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**SIMPLIFIED CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, made and entered into by and between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter designated the County, and

**Grading & Bush Hog Services, Inc.**

(Corporation, Partnership or Individual Proprietor)

Authorized to do business in the State of Florida, with place of business located at  
**7029 State Road 21, Keystone Heights, FL 32656**

herein after designated the Contractor,

**WITNESSETH:**

That for and in consideration of the sum not to exceed **one million nine hundred fifty thousand six hundred eighty-three U.S. dollars and seventy cents (\$1,950,683.70)** to be paid by the County to the contractor as herein provided, and in further consideration of the mutual covenants and promises to be kept and performed by and between the parties hereto, it is agreed as follows:

**1. THE CONTRACTOR AGREES:**

- A. To furnish all services, labor, materials and equipment necessary for the complete performance, in a thorough and workmanlike manner, of the Work contemplated under Bid Title: **Guardrail Services and Materials**, Bid No: **25-0288-ITB-C**, in Pinellas County, Florida, to comply with the applicable standards, and to perform all Work in strict accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents.
- B. That the Contractor and each subcontractor shall furnish to the County, upon demand, a certified copy of the payroll covering Work under this Agreement, together with such other information as may be required by the County to ensure compliance with the law and the provisions of this Agreement.
- C. To procure all insurance as required by the Instructions to Bidders.
- D. To procure and maintain all permits and licenses which may be required by law in connection with the prosecution of the Work contemplated hereunder, except for those permits obtained by the County as expressly set forth in Appendix 1 of the Contract Documents. Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Contractor shall be responsible for non-compliance of all permit requirements, including all fines resulting from Contractor's non-compliance of said requirements.
- E. To permit any representative(s) of the County, at all reasonable times, to inspect the Work in progress or any of the materials used or to be used in connection therewith, whether such Work is located on or off the Project site, and to furnish promptly, without additional charge, all reasonable facilities, labor and materials deemed necessary by the County's Project Manager, for the conducting of such inspections and tests as it may require.
- F. Unless otherwise provided in the special provisions, special conditions, and specifications, Contractor assumes liability for all damage to Work under construction or completed, whether from fire, water, winds, vandalism, or other causes, until final completion and acceptance by the County and notwithstanding the fact that partial payments may have been made during construction.
- G. No subcontract or transfer of Agreement shall in any case release either the Contractor or its surety of any liability under the Agreement. The County reserves the right to reject any subcontractors or equipment.
- H. Unless specifically prohibited by Florida law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, damages, penalties, demands, judgments, actions, proceedings, losses or costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the "Workers' Compensation Law" or of any other laws, by-laws, ordinance, order or decree, including but not limited to any violation of requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as may be amended, and all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto (collectively the "ADA") whether resulting from any claimed breach of this Agreement by the Contractor or from personal injury, property damage, direct or consequential damages, or economic loss, to the extent caused

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by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor or anyone employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement. The duty to defend under this paragraph is independent and separate from the duty to indemnify, and the duty to defend exists regardless of any ultimate liability of the Contractor, the County and any indemnified party. The duty to defend arises immediately upon presentation of a claim by any party and written notice of such claim being provided to the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation to indemnify and defend under this Article will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement until it is determined by final judgment that an action against the County or an indemnified party for the matter indemnified hereunder is fully and finally barred by the applicable statute of limitations. The Contractor shall guarantee the payment of all just claims for materials, supplies, tools, labor or other just claims against it or any subcontractor in connection with this Agreement; and its bonds will not be released by final acceptance and payment by the County unless all such claims are paid or released.

- I. By signing this Agreement, the contractor certifies under penalty of law that it understands the terms and conditions of, and will comply with, the Pinellas County National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. FLS000005 that authorizes the storm water discharge associated with construction activities.
- J. Contractor shall submit invoices for payment due as provided herein with such documentation as required by Pinellas County and all payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 et. seq, Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." Invoices shall be submitted to the address below unless instructed otherwise on the purchase order, or if no purchase order, by the ordering department:

Finance Division Accounts Payable

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

P. O. Box 2438

Clearwater, FL 33757

ClerkConstructionAP@MyPinellasClerk.gov

Each invoice shall include, at a minimum, the Contractor's name, contact information and the standard purchase order number. In order to expedite payment, it is recommended the Contractor also include the information shown in Section A – General Conditions Payments/Invoices. The County may dispute any payments invoiced by Contractor in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process for Invoiced Payments, established in accordance with Section 218.76, Florida Statutes, and any such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process.

- K. Local, State, and Federal Compliance Requirements: The laws of the State of Florida apply to any purchase made under this Invitation to Bid. Bidders shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders and laws as applicable to this bid and subsequent contract(s) including but not limited to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and OSHA as applicable to this contract.
- L. Supplier acknowledges and warrants that All public-facing digital content and services produced, modified, hosted, or otherwise provided pursuant to the agreement—including but not limited to audiovisual content, documents, websites, web applications, mobile apps, software, kiosks, and other technology-based Products and Services—must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and must be in conformance with requirements defined in the following standards: The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Standards and Guidelines; the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA; or such guidelines as may be subsequently adopted by the Department of Justice (DOJ) for compliance with the ADA. If guidelines are formally adopted by DOJ, those guidelines will be used as the standard for compliance regardless of whether they are more or less stringent than WCAG 2.1 AA. If during the Term of this Agreement, Supplier fails to maintain compliance with WCAG 2.0 A and AA or Pinellas County otherwise identifies an issue related to accessibility of the product (the "Accessibility Issue") that renders the product inaccessible, then Pinellas County shall notify Supplier of non-compliance. Within 30 days of Supplier's receipt of a non-compliance notice ("Notice"), Supplier and Pinellas County shall meet and mutually agree upon an appropriate timeline for resolution of the Accessibility Issue(s) ("Initial Meeting").

COUNTY will notify CONTRACTOR in writing if it identifies an issue that renders the product inaccessible (the "Accessibility Issue"). Within 30 days of such notice, CONTRACTOR and COUNTY will meet and agree upon an appropriate and commercially reasonable timeline for resolution of the Accessibility Issue(s) ("Initial Meeting").

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Should any of the following conditions occur, it will constitute a material breach of the Agreement by CONTRACTOR and will be grounds for termination by COUNTY:

- i. CONTRACTOR fails to acknowledge receipt of the notice and fails to meet within 30 days of receipt of the Notice;
- ii. CONTRACTOR unreasonably and solely withholds agreement regarding a timeline or resolution; or
- iii. CONTRACTOR fails to materially resolve the Accessibility Issue(s) within the agreed-upon timeline,

Failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement by Pinellas County and subject Supplier to section H of this Agreement, "Indemnification."

- M. The Contractor and their Subcontractor(s) must register with and use the E-verify system in accordance with Florida Statute 448.095. A Contractor and Subcontractor may not enter into a contract with the County unless each party registers with and uses the E-verify system.

If a Contractor enters a contract with a Subcontractor, the Subcontractor must provide the Contractor with an affidavit stating that the Subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with unauthorized aliens. The Contractor must maintain a copy of the affidavit for the duration of the contract.

If the County, Contractor, or Subcontract has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Florida Statute 448.09(1) they shall immediately terminate the contract with the person or entity.

If the County has a good faith belief that a Subcontractor knowingly violated this provision, but the Contractor otherwise complied with this provision, the County will notify the Contractor and order that the Contractor immediately terminate the contract with the Subcontractor.

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

Contractor or Subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section, requiring the subcontracts to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any Subcontractor or Lower Tier Subcontractor with the clause set for in this section.

**2. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED:**

- A. That no change, alteration, amendment, payment for extra work or agreement to pay for same, shall be binding upon the County until it has been approved the same, and until the same shall be properly approved by the Board.
- B. The County shall designate a representative insofar as prosecution of the work, and interpretation of the Plans and Specifications are concerned, and that no payments shall be made by the County under this Agreement except upon the certificate of the proper County designee.
- C. This Agreement shall be interpreted under and its performance governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
- D. The failure of the County to enforce at any time or for any period of time any one or more of the provisions of the Contract Documents shall not be construed to be and shall not be a waiver of any such provision or provisions or of its rights thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.
- E. Each of the parties hereto agrees and represents that this Agreement comprises the full and entire agreement between the parties affecting the Work contemplated, and that no other agreement or understanding of any nature concerning the same has been entered into or will be recognized, and that all negotiations, acts, Work performed, or payments made prior to execution hereof shall be deemed merged into, integrated and superseded by this Agreement.
- F. Should any provision of this Agreement be determined by a court to be unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any section or part thereof.

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G. In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period, the County shall notify the Contractor of such occurrence and Agreement shall terminate on the last day of current fiscal period without penalty or expense to the County.

**3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The documents comprising this Agreement, which shall be known as the "Contract Documents", include the entirety of County's ITB pursuant to which this Agreement is awarded, including any addenda, and Contractor's submittal thereto. The following portions of the Contract Documents are listed for the purposes of determining priority:

**CHANGE ORDER(S)**

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**ADDENDA (if applicable)**

**APPENDIX 4 SPECIAL NOTICES (if applicable)**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**SCOPE OF WORK**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

If there is a conflict between the terms of the Contract Documents, then the conflict shall be resolved according to the following order of priority: any terms required as a condition of grant funds shall have first priority; then the terms of this Agreement; then the terms of the above listed documents shall be given preference in their above listed order; and then the terms of any remaining documents.

**4. PUBLIC RECORDS – CONTRACTOR'S DUTY**

**If the contractor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the contractor's duty to provide public records relating to this agreement, the contractor shall contact:**

**Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners**

**Purchasing and Risk Management Division**

**400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, 6th Floor,**

**Clearwater, FL 33756**

**Public Records Liaison**

**Phone: 727-464-3237**

**Email: [mcchartier@pinellas.gov](mailto:mcchartier@pinellas.gov)**

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5. **BINDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall insure to the benefit of the executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns of the Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed on the day and year as written.

Pinellas County Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

By: [Signature]  
Signature

Name: Brian Scott  
Typed, printed or stamped

Title: Chair

Date: June 19, 2025.



ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By: [Signature]

**CONTRACTOR** Jeffrey S Griffin  
Digitally signed by Jeffrey S Griffin  
Date: 2025.05.01 14:02:50 -04'00'

By: Signature

Print Name: Jeffrey S. Griffin

Title: President

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Contractor's Registration or Certification  
No. issued by the State of Florida

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

By: Miles Belknap  
Office of the County Attorney