the documents, studies, materials or information furnished to Contractor by University (the materials described in (a) and (b) are collectively referred to as the "Information") are and shall remain at all times confidential, proprietary, and the sole property of University. Contractor agrees that it shall not use the Information and will not share the Information with its employees, except as necessary to perform the Services. Contractor may not disclose Information to third parties unless it obtains University's written consent to such disclosure.

In the event Contractor is required by subpoena or other judicial or administrative process or by law to disclose such records, Contractor shall (i) provide University with prompt notice thereof, (ii) consult with University on the advisability of taking steps to resist or narrow such disclosure, (iii)

furnish only that portion of the information that is responsive to the request, (iv) comply with the requirements of all privacy laws applicable to the Information, which may include, but not be limited, to FERPA, and (v) reasonably cooperate with University in any attempt that University may make to obtain an order or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded the records. Upon termination of this Contract or upon request by University, Contractor shall promptly return the Information to University.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if University will share or provide access to protected health information or "PHI" to Contractor for Contractor to perform the Services, University and Contractor will enter into a separate business associate agreement which will govern the confidentiality and non-use obligations of the Contractor regarding the PHI (in lieu of this provision). This provision shall survive the termination of this Contract.

5.0 DEFINITIONS

5.1 Agreement/Contract

All types of agreements entered into by the University of Florida, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement of materials, services or construction, or the disposal of materials. Meaning is interchangeable.

5.2 Customer

Unless otherwise implied by the context of the specific provision within this ITN, "Customer" means a customer of the vendor, other than the University.

5.3 May, Should

Indicates something that is not mandatory, but permissible, recommended, or desirable.

5.4 Must, Shall, Will

Indicates a mandatory requirement. Failure to meet these mandatory requirements may result in rejection of your proposal as non-responsive.

5.5 Proposal

The entirety of the vendor's responses to each point of this ITN, including all supplemental offers or information not explicitly requested within this ITN.

5.6 Proprietary Information

Information held by the owner that if released to the public or anyone outside the owner's organization, would be detrimental to its interests. It is an issue of fact rather than opinion. Pricing and/or revenues cannot be considered proprietary.

5.7 Provider

Any entity responding to this ITN, or, if selected, the vendor entering into a contract with University.

5.8 Invitation to Negotiate (ITN)

A competitive negotiation process. It is not to be confused with an Invitation to Bid (ITB), in which goods or services are precisely specified and price is substantially the only competitive factor. This

ITN provides the University the flexibility to negotiate to arrive at a mutually agreeable relationship. Price will be considered but will not be the only factor of evaluation.

5.9 Respondent

Any entity responding to this ITN, or, if selected, the vendor entering into a contract with University.

5.10 Response

Same as Proposal

5.11 Successful Vendor

Any entity responding to this ITN, or, if selected, the vendor entering into a contract with University.

5.12 Supplement Agreement

Any supplement terms and conditions agreed to by the parties in writing taking precedence over all other documents governing the transaction.

5.13 Supplier

Any entity responding to this ITN, or, if selected, the vendor entering into a contract with University.

5.14 University of Florida, UF or University

Same as The University of Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate of the State of Florida; throughout the document the term UF, University and University of Florida is used interchangeably.

5.15 Vendor

Any entity responding to this ITN, or, if selected, the vendor entering into a contract with University.

5.16 Vendor's Proposal

Same as Proposal

5.17 Vendor's Response

Same as Proposal

6.0 AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following are the Terms and Conditions that will become part of any Agreement consummated between the University and the Successful Vendor. The Successful Vendor will be expected to execute an Agreement containing the provisions set forth in this section, or substantially similar provisions as University deems prudent or necessary.

This list of provisions is not exhaustive or indicative of every provision that will be contained in the Agreement, but rather identifies particular terms and conditions of which the vendor should be aware. In the event of a conflict between any provisions contained in any of the documents governing this transaction, the following shall be the order of precedence: Agreement; Invitation to Negotiate; Proposal.

6.1 Actions of Successful Vendor

The University is under no obligation whatsoever to be bound by the actions of any Successful Vendor with respect to third parties. The Successful Vendor is not a division or agent of the University.

6.2 Advertising

The Successful Vendor shall not advertise or publish information concerning the Agreement without prior written consent of the University. The University shall not unreasonably withhold permission.

6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act

The Successful Vendor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable federal regulations under the act.

6.4 Certification

By signature on the "Proposal Certification" form included under Section 7.0, the Vendor certifies that the submission on the proposal did not involve collusion or other anti-competitive practices. The Vendor has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted proposal. In addition, Vendor certifies whether or not an employee of the University has, or who's relative has, a substantial interest in any Agreement subsequent to this ITN. Vendor also certifies their status with regard to debarment, or suspension by any federal entity.

Failure to provide a valid signature affirming the stipulations required by this clause shall result in the rejection of the submitted proposal and, if applicable, any resulting Agreement. Signing the certification with a false statement shall void the proposal and, if applicable, any resulting Agreement. Any resulting Agreement may be subject to legal remedies provided by law. Vendor agrees to promote and offer to the University only those services and/or materials as stated in and allowed for under resulting Agreement(s).

6.5 Conflict of Interest

The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, F.S. Vendors must disclose with the proposal the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the University of Florida. Further, all Vendors must disclose the name of any University employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Vendor's firm or any of its branches.

6.6 Discrimination

An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a Vendor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

6.7 Drug Free Workplace

The Successful Vendor agrees that in the performance of the Agreement, neither the Successful Vendor nor any employee of the Successful Vendor shall engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity covered by the Agreement. The University reserves the right to request a copy of the Successful

Vendor's Drug Free Workplace Policy. The Successful Vendor further agrees to insert a provision similar to this statement in all subcontracts for services required.

6.8 Equal Opportunity Statement

The State Universities have established equal opportunity practices which conform to both the spirit and the letter of all laws against discrimination and prohibit discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, marital status or religion. To be considered for inclusion as a supplier under this agreement, the vendor commits to the following:

- A. The provisions of Executive Order 11246, September 24, 1966, and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor are applicable to each order placed against this agreement regardless of value.
- B. If the vendor expects to receive \$10,000 in orders during the first 12 months of this agreement, a complete certificate of non-segregated facilities shall be attached to the proposal response.
- C. If the vendor expects to receive \$50,000 in orders during the first 12 months of this agreement and employs more than 50 people, standard form 100 (EEO-1) must be filed prior to March 1 of each year.
- D. If the vendor expects to receive \$50,000 in orders during the first 12 months and employs more than 50 people, a written program for affirmative action compliance must be maintained by the vendor, subject to review upon request by the user agencies of this agreement.

If you have already complied with the above, please indicate _____

6.9 Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations

Successful Vendor is solely responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances, and regulations including but not limited to, those relating to taxes, licenses and permits, as they may apply to any matter under this ITN. The Successful Vendor must demonstrate that they are duly licensed by applicable regulatory bodies during the performance of the Agreement. Prior to the commencement of Agreement, the Successful Vendor shall be prepared to provide evidence of such licensing as may be requested by the University. Successful Vendor shall, at no expense to the University, procure and keep in force during the entire period of the Agreement all such permits and licenses.

In the performance of the Services, Contractor shall, at its own expense, at all times during the Term, comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances and all other governmental requirements. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that Contractor has and will at all times during the Term maintain all governmental permits, licenses, consents, and approvals necessary to perform the Services. Contractor shall also be solely responsible for and shall pay as required by law Contractor's income taxes, general excise taxes and any self-employment taxes.

6.10 E-Verify Compliance; Unauthorized Alien Workers

By entering a contract with UF, Vendor is obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility." Compliance with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., includes, but is not limited to, utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees, and requiring all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien.

Vendor affirms and represents that it is registered with the E-Verify system and are using same, and will continue to use same as required by Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. The Vendor's employment of unauthorized aliens is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality

Act. If the Vendor knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, such violation shall be cause for UF'S unilateral cancellation of the Agreement.

6.11 Inspection, Audit and Reporting

All books, accounts, reports, files, and other records relating to the Agreement shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection and audit by the University of Florida.

Reporting Requirements: The successful vendor(s) agrees to furnish to the University a summary of total sales made under this contract as requested but at least twice a year.

All reporting will be in Electronic Format provided to Procurement Services either prior to business review meetings or as requested.

Reports will include a detailed invoice of the Vendor's services history that provides, at minimum, the following information:

- PO Number
- Quote Number
- Invoice Number
- Invoice Date
- Ordered by Department
- Order Date
- Delivery Date
- Net Price
- Other Organizations: Total dollar value of purchases and total of orders through University agreement to other institutions.
- Savings to University through vendor discounting - special offers such as volume discounting

Vendor and University will work together to create reports as University deems necessary and compatible with vendor systems.

Vendors must be familiar with UF's invoicing requirements. Additional information about invoice submissions and attributes is available at the following website:

<https://www.fa.ufl.edu/directives/invoice-submission/>

6.12 Liens

Each Successful Vendor shall keep the University free and clear from all liens asserted by any person or entity for any reason arising out of the furnishing of services or materials by or to the Successful Vendor.

6.13 Modifications

This Contract may be modified or altered only by written agreement signed by both University and Contractor.

6.14 Non-Discrimination

The parties agree to be bound by applicable state and federal rules governing Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination.

6.15 Ownership of Documents

All drawings, maps, sketches, documents, records, programs, data base, reports and other data developed or purchased, under this Agreement for or at the University's expense shall be and remain the University's property, without restriction, reservation or qualifications. The Successful Vendor may retain copies necessary for recordkeeping documentation and all such other business purposes related to the Agreement. All materials and products produced shall be provided to the University upon expiration of this Agreement.

6.16 Sales and Use Tax

The Successful Vendor agrees to comply with and to require all of his subcontractors to comply with all the provisions of applicable law. The Successful Vendor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the University from any and all claims and demands made against it by virtue of the failure of the Successful Vendor or any subcontractors to comply with the provisions of any and all said laws. The University is exempt from state sales and use tax. A copy of the University's Certificate of Exemption will be made available upon request.

6.17 Sexual Harassment

Federal law and the policies of the University prohibit sexual harassment of University employees or students. Sexual harassment includes any unwelcome sexual advance toward a University employee or student, any request for a sexual favor from a University employee or student, or any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is so pervasive as to create a hostile or offensive working environment for University employees, or a hostile or an offensive academic environment for University students.

University vendors, subcontractors and suppliers for this project are required to exercise control over their employees to prohibit acts of sexual harassment of University employees and students. The employer of any person who the University, in its reasonable judgment, determines has committed an act of sexual harassment agrees as a term and condition of the Agreement to cause such person to be removed from the project site and from University premises and to take such other action as may be reasonably necessary to cause the sexual harassment to cease.

6.18 Small Business Program

University is an equal opportunity institution and, as such, encourages the use of small businesses, including women and minority-owned small businesses in the provision of goods and services. Small businesses should have a fair and equal opportunity to compete for dollars spent by the University. Competition ensures that prices are competitive, and a broad vendor base is available.

Vendors are encouraged to get certified by the State of Florida if they are minority-owned, woman-owned or veteran-owned:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/agency_administration/office_of_supplier_diversity_osd/get_certified

Vendor shall use good faith efforts to ensure opportunities are available to small businesses, including women and minority-owned businesses. For questions about the University's Small Business Program contact Director of Small Business and Vendor Diversity, 352-392-0380, <https://sbvdr.admin.ufl.edu/>

6.19 Tobacco Free Campus Policy

The University of Florida campus is a tobacco-free campus. This policy was effective as of July 1, 2010. The use of cigarettes or other tobacco products in UF buildings, parking lots, or in vehicles in

these areas is prohibited. The successful vendor is expected to respect this smoke free policy and fully comply with it.

6.20 Sustainability Preferences

The University's Procurement directives support the purchase of products that will minimize any negative environmental impacts of our work. To facilitate a healthy market in sustainable products, all parties involved in the procurement and utilization of materials must engage in both waste recycling and the initial purchase of products containing recycled content. It is in the interest of public health, safety and welfare and the conservation of energy and natural resources to use and promote environmentally responsible products, as well as energy efficient fixtures, appliances and mechanical equipment used in new construction and retrofit of University facilities.

6.21 Assignment-Delegation

Except for subcontracting or delegation expressly contemplated in the scope of work set forth on Exhibit A, Contractor shall not assign, transfer, delegate, subcontract, or otherwise dispose of, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, or by operation of law, any right or obligation under this Contract, without the written consent of University, which consent may be withheld in University's sole discretion. Any such assignment, subcontracting or transfer is void. No subcontracting or other delegation shall in any event relieve Contractor of any obligation or liability of Contractor under this Contract.

6.22 Assignment of Anti-Trust Overcharge Claims

The parties recognize that in actual economic practice overcharges resulting from anti-trust violations are in fact borne by the ultimate purchaser; therefore, Successful Vendor hereby assigns to the University all claims for such overcharges.

6.23 Date for Reckoning Prompt-Payment Discount

For purposes of determining whether a prompt-payment discount, if applicable, may be taken by the University, the starting date of such reckoning period shall be the later of the date of a properly executed invoice or the date of completion of service and/or delivery of product.

6.24 Force Majeure

In the event compliance with any obligation under this Agreement is impractical or impossible due to any Event of Force Majeure, then the time for performance of such obligation shall be extended for a period equivalent to the duration of the Event of Force Majeure. The provisions of this section shall not operate to excuse either party's inability to perform its obligations hereunder because of inadequate finances. "Event of Force Majeure:" means any strike, lockout, labor dispute, embargo, flood, earthquake, storm, dust storm, lightning, fire, epidemic, act of God, war, national emergency, civil disturbance or disobedience, riot, sabotage, terrorism, restraint by governmental order or any other occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the party in question.

6.25 Intentionally Omitted

6.26 Indemnification/Hold Harmless; Liability

The Successful Vendor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the University of Florida Board of Trustees, the University of Florida, the State of Florida and the Florida Board of Governors, and their respective officers, agents, and employees, against and from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, loss, cost, and damages of every kind and description, including attorneys' fees

and/or litigation expenses, which may be brought or made against or incurred on account of loss of or damage to any property or for injuries to or death of any person, caused by, arising out of, or contributed to, in whole or in part, by reasons of any act, omission, professional error, fault, mistake, or negligence of Successful Vendor, its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors, their employees, agents, or representatives in connection with or incident to the performance of the Agreement.

Successful Vendor's obligation under this provision shall not extend to any liability caused by the sole negligence of the University of Florida Board of Trustees, University, or its officers, agents, and employees. Such indemnification shall specifically include infringement claims made against all intellectual property supplied by Successful Vendor and third-party infringement under the Agreement.

The University, as a public entity, is protected by sovereign immunity from tort liability, subject to a limited statutory waiver. The University will not agree to (i) indemnify or hold harmless any vendor; (ii) be liable for vendor's attorneys' fees under any circumstances; or (iii) binding arbitration. The Agreement shall not be construed or interpreted as (i) denying to either party any remedy or defense available to such party under the laws of the State of Florida; (ii) the consent of University or the State of Florida or their agents and agencies to be sued; or (iii) a waiver of either University's or the State of Florida's sovereign immunity beyond the limited waiver provided in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

6.27 Insurance Requirements

The Successful Vendor shall purchase from and maintain with a company or companies, lawfully authorized to do business in Florida and acceptable to the University, such insurance as will protect the Successful Vendor from claims arising out of or resulting from the Successful Vendor's operations under the Agreement and for which the Successful Vendor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Successful Vendor or by their subcontractors or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. All insurance policies shall be issued and countersigned by representatives of such companies duly authorized for the State of Florida and shall be written on ISO standard forms or their equivalents.

The Successful Vendor shall file with the University Certificates of Insurance prior to the commencement of this Agreement and shall file Certificates of Insurance evidencing the renewal of such policies at least thirty (30) days prior to the date that each applicable insurance policy is scheduled to expire. **Please note that the University of Florida must be named "additional insured" on automobile and general liability policies.**

General Liability Insurance – The Successful Vendor shall provide the ISO Commercial General Liability policy for general liability coverage's for limits of not less than of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Coverage shall be maintained without interruption from date of commencement of work until date of final payment.

Worker's Compensation - The Successful Vendor shall secure and maintain for the life of this Agreement, valid Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes (if applicable.)

Automobile Liability - The Successful Vendor shall secure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, Automobile Liability insurance on all vehicles against bodily injury and property damage in at least the amount of \$100,000.00 per person, \$500,000.00 per occurrence.

6.28 Protection of Property

The Successful Vendor shall at all times guard against damage or loss, whether by the vendor directly or subcontractors, to the property of the University or of others or vendors and shall be held

responsible for replacing or repairing any such loss or damage. The University may withhold payment or make such deductions as deemed necessary to insure reimbursement or replacement for loss or damage to property through negligence of the Successful Vendor or their agents. The Successful Vendor shall provide all barricades and take all necessary precautions to protect buildings and personnel.

6.29 Labor Disputes

Successful Vendor shall give prompt notice to the University of any actual or potential labor dispute which delays or may delay performance of the Agreement.

6.30 Laws and Regulations

Successful Vendors are solely responsible for keeping themselves fully informed of and faithfully observing all laws, ordinances, and regulations and shall protect and indemnify the University, its officers and agents against any claims of liability arising from or based on any violation thereof.

6.31 No Replacement of Defective Tender

Every tender of goods must fully comply with all provisions of the Agreement as to time of delivery, quantity, and the like. If a tender is made which does not fully conform, this shall constitute a breach and Successful Vendor shall not have the right to substitute a conforming tender.

6.32 No Waiver of Right by the University

No waiver by a party of any provision or breach of this Contract shall be deemed to have been made unless the same is in writing, and no waiver of any provision or breach of this Contract shall be deemed a waiver of any other provisions or breach. A party's consent to or approval of any act shall not be deemed to render unnecessary the obtaining of such party's consent to or approval of any subsequent act.

6.33 Notice to Vendors of Asbestos-Containing Materials in University Buildings

Asbestos containing materials (ACM) can be found in almost any building in the United States more than 10 years old. The University of Florida is no exception. The types of asbestos most commonly found are pipe and boiler insulation, fireproofing, hard panels known as "Transite", floor tile, and spray or trowel-applied ceiling finishes. ACM is generally not hazardous if left undisturbed.

The University has implemented an Asbestos Program to assure safe management and removal of ACM. Vendors, consultants, and other's providing service to the University may encounter ACM and must, therefore, comply with the following instructions:

- A. Avoid disturbing suspected ACM. Exercise caution and watch for possible ACM.
- B. If it is necessary to disturb ACM, first notify the appropriate Division Asbestos Representative listed in this notice, or the University of Florida Asbestos Coordinator, before proceeding with your work. You shall take whatever precautions are necessary to protect humans' health and the environment, and comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws pertaining to asbestos.
- C. If you require additional information on possible locations of ACM in a particular building, contact the Asbestos Representative from the Division for which you are working.

Division

Asbestos Representative

Telephone

Facilities Services	Assoc. Dir. Facilities Services	(352) 392-7793
Housing	Housing Maintenance Superintendent	(352) 392-2161
Reitz Union	Maintenance Superintendent	(352) 392-1614
IFAS	Engineer	(352) 392-6488

6.34 Parking and Identification Badges.

The Successful Vendor shall obtain all parking permits and/or decals that may be required while performing project work on University premises. The Successful Vendor should review Contractor and Vendor Parking information from Transportation and Parking Services located at the following link: <https://parking.ufl.edu/decals/contractors-vendors/>

6.35 Payment Terms

The University’s obligation is payable only and solely from funds appropriated for the purpose of the Agreement. Unless otherwise stated herein, the payment terms for the Agreement are Net 30 days. VENDOR OMBUDSMAN: The University’s vendor ombudsman whose duties include acting as an advocate for vendors may be experiencing problems in obtaining payment(s) from the University may be contacted at 352-392-1241.

6.36 Price Adjustment

Price changes will normally only be considered at the end of one Agreement period and the beginning of another. Price change requests shall be in writing, submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the current Agreement period, and shall be supported by written evidence of increased costs to the Successful Vendor (see section 1.2.10).

The University will not approve unsupported price increases that will merely increase the gross profitability of the Successful Vendor at the expense of the University. Price change requests shall be a factor in the Agreement renewal review process. The University shall, in its sole opinion, determine whether the requested price increase or an alternate option is in the best interest of the University.

6.37 Prior Course of Dealings

No trade usage, prior course of dealings, or course of performance under other agreements shall be a part of any agreement resulting from this ITN; nor shall such trade usage, prior course of dealing, or course of performance be used in the interpretation or construction of such resulting agreement.

6.38 Intentionally Omitted

6.39 Public Entity Crime

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted list by the Department of Management Services, State of Florida, may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services, including construction, repairs, or leases and may not be awarded or perform work as a Vendor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant for the University of Florida for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted list, a "person" or "affiliate" includes any natural person or any entity, including predecessor or successor entities or any entity under the control of any natural person who is active in its management and who has been convicted of a public entity crime (Rule 6C1-3.020 FAC).

6.40 Public Records

All proposal information submitted and opened becomes subject to the Public Records Law set forth in Chapter 119 F.S.

IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT

Phone: (352) 846-3903

email: PR-Request@ufl.edu

Mail: PO Box 113156, Gainesville, FL 32611-3156

Any resulting Agreement may be unilaterally canceled for refusal by the vendor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials made or received by the Successful Vendor in conjunction with the Agreement and subject to the provisions of Chapter 119. F.S.

6.41 Referencing of Orders

For each order issued against an agreement resulting hereunder, the University intends in good faith to reference this ITN for pricing, terms and conditions, delivery location, and other particulars. However, in the event the University fails to do so, the University's right to such terms and conditions, and particulars shall not be affected, and no liability of any kind or amount shall accrue to the University.

6.42 Remedies and Applicable Law

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida (without regard to principles of conflict of laws) and the rules and regulations of the Florida Board of Governors and the University. University and Successful Vendor shall have available all remedies afforded each by said law. The venue in any action or litigation commenced to enforce the Agreement shall be brought in Alachua County, Florida, and both parties consent to such jurisdiction and venue regardless of the residence of the parties at the time the action is commenced.

6.43 Intentionally Omitted

6.44 Right of Offset

The University shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Successful Vendor, any expenses or costs incurred by the University, or damages assessed by the University concerning the Successful Vendor's non-conforming performance or failure to perform the Agreement, or any other debt owing the University, including expenses, costs and damages described in the termination provisions contained herein.

6.45 Intentionally Omitted

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6.48 Termination

6.48.1 Convenience

Upon giving at least seven (7) days written notice, University may terminate this Contract, at any time, with no further obligation to Contractor, other than to pay for Services provided in compliance with this Contract prior to Contractor's receipt of the notice of termination. If Contractor defaults under this Agreement and does not cure its default within fourteen (14) days after written notice thereof, University may terminate this Contract. The University reserves the

right to terminate the Agreement in whole or part at any time when in the best interests of the University without penalty or cause. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Successful Vendor shall immediately stop all work as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the University.

In the event of termination under this provision, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Successful Vendor under the Agreement shall become the property of and delivered to the University. The Successful Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed, and materials accepted before the effective date of termination. Such compensation shall be the Successful Vendor's sole remedy against the University in the event of termination under this provision.

6.48.2 Default

The University reserves the right to terminate the Agreement in whole or in part due to the failure of the Successful Vendor to comply with any term or condition of the Agreement, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Agreement. The University shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Successful Vendor.

Upon termination under this provision, all goods, materials, documents, data and reports prepared by the Successful Vendor under the Agreement shall become the property of and be delivered to the University on demand. The University may, upon termination of the Agreement, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials, or services to replace those under the Agreement. The Successful Vendor shall be liable to the University for any excess costs incurred by the University in re-procuring the materials or services.

6.48.3 Gratuities

The University may, by written notice to the Successful Vendor, cancel the Agreement if it is discovered by the University that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts or other, were offered or given by the Successful Vendor, or any agent or representative of the Successful Vendor, to any officer or employee of the University with a view toward securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such Agreement. In the event the Agreement is canceled by the University pursuant to this provision, University shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Successful Vendor in providing such gratuities.

6.48.4 Insolvency

The University shall have the right to terminate the Agreement at any time in the event Successful Vendor files a petition in bankruptcy; or is adjudicated bankrupt; or if a petition in bankruptcy is filed against Successful Vendor and not discharged within thirty (30) days; or if Successful Vendor becomes insolvent or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or an arrangement pursuant to any bankruptcy law; or if a receiver is appointed for Successful Vendor or its business.

6.48.5 Lack of Funds

The State of Florida's and UF's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Florida State Legislature. The Agreement may be canceled without further obligation on the part of the University of Florida in the event that sufficient appropriated funding is unavailable to assure full performance of the terms. The Successful Vendor shall be notified in writing of such non-appropriation as soon as reasonably

possible. No penalty shall accrue to the University in the event this cancellation provision is exercised. This cancellation provision shall not be construed so as to permit the University to terminate the Agreement in order to acquire similar equipment, material, supplies or services from another party.

6.48.6 Stop Work Order

The University may at any time, by written order to the Successful vendor, require the Successful Vendor to stop all or any part of the work called for by the Agreement for a period of ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to the Successful Vendor, and for any further period to which the parties may agree. The order shall be specifically identified as a Stop Work Order issued under this provision. Upon receipt of the order, the Successful Vendor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incidence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. If a Stop Work Order issued under this provision is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Successful Vendor shall resume work. The University shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Agreement price, or both, and the Agreement shall be amended in writing accordingly.

6.48.7 Suspension or Debarment

The University may by written notice to the Successful Vendor immediately terminate the Agreement if the University determines that the Successful Vendor has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor Vendor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body.

6.48.8 Continuation of Performance Through Termination

The Successful Vendor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of Agreement, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.

6.49 Intentionally Omitted

6.50 Intentionally Omitted

6.51 Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard.

For e-commerce business and/or credit card transactions, Proposer agrees to be bound by the requirements and terms of the Rules of all applicable Card Associations, as amended from time to time, and be solely responsible for security and maintaining confidentiality of Card transactions processed by means of electronic commerce up to the point of receipt of such transactions by Bank.

Proposer is required to be in compliance with the requisites of the SAS 70 and/or Payment card Industry Data Security Standard and provide written attestation of compliance annually.

6.52 Payment and Invoice Information

All invoices will need to contain either a **UF purchase order number** or the **8-digit department ID number** of the department with which you are doing business. Please include your Tax Identification number. All invoices for payment should be submitted to the University of Florida via:

Email: UFL.invoices@edmgroupp.com

Or by Fax: 1-570-496-5411

Or by Mail:

University of Florida
Attn: Accounts Payable
PO Box 3357
Scranton, PA 18505

6.53 Travel

Any travel authorized by this Contract and being compensated separately shall be compensated in accordance with University's travel policy (<http://fa.ufl.edu/uco/handbook/handbook.asp?doc=1.4.14>) and Contractor shall be required to provide all back-up documentation required by the policy.

6.54 State Purchasing Requirements

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM A NONPROFIT AGENCY FOR THE BLIND OR FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 413, FLORIDA STATUTES, IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION [413.036](#)(1) AND (2), FLORIDA STATUTES; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE UNIVERSITY INsofar AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH QUALIFIED NONPROFIT AGENCY ARE CONCERNED. This requirement applies only if any such nonprofit agency produces a product covered by this CONTRACT and can satisfy the terms of this CONTRACT with respect to price, quantity, quality, and delivery time. Any questions concerning available products should be directed to: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Headquarters, 2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Building A, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-4862, (800) 451-4327 (Voice/TDD).

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE CORPORATION IDENTIFIED UNDER CHAPTER 946, F.S., IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION [946.515](#)(2), AND (4), F.S.; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE CONTRACTOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR UNIVERSITY INsofar AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH CORPORATION ARE CONCERNED. This requirement applies only if the corporation produces a product covered by this CONTRACT and can satisfy the terms of this CONTRACT with respect to price, quantity, quality, and delivery time. Any questions concerning the corporation's ability to provide products or services should be directed to: Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc., 12425 - 28th Street North, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33716, (727) 572-1987.

6.55 Notices

All notices, consents, approvals and other communications (collectively, "Notices") which may be or are required to be given by either party shall be properly given only if made in writing and sent to the address of University or Contractor, as applicable, set forth in [Exhibit A](#), as the same is modified in accordance herewith, by hand delivery, U.S. Certified Mail (Return Receipt Requested) or nationally recognized overnight delivery service. Telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses are listed for convenience only. Either party may change its address for Notices by giving written notice to the other party in accordance with this provision.

6.56 Ownership of Work

All reports, studies, plans, deliverables, strategies, materials, discoveries, inventions, processes, designs, plans, trade secrets, data, information, documents and other work (collectively, "Work"),

whether of a technical nature or not, made, developed or obtained by Contractor pursuant to this Contract or in connection with the provision of the Services shall be the sole and exclusive property of University and any copyrightable Work shall be deemed a "work made for hire" under the United States copyright laws. Should such Work not constitute a "work made for hire" under the United States copyright laws, Contractor hereby grants, transfers, assigns, and conveys to University and its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the Work or any part thereof.

At all times during and after the Term, Contractor shall assist University in obtaining and maintaining, for University's benefit, copyrights and other relevant legal protections in the Work and Contractor shall execute and cause its subcontractors to execute such further instruments as University may reasonably require as evidence of ownership of such rights. Immediately upon termination of this Contract for any reason, all Work, in whatever form, shall be turned over to University. This provision shall survive the termination of this

6.57 Access to Work

University shall always have access to review the ongoing Work of Contractor for purposes of inspecting the same and determining that the Services are being performed in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

6.58 Independent Contractor

Contractor is and shall at all times remain an independent contractor, with sole control of the manner and means of performing the Services. Contractor shall have no authority to bind or commit University to any contract, representation or obligation to or with any third party or to incur any cost, expense, liability or other amount for or on behalf of University, and Contractor shall not act as or represent that it is the agent of University. Further, it is understood and agreed by the parties that nothing contained in this Contract shall be construed to create a joint venture, partnership, association, or other affiliation or like relationship between the parties, it being specifically agreed that their relationship is and shall remain that of independent parties to a contractual relationship as set forth in this Contract.

6.59 No Use of Name/Logos/Public Statements

Except with the prior written consent of the other party, no party shall, make any press or media announcement concerning this Contract, or use the name, logos, or trademarks of any other party, or any version, abbreviation, or representation of them. In the case of University, consent must be provided by its Vice President for University Relations or that position's designee.

6.60 Time of the Essence

Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Contract in which a definite time for performance is specified.

6.61 Construction

The language and all parts of this Contract shall be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against any of the parties hereto. University and Contractor have agreed to the use of the particular language of this Contract, and any question regarding the meaning of this Contract shall not be resolved by any rule providing for interpretation against the party who caused the uncertainty to exist or against the draftsman.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, (i) the terms "hereof", "hereunder", "herein" and similar expressions refer to this Contract as a whole, (ii) the singular shall include the plural and the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the neuter, and (iii) all references to sections and

subsections shall be deemed references to the sections and subsections of this Contract. The section headings in this Contract are for convenience only and do not alter, amend, define, limit or otherwise affect the terms set forth herein.

If any provision of this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract will not be affected, and in lieu of each provision that is found to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, a provision will be added as a part of this Contract that is as similar to the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

All negotiations, considerations, representations, and understandings between University and Contractor are incorporated herein. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Contract may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed a duplicate original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Contract 7.0 Certifications and Forms

7.1 Certification of Proposal

Explanation: This certification attests to the vendor's awareness of, and agreement, to the content of this ITN and all accompanying provisions contained herein.

Action: Vendor is to ensure that the following certificate is duly completed and correctly executed by an authorized officer of your company.

This proposal is submitted in response to Invitation to Negotiate # _____ issued by the University of Florida. The undersigned, as a duly authorized officer, hereby certifies that

(Vendor Name)

agrees to be bound by the content of this proposal and agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and provisions of the referenced Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) and any addenda thereto in the event of an award. Exceptions are to be noted as stated in the ITN. The proposal shall remain in effect for a period of ninety (90) calendar days as of the Due Date for responses to the ITN.

The undersigned certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge: (check one pf the below and provide information if required)

___ There is no trustee or employee of the University of Florida who has or who's Relative has an Interest in the entity or entities making this proposal or who is a natural person making this proposal.

___ There are trustee(s) and/or employee(s) of the University of Florida who have, and/or whose Relative(s) have, an Interest in the entity or entities making this proposal or who is a natural person making this proposal. Describe the nature of the interest held by each trustee, employee, or Relative of the trustee or employee (for example, grandson of Employee X owns the company or spouse of Employee Y is a director of the company).

"Interest" for purposes of this disclosure includes the following: director, trustee, officer, or employee of an entity, any contract with an entity (including consulting), or any partner, proprietor, stock, equity, or other ownership interest in an entity.

"Relative" for the purpose of this disclosure is an individual who is related to the trustee or employee as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife,

father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandparent, great grandparent, grandchild, great grandchild, step grandparent, step great grandparent, step grandchild, step great grandchild, person who is engaged to be married to the trustee or employee or who otherwise holds himself or herself out as or is generally known as the person whom the trustee or employee intends to marry or with whom the trustee or employee intends to form a household, or any other natural person having the same legal residence as the trustee or employee”

The undersigned further certifies that their firm (check one) **IS** or **IS NOT** currently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any federal entity. The undersigned agrees to notify the University of any change in this status, should one occur, until such time as an award has been made under this procurement action.

Person(s) authorized to negotiate in good faith on behalf of this firm for purposes of this Invitation to Negotiate are:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Authorized Officer

_____ Email: _____

Printed Name

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Closing Date: 04/27/2021

Closing Time: 3:00PM (EST)