

SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date"), by and between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County"), and Premier Magnesia, LLC, Waynesville, NC ("Contractor") (individually, "Party," collectively, "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County requested proposals pursuant to 190-0480-B(JA) ("RFP") for magnesium hydroxide and equipment services; and

WHEREAS, based upon the County's assessment of Contractor's proposal, the County selected the Contractor to provide the Services as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents that it has the experience and expertise to perform the Services as set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals, the mutual covenants, agreements, terms and conditions herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions.

A. "Agreement" means this Agreement, including all Exhibits, which are expressly incorporated herein by reference, and any amendments thereto.

B. "County Confidential Information" means any County information deemed confidential and/or exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I of the Florida Constitution, or other applicable law, including, but not limited to, any other information designated in writing by the County as County Confidential Information.

C. "Contractor Confidential Information" means any Contractor information that is designated as confidential and/or exempt by Florida's public records law, including information that constitutes a trade secret pursuant to Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, and is designated in this Agreement or in writing as a trade secret by Contractor (unless otherwise determined to be a public record by applicable Florida law). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor Confidential Information does not include information that: (i) becomes public other than as a result of a disclosure by the County in breach of the Agreement; (ii) becomes available to the County on a non-confidential basis from a source other than Contractor, which is not prohibited from disclosing such information by obligation to Contractor; (iii) is known by the County prior to its receipt from Contractor without any obligation or confidentiality with respect thereto; or (iv) is developed by the County independently of any disclosures made by Contractor.

D. "Contractor Personnel" means all employees of Contractor, and all employees of subcontractors of Contractor, including, but not limited to temporary and/or leased employees, who are providing the Services at any time during the project term.

E. "Services" means the work, duties and obligations to be carried out and performed safely by Contractor under this Agreement, as described throughout this Agreement and as specifically described in Exhibit A ("Statement of Work") attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As used in this Agreement, Services shall include any component task, subtask, service, or function inherent, necessary, or a customary part of the Services, but not specifically described in this Agreement, and shall include the provision of all standard day-to-day administrative, overhead, and internal expenses, including costs of bonds and insurance as required herein, labor, materials, equipment, safety equipment, products, office supplies, consumables, tools, postage, computer hardware/software, telephone charges, copier usage, fax charges, travel, lodging, and per diem and all other costs required to perform Services except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement.

2. **Conditions Precedent.** This Agreement, and the Parties' rights and obligations herein, are contingent upon and subject to the Contractor securing and/or providing the performance security, if required in Section 3, and the insurance coverage(s) required in Section 13, within ten (10) days of the Effective Date. No Services shall be performed by the Contractor and the County shall not incur any obligations of any type until Contractor satisfies these conditions. Unless waived in writing by the County, in the event the Contractor fails to satisfy the conditions precedent within the time required herein, the Agreement shall be deemed not to have been entered into and shall be null and void.

3. **Services.**

A. **Services.** The County retains Contractor, and Contractor agrees to provide the Services. All Services shall be performed to the satisfaction of the County, and shall be subject to the provisions and terms contained herein and the Exhibits attached hereto.

B. **Services Requiring Prior Approval.** Contractor shall not commence work on any Services requiring prior written authorization in the Statement of Work without approval from the contract administrator.

C. **Additional Services.** From the Effective Date and for the duration of the project, the County may elect to have Contractor perform Services that are not specifically described in the Statement of Work attached hereto but are related to the Services ("Additional Services"), in which event Contractor shall perform such Additional Services for the compensation specified in the Statement of Work attached hereto. Contractor shall commence performing the applicable Additional Services promptly upon receipt of written approval as provided herein.

D. **De-scoping of Services.** The County reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to de-scope Services upon written notification to the Contractor by the County. Upon issuance and receipt of the notification, the Contractor and the County shall enter into a written amendment reducing the appropriate Services Fee for the impacted Services by a sum equal to the amount associated with the de-scoped Services as defined in the payment schedule in this Agreement, if applicable, or as determined by mutual written consent of both Parties based upon the scope of work performed prior to issuance of notification.

E. **Independent Contractor Status and Compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.** Contractor is and shall remain an independent contractor and is neither agent, employee, partner, nor joint venturer of County. Contractor acknowledges that it is responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 located at 8 U.S.C. 1324, et seq, and regulations relating thereto, as either may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

F. **Non-Exclusive Services.** This is a non-exclusive Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, and any extensions thereof, the County reserves the right to contract for another provider for similar services as it determines necessary in its sole discretion.

G. **Project Monitoring.** During the term of the Agreement, Contractor shall cooperate with the County, either directly or through its representatives, in monitoring Contractor's progress and performance of this Agreement.

4. **Term of Agreement.**

A. **Initial Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on November 15, 2020 and shall remain in full force and for five (5) years, or until termination of the Agreement, whichever occurs first.

5. **Compensation and Method of Payment.**

A. **Services Fee.** As total compensation for the Services, the County shall pay the Contractor the sums as provided in this Section 5 ("Services Fee"), pursuant to the terms and conditions as provided in this Agreement. It is acknowledged and agreed by Contractor that this compensation constitutes a limitation upon County's obligation to compensate Contractor for such Services required by this Agreement, but does not constitute a limitation upon Contractor's obligation to perform all of the Services required by this Agreement. In no event will the Services Fee paid exceed the not-to-exceed sums set out in subsections 5.B. and C., unless the Parties agree to increase this sum by written amendment as authorized in Section 21 of the Agreement.

- B.** The County agrees to pay the Contractor the not-to-exceed sum of \$7,714,476.00, for Services completed and accepted as provided in Section 15 herein if applicable, payable
- C. Taxes.** Contractor acknowledges that the County is not subject to any state or federal sales, use, transportation and certain excise taxes.
- D. Payments.** Contractor shall submit invoices for payments due as provided herein and authorized reimbursable expenses incurred with such documentation as required by County. Invoices shall be submitted to the designated person as set out in Section 18 herein.

For time and materials Services, all Contractor Personnel shall maintain logs of time worked, and each invoice shall state the date and number of hours worked for Services authorized to be billed on a time and materials basis. All payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." The County may dispute any payments invoiced by Contractor in accordance with the County's Invoice Payments Dispute Resolution Process 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.

**6. Personnel.**

**A. Qualified Personnel.** Contractor agrees that each person performing Services in connection with this Agreement shall have the qualifications and shall fulfill the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

**B. Approval and Replacement of Personnel.** The County shall have the right to approve all Contractor Personnel assigned to provide the Services, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Prior to commencing the Services, the Contractor shall provide at least ten (10) days written notice of the names and qualifications of the Contractor Personnel assigned to perform Services pursuant to the Agreement. Thereafter, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall promptly and as required by the County provide written notice of the names and qualifications of any additional Contractor Personnel assigned to perform Services. The County, on a reasonable basis, shall have the right to require the removal and replacement of any of the Contractor Personnel performing Services, at any time during the term of the Agreement. The County will notify Contractor in writing in the event the County requires such action. Contractor shall accomplish any such removal within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of notice from the County and shall promptly replace such person with another person, acceptable to the County, with sufficient knowledge and expertise to perform the Services assigned to such individual in accordance with this Agreement. In situations where individual Contractor Personnel are prohibited by applicable law from providing Services, removal and replacement of such Contractor Personnel shall be immediate and not subject to such forty-eight (48) hour replacement timeframe and the provisions of Section 7. A.1. shall apply if minimum required staffing is not maintained.

**7. Termination.**

**A. Contractor Default Provisions and Remedies of County.**

1. Events of Default. Any of the following shall constitute a "Contractor Event of Default" hereunder: (i) Contractor fails to maintain the staffing necessary to perform the Services as required in the Agreement, fails to perform the Services as specified in the Agreement, or fails to complete the Services within the completion dates as specified in the Agreement; (ii) Contractor breaches Section 9 (Confidential Information); (iii) Contractor fails to gain acceptance of a deliverable per Section 15, if applicable, for two (2) consecutive iterations; or (iv) Contractor fails to perform or observe any of the other material provisions of this Agreement.
2. Cure Provisions. Upon the occurrence of a Contractor Event of Default as set out above, the County shall provide written notice of such Contractor Event of Default to Contractor ("Notice to Cure"), and Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days after the date of a Notice to Cure to correct, cure, and/or remedy the Contractor Event of Default described in the written notice.

3. Termination for Cause by the County. In the event that Contractor fails to cure a Contractor Event of Default as authorized herein, or upon the occurrence of a Contractor Event of Default as specified in Section 7.A.1.(iii), the County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, effective upon receipt by Contractor of written notice of termination pursuant to this provision, and may pursue such remedies at law or in equity as may be available to the County.

**B. County Default Provisions and Remedies of Contractor.**

1. Events of Default. Any of the following shall constitute a "County Event of Default" hereunder: (i) the County fails to make timely undisputed payments as described in this Agreement; (ii) the County breaches Section 9 (Confidential Information); or (iii) the County fails to perform any of the other material provisions of this Agreement.

2. Cure Provisions. Upon the occurrence of a County Event of Default as set out above, Contractor shall provide written notice of such County Event of Default to the County ("Notice to Cure"), and the County shall have thirty (30) calendar days after the date of a Notice to Cure to correct, cure, and/or remedy the County Event of Default described in the written notice.

3. Termination for Cause by Contractor. In the event the County fails to cure a County Event of Default as authorized herein, Contractor may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part effective on receipt by the County of written notice of termination pursuant to this provision, and may pursue such remedies at law or in equity as may be available to the Contractor.

**C. Termination for Convenience.** Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the County may terminate this Agreement, without cause, by giving thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Contractor of its election to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this provision.

8. Time is of the Essence. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance, including the Services as described in Exhibits attached hereto; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to limit a Party's cure period allowed in the Agreement.

9. Confidential Information and Public Records.

**A. County Confidential Information.** Contractor shall not disclose to any third party County Confidential Information that Contractor, through its Contractor Personnel, has access to or has received from the County pursuant to its performance of Services pursuant to the Agreement, unless approved in writing by the County Contract Manager. All such County Confidential Information will be held in trust and confidence from the date of disclosure by the County, and discussions involving such County Confidential Information shall be limited to Contractor Personnel as is necessary to complete the Services.

**B. Contractor Confidential Information.** All Contractor Confidential Information received by the County from Contractor will be held in trust and confidence from the date of disclosure by Contractor and discussions involving such Contractor Confidential Information shall be limited to the members of the County's staff and the County's subcontractors who require such information in the performance of this Agreement. The County acknowledges and agrees to respect the copyrights, registrations, trade secrets and other proprietary rights of Contractor in the Contractor Confidential Information during and after the term of the Agreement and shall at all times maintain the confidentiality of the Contractor Confidential Information provided to the County, subject to federal law and the laws of the State of Florida related to public records disclosure. Contractor shall be solely responsible for taking any and all action it deems necessary to protect its Contractor Confidential Information except as provided herein. Contractor acknowledges that the County is subject to public records legislation, including but not limited to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and that any of the County's obligations under this Section may be superseded by its obligations under any requirements of said laws.

**C. Public Records.** Contractor acknowledges that information and data it manages as part of the services may be public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County public records policies. Contractor agrees that prior to providing services it will implement policies and procedures to maintain, produce, secure, and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County policies, including but not limited to the Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement relating to compensation, the Contractor agrees to charge the County, and/or any third parties requesting public records only such fees allowed by Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and County policy for locating and producing public records during the term of this Agreement.

**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 contract, contact the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing and Risk Management Department, Operations Manager custodian of public records at 727-464-3311, [purchase@pinellascounty.org](mailto:purchase@pinellascounty.org), Pinellas County Government, Purchasing and Risk Management Department, Operations Manager, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756.**

**10. Audit.** Contractor shall retain all records relating to this Agreement for a period of at least five (5) years after final payment is made. All records shall be kept in such a way as will permit their inspection pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. In addition, County reserves the right to examine and/or audit such records.

**11. Compliance with Laws.**

Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including the procurement of permits and certificates where required, and including but not limited to laws related to Workers Compensation, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), occupational safety and health and the environment, equal employment opportunity, privacy of medical records and information, as applicable. Failure to comply with any of the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

**12. Public Entities Crimes**

Contractor is directed to the Florida Public Entities Crime Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, as well as Florida Statute 287.135 regarding Scrutinized Companies, and represents to County that Contractor is qualified to transact business with public entities in Florida, and to enter into and fully perform this Agreement subject to the provisions state therein. Failure to comply with any of the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

**13. Liability and Insurance.**

- A. Insurance.** Contractor shall comply with the insurance requirements set out in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- B. Indemnification.** Contractor agrees to indemnify, pay the cost of defense, including attorney's fees, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees and agents from all damages, suits, actions or claims, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the County, of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, or in any way relating to or arising from the Agreement; or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of Contractor; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or of any other laws, regulations, ordinance, order or decree; or arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the County.

- C. **Liability.** Neither the County nor Contractor shall make any express or implied agreements, guaranties or representations, or incur any debt, in the name of or on behalf of the other Party. Neither the County nor Contractor shall be obligated by or have any liability under any agreements or representations made by the other that are not expressly authorized hereunder. The County shall have no liability or obligation for any damages to any person or property directly or indirectly arising out of the operation by Contractor of its business, whether caused by Contractor's negligence or willful action or failure to act.
- D. **Contractor's Taxes.** The County will have no liability for any sales, service, value added, use, excise, gross receipts, property, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, withholding or other taxes, whether levied upon Contractor or Contractor's assets, or upon the County in connection with Services performed or business conducted by Contractor. Payment of all such taxes and liabilities shall be the responsibility of Contractor.

**14. County's Funding.** The Agreement is not a general obligation of the County. It is understood that neither this Agreement nor any representation by any County employee or officer creates any obligation to appropriate or make monies available for the purpose of the Agreement beyond the fiscal year in which this Agreement is executed. No liability shall be incurred by the County, or any department, beyond the monies budgeted and available for this purpose. If funds are not appropriated by the County for any or all of this Agreement, the County shall not be obligated to pay any sums provided pursuant to this Agreement beyond the portion for which funds are appropriated. The County agrees to promptly notify Contractor in writing of such failure of appropriation, and upon receipt of such notice, this Agreement, and all rights and obligations contained herein, shall terminate without liability or penalty to the County.

**15. Acceptance of Services.** For all Services deliverables that require County acceptance as provided in the Statement of Work, the County, through Patty Cortez, Contract Services Specialist 2, Utilities, or designee, will have ten (10) calendar days to review the deliverable(s) after receipt or completion of same by Contractor, and either accept or reject the deliverable(s) by written notice to Premier Magnesia, LLC. If a deliverable is rejected, the written notice from the County will specify any required changes, deficiencies, and/or additions necessary. Contractor shall then have seven (7) calendar days to revise the deliverable(s) to resubmit and/or complete the deliverable(s) for review and approval by the County, who will then have seven (7) calendar days to review and approve, or reject the deliverable(s); provided however, that Contractor shall not be responsible for any delays in the overall project schedule that result from the County's failure to timely approve or reject deliverable(s) as provided herein. Upon final acceptance of the deliverable(s), the County will accept the deliverable(s) in writing.

**16. Subcontracting/Assignment.**

**A. Subcontracting.** Contractor is fully responsible for completion of the Services required by this Agreement and for completion of all subcontractor work, if authorized as provided herein. Contractor shall not subcontract any work under this Agreement to any subcontractor other than the subcontractors specified in the proposal and previously approved by the County, without the prior written consent of the County, which shall be determined by the County in its sole discretion.

**B. Assignment.** (This Agreement, and all rights or obligations hereunder, shall not be assigned, transferred, or delegated in whole or in part, including by acquisition of assets, merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, change in effective control of the Contractor, or any other assignment, transfer, or delegation of rights or obligations, without the prior written consent of the County. The Contractor shall provide written notice to the County within fifteen (15) calendar days of any action or occurrence assigning the Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder as described in this section. In the event the County does not consent to the assignment, as determined in its sole discretion, the purported assignment in violation of this section shall be null and void, and the County may elect to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of its election to terminate pursuant to this provision upon fifteen (15) day notice to Contractor.

**17. Survival.** The following provisions shall survive the expiration or termination of the Term of this Agreement: 7, 9, 10, 13 20, 23, and any other which by their nature would survive termination.

**18. Notices.** All notices, authorizations, and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed given on the day they are: (1) deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, return receipt requested; or (2) sent by air express courier (e.g., Federal Express, Airborne, etc.), charges prepaid, return receipt requested; or

(iii) sent via email and addressed as set forth below, which designated person(s) may be amended by either Party by giving written notice to the other Party:

For County:  
Pinellas County Utilities  
Attn: Patricia Cortez  
Contract Services Specialist 2  
6730 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North  
Largo, FL 33771

For Contractor:  
Premier Magnesia, LLC  
Attn: Charles Gehret  
75 Giles Place  
Waynesville, NC 28786

with a copy to:  
Purchasing Director  
Pinellas County Purchasing Department  
400 South Fort Harrison Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33756

**19. Conflict of Interest.**

- A. The Contractor represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services required hereunder, and that no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor during the agreement term and any extensions.
- B. The Contractor shall promptly notify the County in writing of any business association, interest, or other circumstance which constitutes a conflict of interest as provided herein. If the Contractor is in doubt as to whether a prospective business association, interest, or other circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest, the Contractor may identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Contractor may undertake and request an opinion as to whether the business association, interest or circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest if entered into by the Contractor. The County agrees to notify the Contractor of its opinion within (10) calendar days of receipt of notification by the Contractor, which shall be binding on the Contractor.

**20. Right to Ownership.** All work created, originated and/or prepared by Contractor in performing Services pursuant to the Agreement, and other documentation or improvements related thereto, to the extent that such work, products, documentation, materials or information are described in or required by the Services (collectively, the "Work Product") shall be County's property when completed and accepted, if acceptance is required in this Agreement, and the County has made payment of the sums due therefore. The ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques developed during the course of this Agreement by the Contractor or jointly by Contractor and the County may be used by the County without obligation of notice or accounting to the Contractor. Any data, information or other materials furnished by the County for use by Contractor under this Agreement shall remain the sole property of the County.

**21. Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties hereto.

**22. Severability.** The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable. Consequently, if any clause, term, or condition hereof shall be held to be illegal or void, such determination shall not affect the validity or legality of the remaining terms and conditions, and notwithstanding any such determination, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect unless the particular clause, term, or condition held to be illegal or void renders the balance of the Agreement impossible to perform.

**23. Applicable Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida (without regard to principles of conflicts of laws). The Parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the state or federal (if permitted by law and a Party elects to file an action in federal court) courts located in or for Pinellas County, Florida. This choice of venue is intended by the Parties to be mandatory and not permissive in nature, and to preclude the possibility of litigation between the Parties with respect to, or arising out of, this Agreement in any jurisdiction

other than that specified in this section. Each Party waives any right it may have to assert the doctrine of *forum non conveniens* or similar doctrine or to object to venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this section.

**24. Waiver.** No waiver by either Party of any breach or violation of any covenant, term, condition, or provision of this Agreement or of the provisions of any ordinance or law, shall be construed to waive any other term, covenant, condition, provisions, ordinance or law, or of any subsequent breach or violation of the same.

**25. Due Authority.** Each Party to this Agreement represents and warrants that: (i) it has the full right and authority and has obtained all necessary approvals to enter into this Agreement; (ii) each person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Party is authorized to do so; (iii) this Agreement constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

**26. No Third Party Beneficiary.** The Parties hereto acknowledge and agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement. Persons or entities not a party to this Agreement may not claim any benefit from this Agreement or as third party beneficiaries hereto.

**27. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements either oral or written.

*(Signature Page Follows)*



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first written.

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By and through its  
Board of County Commissioners

Premier Magnesia, LLC  
Name of Firm

By

By: *[Signature]* 9/30/20  
Signature

J. PETER AHL  
Print Name

GM/VP  
Title

ATTEST:  
Ken Burke,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By:

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:

*[Signature]*  
Office of the County Attorney

EXHIBIT A

STATEMENT OF WORK

Product Requirements – Contractor shall at a minimum meet the following specifications. The Contractor shall provide written specifications for the bid product that meet all the minimum specifications listed within their bid submittal. Product specifications shall thereafter be confirmed by a third-party laboratory on an annual basis.

<b>Slurry Basis:</b>	<b>Typical</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Minimum</b>
Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> contained lb/gal	7.7	8.0	7.0
<b>Dry Solids Basis:</b>			
Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> , wt%	98.8		98.5
CaO, wt%	0.6	0.8	
SiO <sub>2</sub> , wt%	.20	.35	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , wt%	.10	.21	
Median Particle Size, Micron	3.0	4.0	1.0
Specific Surface Area, m <sup>2</sup> /g	10	20	9
Acres/Gallon	3.21	3.5	3.0
Lbs. Alkalinity/gallon	13.0	14.0	11.0
Caustic Magnesia Activity/Sec*	250	300	
% Passing 325 Mesh Sieve	99.6	100	99.0
Timed Liquid/Solid Settling Test, mL	248.0	240.0	250.0
Stabilized Residual Test, Grams*	1.0	4.0	
Caustic Soda (NaOH) Equivalent	1lb. equivalent to .73 lb Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>		
Soda Ash (Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> ) Equivalent	1lb. equivalent to .55 lb Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>		
<b>Physical Properties:</b>			
Density, lbs./gal.	12.8	13.1	12.2
Solids, Weight Percent %	56	62	55
Viscosity, cps*	150	500	100
<b>Certifications:</b>			
ISO 9001:2008-ANSI/ISO/ASQ Q9001-2008 Certificate of Registration with scope of: Distribution, Sales and Manufacture of periclase and technical grades of magnesium oxide and magnesium products.			

1. Wet Milling Process – Magnesium Hydroxide must be produced and derived from highly reactive magnesium chloride brine utilizing a wet milling process for consistent product sizing, uniformity, reactivity and highest purity. This requirement is utilized to provide consistent performance, better dispersion and suspension stability. Proof of origination and written description of production method (Wet milling Process) should be provided a minimum of twice per year.
2. Magnesium Hydroxide must be certified and maintain International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2008 – American National Standards Institute (ANSI) ANSI/ISO/ASASQ Q9001-2008 registration. ISO 9001:2008 Certificate of Registration helps ensure customers receive consistent, high quality products and services.

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## STATEMENT OF WORK

3. Proof of Origination – Magnesium Hydroxide must be produced and derived from highly reactive magnesium chloride brine that originates and is manufactured in the United States.
4. Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> - Magnesium Hydroxide shall have a minimum Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> dry weight percent purity of ninety-eight-point percent or greater to ensure high grade consistency, sufficient surface area and reactivity within the municipal wastewater.
5. Magnesium Hydroxide shall have a minimum seven-point-zero (7.0) pounds per gallon of a minimum ninety-eight-point five (98.5%) percent Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> dry weight percent purity to ensure a minimum reactive solids content per gallon, consistent sufficient surface area and reactivity within the municipal wastewater.
6. Median Particle Size - Magnesium Hydroxide shall have a median particle size no greater than four point zero (4.0) microns in order to ensure sufficient surface area and reactivity within the municipal wastewater.
7. Alkalinity - Magnesium Hydroxide shall have a minimum alkalinity of eleven point zero (11.0) pounds per gallon in order to ensure sufficient capacity to neutralize acid within the municipal wastewater and wastewater infrastructure. Written confirmation shall be submitted on a monthly basis during the term of the agreement.
8. Specific Surface Area - Magnesium Hydroxide shall have a specific surface area, m<sup>2</sup>/g of no less than nine (9) square meters per gram in order to ensure sufficient surface area and reactivity within the municipal wastewater.
9. Caustic Magnesia Activity/Sec - Magnesium Hydroxide shall have a Caustic Magnesia Activity/Second no greater than 300 seconds in order to ensure sufficient surface area and reactivity within the municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems.
10. Stabilized Residual Test - Magnesium Hydroxide shall have a Stabilized Residual Test result of less than or equal to four (<= 4) grams to prevent feed tank handling and wastewater treatment plant and pumping problems associated with instability of low grade magnesium hydroxide slurry produced from uncalcined brucite, uncalcined dolomite, dolime, brucitic marble, or any caustic-enhanced or lime-enhanced versions of the former. Magnesium hydroxide slurry produced or derived from uncalcined dolomite, dolime, brucitic marble, or any other caustic-enhanced or lime-enhanced versions of the former are not compliant with this bid and will not be accepted.
11. CaO - Magnesium Hydroxide shall be capable of cost effectively providing non-carbonate alkalinity for biological treatment plant processes. The percent by weight of the Contractor's magnesium hydroxide slurry shall not exceed event water softening and to prevent the precipitation of magnesium and calcium that results in sludge production and reduced reactivity / reduced alkalinity.

**SCOPE****Equipment:**

1. Contractor shall provide the appropriate number of feed pumps and appropriate number and size of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) feed tanks to service County, at no additional charge.
  - a. The Contractor shall complete the tank installation within four (4) weeks after award of the contract. All equipment shall be new, and Contractor shall have responsibility to maintain equipment to ensure all equipment is in good working order at all times per manufacturer and OEM industry standard to ensure continuous operational functionality.
2. County will provide concrete pads for the tanks and equipment including electrical and water connections. Each feed system shall include:

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- a. Graco EP Series or Watson Marlow SPX Series peristaltic hose pump per injection point
- b. One (1) basic operation control panel per location, capable of feeding in a flow proportional manner
- c. One (1) mechanical two-inch (2") stainless-steel vertical shaft mixer/gearbox/gearbox motor with a minimum thirty (30") inch diameter stainless steel mixing blades and mixing blades hub or County
- d. One (1) spare pump as a back-up at each wastewater treatment plant, at no additional cost to County.
- e. Contractor shall provide routine maintenance parts and repair service for the feed tanks, as follows:
  - i. Inspect pump and pump motor for proper working condition (2 times per month)
  - ii. Magnesium Hydroxide tanks will be marked in fifty (50) gallon increments in order to easily measure current quantities
  - iii. Inspect pump hose for proper working condition (2 times per month)
  - iv. Inspect mixer shaft, hub, blades and gearbox motor for proper working condition that includes proper balance and alignment (2 times per month)
  - v. Inspect gearbox oil levels for proper working condition (2 times per month)
  - vi. Inspect pump Hz and compare with scheduled pump Hz (2 times per month)
  - viii. Inspect power supply to feed unit (2 times per mo
  - ix. Inspect feed unit valves and electrical switches to ensure they are in proper position and record position of hand/auto switch prior to departure
  - x. Response time for repairs shall be within four (4) hours of notification
  - xi. A summary of all routine repairs and maintenance shall be submitted to County, in writing, each month. Prior to any change in equipment size, shape or replacement Contractor shall acquire approval from County and provide at least ten (10) business days' notice of intent to change out or replace equipment
  - xii. Contractor shall be accountable for odor complaints and shall respond to such complaints within eight (8) business hours or meet with County staff on the next business day to discuss and resolve the complaint in a mutually agreed upon manner.
  - xiii. Should an odor complaint occur, Contractor shall meet with County staff to determine the most effective way to resolve the current issue and provide follow-up monitoring to adjust feed rates as to ensure the County is only using the amount needed to control the odor on an as-needed basis.

**Delivery**

1. The Contractor's distribution terminals must have a minimum inventory of Magnesium Hydroxide of twenty thousand (20,000) gallons at any of the distribution locations, at all times, to ensure adequate supply in case of weather-related / force majeure events that impede transportation and delivery.
2. Site deliveries must be conducted Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM. EST. Contractor shall schedule all deliveries with the County Manager responsible for the respective area with forty-eight (48) hour notice.
3. All shipments shall be accompanied by a delivery ticket indicating the amount of product delivered to each site with each delivery. Each delivery ticket is to be emailed by the Contractor to the County Manager responsible for the respective area within twenty-four (24) hours of delivery.
4. Each Report of delivery shall state the total gallons in the County tank prior to delivery, the amount of Magnesium Hydroxide delivered, and the total gallons in County tank once the delivery is completed.
5. Contractor is responsible for cleanup of any spillage or leakage during transportation or on the County site due to defective pumping or unloading or negligence of the driver.
6. Contractor shall have straight body delivery trucks with proper equipment to make partial load deliveries to the specified feed units located in residential neighborhoods.

EXHIBIT A  
STATEMENT OF WORK

**Monitoring and Reporting**

1. Monitoring shall be done at the existing eight (8) monitoring sites monthly, as follows:

## South County –

PS-016

PS-159

Manhole at 58<sup>th</sup> Street in Kenneth City

## North County –

PS-300

PS-302

PS-345

PS-315

ARV-Klosterman Road

PS-438

- a. Monitoring shall consist of monthly seven-day deployment of Odalogs with, at a minimum, monitoring of liquid wastewater pH. Control points should be test for H<sub>2</sub>S and PH levels and submitted with the monthly report. PCU may require additional testing from time to time. A report shall be generated summarizing all monthly monitoring data and other information requested by PCU.
- b. Monthly Reports will include the date, time and quantity delivered for each location.
- c. Monthly monitoring of H<sub>2</sub>S and PH shall include which Odalogs recorded the values (by serial number) and the most recent calibration document for each respective unit.
- d. Control points should be tested for H<sub>2</sub>S and pH levels and submitted within a monthly report
- e. County may require additional testing from time to time
- f. Contractor shall meet with County at a frequency as requested by County, but no less than quarterly, to review product performance and any changes deemed necessary to the feed system.
- g. Contractor shall be available to meet within forty-eight (48) hours County notice to address any emergency situations that may occur.
- h. A report shall be generated summarizing all monthly monitoring data and other information requested by County and include date, time and quantity delivered for each location.
- i. Monthly reporting is to be submitted in an Excel spreadsheet and shall provide for all results as defined in Exhibit A.
- j. Once a year the Contractor shall provide a summary of all deliveries, services, maintenance and reports by month from October 1 of the previous year through September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year. The report shall be provided no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

**Technical Assistance**

1. Contractor shall provide technical assistance and training to the County, as needed.
2. Contractor shall work with County to assist with any adjustments or changes in service to accommodate any studies or tests conducted by County and its consultants, if and when required.
3. As part of the project team, Contractor shall employ a person with applicable experience in the application of magnesium hydroxide in wastewater collection and treatment systems.

**Environmental And Safety**

1. Contractor is responsible for complying with all Federal and State of Florida standards, including but not limited to: regulations and laws concerning this type of service, including EPA standards. This includes Pinellas County ordinances and regulations.
2. At each delivery, Contractor must supply a current and valid Material Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the technical grade Magnesium Hydroxide slurry produced and derived from highly reactive magnesium chloride brine. The SDS must include a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) number for the product.

## EXHIBIT A

## STATEMENT OF WORK

**Emergency Spills**

1. Contractor shall provide an emergency contingency plan with bid submittal, and upon request by Pinellas County for each location at any time during the term of the agreement, with appropriate telephone contacts, for the County to follow in case of an emergency spill of Magnesium Hydroxide.
  - The emergency spill response plan shall detail the response and business continuity plan of the company to include the appropriate emergency response personnel names and telephone contact numbers (24-hour contact numbers).
2. Contractor shall be responsible for any spills resulting from the failure of its or its subcontractor's delivery equipment or from failure of attendant delivery personnel in the proper performance of their duties.
  - a. Proper performance shall require attendant delivery personnel's constant inspection and observation of unloading operations and knowledgeable response to problems or emergencies.
  - b. County reserves the right to refuse any all deliveries made with equipment that is poorly maintained and/or leaking Magnesium Hydroxide.
3. Proper spill response notification procedures, along with any forms required by all local, state, or federal regulatory agencies, shall be included by Contractor.
  - a. This section in no way relieves the Contractor of his responsibility to notify the proper regulatory agencies of a spill incident.
  - b. In the event of a spill or leak the Contractor shall supply the necessary personnel to respond to such an event to work with the local Hazardous Materials Response Team and to manage and oversee "After Event" cleanup efforts.
  - c. Should a spill or leak occur, caused by Contractor's personnel, equipment, or method of delivery Contractor shall immediately comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the current version of Title III, Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.42 U.S.C.S.11001 et seq. (SARA) and the Florida Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1988 Part II Florida Statutes.
  - d. The responsibility for compliance with Federal and State Rules and Regulations regarding Contractor caused spills or releases shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
  - e. The Contractor shall hold County harmless for any failure to properly report and/or comply with this provision.

## EXHIBIT B

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The recommended vendor must provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement in accordance with the insurance requirements listed below, prior to award of contract. Failure to provide the required insurance within the requested timeframe may result in your bid submittal deemed non-responsive.

The Contracted vendor shall obtain and maintain, and require any sub-contractors to obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth. For projects with a Completed Operations exposure, Contractor shall maintain coverage and provide evidence of insurance for two (2) years beyond final acceptance. All insurance policies shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and have an AM Best rating of A- VIII or better.

- a) Bid submittals should include, the Bidder's current Certificate(s) of Insurance in accordance with the insurance requirements listed below. If Bidder does not currently meet insurance requirements, bidder shall also include verification from their broker or agent that any required insurance not provided at that time of submittal will be in place prior to the award of contract.
- b) Bidder shall email certificate that is compliant with the insurance requirements to **Jeanne Armstrong @ jarmstrong@pinellascounty.org**. If certificate received with bid was a compliant certificate no further action may be necessary. The Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be signed by authorized representatives of the insurance companies shown on the Certificate(s). **A copy of the endorsement(s) referenced in paragraph d) for Additional Insured shall be attached to the certificate(s) referenced in this paragraph.** The certificate must name Pinellas County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida **400 S fort Harrison Avenue Clearwater, FL 33756**, as certificate holder. Certificate marked "Sample", or blank certificate holder information are not compliant.
- c) Approval by the County of any Certificate(s) of Insurance does not constitute verification by the County that the insurance requirements have been satisfied or that the insurance policy shown on the Certificate(s) of Insurance is in compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. County reserves the right to require a certified copy of the entire insurance policy, including endorsement(s), at any time during the Bid and/or contract period.
- d) All policies providing liability coverage(s), other than professional liability and workers compensation policies, obtained by the Bidder and any subcontractors to meet the requirements of the Agreement shall be endorsed to include **Pinellas County a Political subdivision of the State of Florida** as an Additional Insured.
- e) If any insurance provided pursuant to the Agreement expires or cancels prior to the completion of the Work, you will be notified by CTrax, the authorized vendor of Pinellas County. Upon notification, renewal Certificate(s) of Insurance and endorsement(s) shall be furnished to Pinellas County Risk Management at [InsuranceCerts@pinellascounty.org](mailto:InsuranceCerts@pinellascounty.org) and to CTrax c/o JDi Data at [PinellasSupport@ididata.com](mailto:PinellasSupport@ididata.com) by the Bidder or their agent prior to the expiration date.
  - (1) Bidder shall also notify County within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, nonrenewal or adverse material change in coverage received by said Bidder from its insurer Notice shall be given by email to Pinellas County Risk Management at [InsuranceCerts@pinellascounty.org](mailto:InsuranceCerts@pinellascounty.org). Nothing contained herein shall absolve Bidder of this requirement to provide notice.
  - (2) Should the Bidder, at any time, not maintain the insurance coverages required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement, or at its sole discretion may purchase such coverages necessary for the protection of the County and charge the Bidder for such purchase or offset



## EXHIBIT B

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

the cost against amounts due to bidder for services completed. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverages purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Agreement.

- f) The County reserves the right, but not the duty, to review and request a copy of the Contractor's most recent annual report or audited financial statement when a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds \$50,000.
- g) If subcontracting is allowed under this Bid, the Prime Bidder shall obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth; and require any subcontractors to obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance limits as it may apply to the portion of the Work performed by the subcontractor; *but in no event will the insurance limits be less than \$500,000 for Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability, and \$1,000,000 for General Liability and Auto Liability if required below.*
  - (1) All subcontracts between Bidder and its subcontractors shall be in writing and are subject to the County's prior written approval. Further, all subcontracts shall (1) require each subcontractor to be bound to Bidder to the same extent Bidder is bound to the County by the terms of the Contract Documents, as those terms may apply to the portion of the Work to be performed by the subcontractor; (2) provide for the assignment of the subcontracts from Bidder to the County at the election of Owner upon termination of the Contract; (3) provide that County will be an additional indemnified party of the subcontract; (4) provide that the County will be an additional insured on all insurance policies required to be provided by the subcontractor except workers compensation and professional liability; (5) provide waiver of subrogation in favor of the County and other insurance terms and/or conditions as outlined below; (6) assign all warranties directly to the County; and (7) identify the County as an intended third-party beneficiary of the subcontract. Bidder shall make available to each proposed subcontractor, prior to the execution of the subcontract, copies of the Contract Documents to which the subcontractor will be bound by this Section C and identify to the subcontractor any terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract which may be at variance with the Contract Documents.
- h) Each insurance policy and/or certificate shall include the following terms and/or conditions:
  - (1) The Named Insured on the Certificate of Insurance and insurance policy must match the entity's name that responded to the solicitation and/or is signing the agreement with the County. If Bidder is a Joint Venture per Section A. titled Joint Venture of this Bid, Certificate of Insurance and Named Insured must show Joint Venture Legal Entity name and the Joint Venture must comply with the requirements of Section C with regard to limits, terms and conditions, including completed operations coverage.
  - (2) Companies issuing the insurance policy, or policies, shall have no recourse against County for payment of premiums or assessments for any deductibles which all are at the sole responsibility and risk of Contractor.
  - (3) The term "County" or "Pinellas County" shall include all Authorities, Boards, Bureaus, Commissions, Divisions, Departments and Constitutional offices of County and individual members, employees thereof in their official capacities, and/or while acting on behalf of Pinellas County.

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- (4) The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County or any such future coverage, or to County's Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.
- (5) All policies shall be written on a primary, non-contributory basis.
- (6) Any Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing coverage provided by a leasing company for either workers compensation or commercial general liability shall have a list of covered employees certified by the leasing company attached to the Certificate(s) of Insurance. The County shall have the right, but not the obligation to determine that the Bidder is only using employees named on such list to perform work for the County. Should employees not named be utilized by Bidder, the County, at its option may stop work without penalty to the County until proof of coverage or removal of the employee by the contractor occurs, or alternatively find the Bidder to be in default and take such other protective measures as necessary.

Insurance policies, other than Professional Liability, shall include waivers of subrogation in favor of Pinellas County from both the Bidder and subcontractor(s).

- i) The minimum insurance requirements and limits for this Agreement, which shall remain in effect throughout its duration and for two (2) years beyond final acceptance for projects with a Completed Operations exposure, are as follows:

(1) Workers' Compensation Insurance

Limit Florida Statutory

Employers' Liability Limits

Per Employee	\$ 500,000
Per Employee Disease	\$ 500,000
Policy Limit Disease	\$ 500,000

- (2) Commercial General Liability Insurance including, but not limited to, Independent Contractor, Contractual Liability Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, and Personal Injury.

Limits

Combined Single Limit Per Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000
Personal Injury and Advertising Injury	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000

- (3) Business Automobile or Trucker's/Garage Liability Insurance covering owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles. If the Bidder does not own any vehicles, then evidence of Hired and Non-owned coverage is sufficient. Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis, such insurance to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards, unless Bidder can show that this coverage exists under the Commercial General Liability policy.

Limit

Combined Single Limit Per Accident	\$ 1,000,000
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EXHIBIT B

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- (4) Property Insurance Bidder will be responsible for all damage to its own property, equipment and/or materials.

SERVICES AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT C  
PAYMENT SCHEDULE

190-0480- B(JA) Magnesium Hydroxide and Equipment Services  
Section F - Bid Submittal and Summary - Revised 7-27-20

PREMIER MAGNESIA LLC submission

Description	Estimated Annual Quantity	Lbs of Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> per gallon	Price per Lb. Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> delivered	Price per Lb. Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> delivered	Price per Lb. Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> delivered	Price per Lb. Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> delivered	Price per Lb. Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> delivered	Total Lbs of Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub> delivered	Total
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4		
Magnesium Hydroxide Services – Delivered to feed locations (including all necessary turnkey equipment and product application services.	460,000.00 Gallons	7.7	0.404					3542000.000	\$1,430,968.00
Magnesium Hydroxide Services – Delivered to feed locations (including all necessary turnkey equipment and product application services.	460,000.00 Gallons	7.7		0.418				3542000.000	\$1,480,556.00
Magnesium Hydroxide Services – Delivered to feed locations (including all necessary turnkey equipment and product application services.	460,000.00 Gallons	7.7			0.436			3542000.000	\$1,544,312.00
Magnesium Hydroxide Services – Delivered to feed locations (including all necessary turnkey equipment and product application services.	460,000.00 Gallons	7.7				0.45		3542000.000	\$1,593,900.00
Magnesium Hydroxide Services – Delivered to feed locations (including all necessary turnkey equipment and product application services.	460,000.00 Gallons	7.7					0.47	3542000.000	\$1,664,740.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>									\$7,714,476.00

EXHIBIT D

PAYMENT/INVOICES

**PAYMENT/INVOICES:**

SUPPLIER 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

Each invoice shall include, at a minimum, the Supplier's name, contact information and the standard purchase order number. In order to expedite payment, it is recommended the Supplier also include the information shown in below. The County may dispute any payments invoiced by SUPPLIER 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.

**INVOICE INFORMATION:**

**Supplier Information** Company name, mailing address, phone number, contact name and email address as provided on the PO

<b>Remit To</b>	Billing address to which you are requesting payment be sent
<b>Invoice Date</b>	Creation date of the invoice
<b>Invoice Number</b>	Company tracking number
<b>Shipping Address</b>	Address where goods and/or services were delivered
<b>Ordering Department</b>	Name of ordering department, including name and phone number of contact person
<b>PO Number</b>	Standard purchase order number
<b>Ship Date</b>	Date the goods/services were sent/provided
<b>Quantity</b>	Quantity of goods or services billed
<b>Description</b>	Description of services or goods delivered
<b>Unit Price</b>	Unit price for the quantity of goods/services delivered
<b>Line Total</b>	Amount due by line item
<b>Invoice Total</b>	Sum of all of the line totals for the invoice

Pinellas County offers a credit card payment process (ePayables) through Bank of America. Pinellas County does not charge vendors to participate in the program; however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions. For more information please visit Pinellas County purchasing website at [www.pinellascounty.org/purchase](http://www.pinellascounty.org/purchase).

## EXHIBIT E

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN MATTERS OF INVOICE PAYMENTS:**

Payment of invoices for work performed for Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (County) is made, by standard, in arrears in accordance with Section 218.70, et. seq., Florida Statutes, the Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

If a dispute should arise as a result of non-payment of a payment request or invoice the following Dispute Resolution process shall apply:

- A. Pinellas County shall notify a vendor in writing within ten (10) days after receipt of an improper invoice, that the invoice is improper. The notice should indicate what steps the vendor should undertake to correct the invoice and resubmit a proper invoice to the County. The steps taken by the vendor shall be that of initially contacting the requesting department to validate their invoice and receive a sign off from that entity that would indicate that the invoice in question is in keeping with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Once sign off is obtained, the vendor should then resubmit the invoice as a "Corrected Invoice" to the requesting department which will initiate the payment timeline.
  - 1.) Requesting department for this purpose is defined as the County department for whom the work is performed.
  - 2.) Proper invoice for this purpose is defined as an invoice submitted for work performed that meets prior agreed upon terms or conditions to the satisfaction of Pinellas County.
- B. Should a dispute result between the vendor and the County about payment of a payment request or an invoice then the vendor should submit their dissatisfaction in writing to the Requesting Department. Each Requesting Department shall assign a representative who shall act as a "Dispute Manager" to resolve the issue at departmental level.
- C. The Dispute Manager shall first initiate procedures to investigate the dispute and document the steps taken to resolve the issue in accordance with section 218.76 Florida Statutes. Such procedures shall be commenced no later than forty-five (45) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by Pinellas County, and shall not extend beyond sixty (60) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by Pinellas County.
- D. The Dispute Manager should investigate and ascertain that the work, for which the payment request or invoice has been submitted, was performed to Pinellas County's satisfaction and duly accepted by the Proper Authority. Proper Authority for this purpose is defined as the Pinellas County representative who is designated as the approving authority for the work performed in the contractual document. The Dispute Manager shall perform the required investigation and arrive at a solution before or at the sixty (60) days timeframe for resolution of the dispute, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes. The County Administrator or his or her designee shall be the final arbiter in resolving the issue before it becomes a legal matter. The County Administrator or his or her designee will issue their decision in writing.
- E. Pinellas County Dispute Resolution Procedures shall not be subject to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The procedures shall also, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes, not be intended as an administrative proceeding which would prohibit a court from ruling again on any action resulting from the dispute.

## EXHIBIT E

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN MATTERS OF INVOICE PAYMENTS:**

- F. Should the dispute be resolved in the County's favor interest charges begin to accrue fifteen (15) days after the final decision made by the County. Should the dispute be resolved in the vendor's favor the County shall pay interest as of the original date the payment was due.
  
- G. For any legal action to recover any fees due because of the application of sections 218.70 et. seq., Florida Statutes, an award shall be made to cover court costs and reasonable attorney fees, including those fees incurred as a result of an appeal, to the prevailing party. If it is found that the non-prevailing party held back any payment that was the reason for the dispute without having any reasonable lawful basis or fact to dispute the prevailing party's claim to those amounts.