

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BID NO. 2021-R  
LIMEROCK MATERIAL**

The Board of County Commissioners (County) will receive sealed proposals in the office of Commissioners, 135 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 203, Lake City, FL 32055, until 2:00 PM local time on October 21, 2021 for the following:

**Limerock Material**

To be eligible for consideration, all proposers must be registered in the State of Florida to practice their profession at the time of proposal. Proposers without a complete proposal described will be considered improper. The solicitation information is available online only at: <http://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp>

Submissions will be publicly opened in the Commissioner's Office at 2:00 PM, October 21, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practical. Proposers are responsible for the delivery of submissions. Submissions may be withdrawn at any time prior to the opening. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids delivered in any other format other than specified in this solicitation will not be accepted. Questions regarding this solicitation must be received via email to Esther Chung, Purchasing Director, at [echung@columbiacountyfla.com](mailto:echung@columbiacountyfla.com) no later than October 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM local time. Responses to those questions considered material to the solicitation shall be distributed via formal addenda.

Columbia County welcomes your response to this solicitation. Bids should be prepared in accordance with the instructions herein and will be evaluated by the County as stated in the evaluation section of this document. The County reserves the right to waive any formalities, to reject any or all proposals or to re-advertise for proposals for these services. The County may withdraw all or part of this solicitation at any time to protect the interests of the County. All Proposers are asked to be thorough yet concise in their response. Failure to provide the response in the manner prescribed herein may be grounds for disqualification.

Only one bid set will be furnished with each individual or company interested in bidding. The one complete bid set is to be submitted in a sealed envelope. Proposers shall indicate Bid Number, Project Title, and the name and address of the firm submitting the bid on the outside of the envelope.

**All Proposers are advised that under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, all responses are deemed a public record and open to the public as provided for in said statute.**

## **SECTION I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

These instructions will bind bidders and conditions herein set forth, except as specifically qualified in special bid and contract terms issued with any individual bid.

1. The following criteria are used in determining low responsible bidder:
  - A. The ability, capacity and skill of bidder to perform required service.
  - B. Whether the bidder can perform service promptly or within specified time.
  - C. The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of bidder.
  - D. The performance of previous contracts with entities similar to Columbia County.
  - E. The suitability of equipment or material for County use.
  - F. The ability of bidder to provide future maintenance.
2. Payment Terms are net thirty (30) unless otherwise specified. Favorable terms, discounts, may be offered and will be considered in determining low bids if they are deemed by Purchasing Department to be advantageous to the County.
3. All bids should be tabulated, totaled and checked for accuracy. Unit price will prevail in case of errors.
4. All requested information shall be included in the envelope. All desired information must be included for your bid to receive full consideration.
5. If anything on the bid request is not clear, you should contact the Purchasing Director immediately.
6. A bidders list is available at the Purchasing Office.
7. Quote all prices F.O.B. our warehouse or as specified in bid documents.
8. Each proposal shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope including Fed Ex, UPS or other delivery service envelopes, as a sealed bid. The name of the item being bid shall be shown on the outside in full.
9. No responsibility shall attach to any County representative or employee for the premature opening of bids not properly addressed or identified.
10. If only one (1) bid is received, the bid may be rejected and re-advertised or excepted if determined to be in the counties best interest.
11. Bids received late will not be accepted, and the County will not be responsible for late mail delivery.
12. Telephone and facsimile bids will not be acceptable in formal bid openings (sealed bids). Should a bid be misplaced by the County and found later, it will be considered. Any bidder may request and shall receive a receipt showing the day and time any bid is delivered to the appropriate office of the County from the personnel thereof.

13. Bids requiring bid bonds will not be accepted if bond is not enclosed. Cash or certified check will be accepted in lieu of bond except on construction projects where cost exceeds \$40,000.
14. All bidders must be recognized dealers in the materials or equipment specified and is qualified to advise in their application or use. A bidder at any time requested must satisfy the Purchasing Office and the County Manager that he has the requisite organization, capital, plant, stock ability and experience to satisfactorily execute the contract in accordance with the provisions of the contract in which he is interested.
15. Any alterations, erasures, additions, or admissions of required information or any changes to specifications or bidding schedule are done at the risk of the bidder. Any bid will be rejected that has a substantial variation, that is; a variation that affects price, quantity, and quality or delivery date (when delivery is required by a specific time).
16. When requested, samples will be furnished to the County free of expense, properly marked for identification and accompanied by a list where there is more than one (1) sample. The County reserves the right to mutilate or destroy any sample submitted whenever it may be to the best interest of the County to do so for the purpose of testing.
17. The County will reject any material, supplies or equipment that did not meet the specifications, even though the bidder lists the trade names or names of such material on the bid or price quotation form.
18. The unauthorized use of patented articles is done entirely at the risk of the successful bidder.
19. The ESTIMATED QUANTITY given in the specifications or advertisements is for the purpose of bidding only. The County may purchase more or less than the estimated quantity and the vendor must not assume that such estimated quantity is part of the contract.
20. Only the latest model equipment as evidenced by the manufacture's current published literature will be considered. Obsolete models of equipment not in production will not be acceptable. The equipment shall be composed of new parts and materials. Any unit containing used parts or having seen any service other than the necessary tests will be rejected. In addition to the equipment specifically called for in the specification, all equipment catalogued by the manufacturer as standard or required by the State of Florida shall be furnished with the equipment. Where required by the State of Florida Motor Vehicle Code, vehicles shall be inspected and bear the latest inspection sticker of the Florida Department of Revenue.
21. The successful bidder on motor vehicle equipment shall be required to furnish with delivery of vehicle, certificate of origin and any other appropriate documentation as required by the Florida Motor Vehicle Department.
22. Prospective bidders are required to examine the location of the proposed work or delivery and determine, in their own way, the difficulties, which are likely to be encountered in the prosecution of the same.

23. All materials, equipment and supplies shall be subject to rigid inspection, under the immediate supervision of the Purchasing Department, its designee and /or the department to which they are delivered. If defective material, equipment, or supplies are discovered, the contractor, upon being instructed by the Purchasing Department or designee, shall remove, or make good such material, equipment, or supplies without extra compensation. It is expressly understood and agreed that the inspection of materials by the County will in no way lessen the responsibility of the Contractor release him from his obligation to perform and deliver to the County Sound and satisfactory materials, equipment, or supplies. The Contractor agrees to pay the costs of all tests upon defective material, equipment, or supplies or allow the costs to be deducted from any monies due him from the County.
24. Unless otherwise specified by the Purchasing Department all materials, supplies, or equipment quoted herein must be delivered within thirty (30) days from the day of notification or exceptions noted on bid sheets.
25. A contract will not be awarded to any corporation, firm, or individual who is, from any cause, in arrears to the County or who has failed in former contracts with the County to perform work satisfactorily, either to the character of the work, the fulfillment or guarantee, or the time consumed in completing the work.
26. Reasonable grounds for supposing that any bidder is interested in more than one proposal for the same item will be considered sufficient cause for rejection of all proposals in which he is interested.
27. Submitting a proposal when the bidder intends to sublet the contract may be a cause for rejection of bids or cancellation of the contract by the County Manager.
28. Unless otherwise specified the County reserves the right to award each items separately or on a lump sum basis whichever is in the best interest of the County.
29. The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all quotations, to waive any minor discrepancies in the bids for all bidders equally, quotations, or specifications, when deemed to be in the best interest of the County and also to purchase any part, all or none of the materials, supplies, or equipment specified.
30. Failure of the bidder to sign the bid or have the signature of an authorized representative or agent on the bid proposal in the space provided will be cause for rejection of the bid. Signature must be written in ink. Typewritten or printed signatures will not be acceptable.
31. Any bidder may withdraw his/her bid at any time before the time set for the opening of the bids. No bid may be withdrawn in the thirty- (30) day period after bids are opened.
32. It is mutually understood and agreed that if at any time the Purchasing Department or designee shall be of the opinion that the contract or any part thereof is unnecessarily delayed or that the rate of progress or delivery is unsatisfactory, or that the contractor is willfully violating any of the conditions or covenants of the agreement, or executing the same in bad faith, the Purchasing Department or his/her designee shall have the power to notify the aforesaid contractor of the nature of the complaint. Notification shall constitute

delivery of notice, or letter to address given in the proposal. If after three (3) working days of notification the conditions are not corrected to the satisfaction of the Purchasing Director, he shall thereupon have the power to take whatever action he may deem necessary to complete the work or delivery herein described, or any part thereof, and the expense thereof, so charged, shall be deducted from any paid by the County out of such monies as may become due to the said contractor, under and by virtue of this agreement. In case such expense shall exceed the last said sum, then and in that event, the bondsman or the contractor, his/her executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, shall pay the amounts of such excess to the County on notice made by the Purchasing Department or his/her designee of the excess due.

33. If the bidder proposes to furnish any item of foreign make or product, he shall write "foreign" together with the name of the originating country opposite such item on a proposal.
34. Any complaint from bidders relative to the invitation to bid or attached specifications shall be made prior to the time of opening bids; otherwise, the bidder waives any such complaint.
35. Contracts may be cancelled by the County with or without cause on thirty- (30) days advance written notice.
36. All contractors submitting bids for road projects in excess of \$150,000 must be pre-qualified with the Florida Department of Transportation and shall provide proof of such qualification upon request.
37. Any bidder affected adversely by an intended decision with respect to the award of any bid, shall file with the Purchasing Department for Columbia County, a written notice of intent to file a protest not later than seventy-two (72) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays), after the posting of the bid tabulation. Protest procedures may be obtained in the Purchasing Department.
38. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor's list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to Columbia County, may not submit a bid on a contract with Columbia County for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to Columbia County, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with Columbia County, and may not transact business with Columbia County for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
39. Vendor/Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of;
  - A. All persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and
  - B. All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the County.

40. Contractor shall register online at <http://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp> for this specific project. All addendums are delivered via email through this website, and it is the contractor's responsibility to ensure all addendums are used in the bid submittal.

## **SECTION II. INTRODUCTION**

The County is seeking to enter an agreement with one or more contractor to furnish limerock material. The awarded contractor shall honor the bid price for a period of three (3) years from the date of the agreement. The agreement may be renewed for up to one (1) successive one (1) year term, for a total of four (4) years.

The County utilized an estimated 25,000 tons of limerock in the previous year. This measure is for illustrative and bid purposes only. It does not represent guaranteed future tonnage.

The County reserves the right to purchase from other contractors for reasons including but not limited to the following reasons: if limerock does not meet minimum specifications and/or if the contractor is unable to deliver in a timely manner.

## **SECTION III. SPECIFICATIONS**

Limerock supplied shall meet or exceed the specifications of the Florida Department of Transportation. All furnished limerock shall be mined from a pit that meets or exceeds all local, state, and federal regulations including those of the Florida Department of Transportation.

- 0-3 inch
- 3-6 inch

All limerock shall be stockpiled before loading and allowed to drain. Moisture rates of limerock at delivery shall not exceed 15%.

The successful bidder shall perform all loading. The successful bidder shall have scales to ensure proper loads.

All materials shall be made available during the County's normal working hours and make exception to hours on an emergency basis with reasonable notice.

Limerock shall be available for pickup by the County or delivery by Contractor(s) to the following locations:

- Columbia County Public Works: 607 NW Quinten Street, Lake City, FL 32055
- Winfield Solid Waste Facility: 1347 NW Oosterhoudt Lane, Lake City, FL 32055
- Ellisville Yard: 2375 SE Giles Martin Ave, Lake City, FL 32024
- Fort White Yard: 242 SW George Glen, Fort White, FL 32038

**SECTION IV. BID FORM**

Sealed bids must be received in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, Columbia County, 135 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 203, Lake City, FL, 32055 no later than 2:00 P.M., on October 21, 2021.

Columbia County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to accept the bid in the county's best interest, bid F.O.B., Columbia County, Florida.

**F.O.B. Pricing per Ton**

	<b>0-3 inch</b>	<b>3-6 inch</b>
Picked up by County	\$	\$
Delivered: Public Works and Winfield Solid Waste	\$	\$
Delivered: Ellisville and Fort White Yards	\$	\$

Pickup Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this bid meets or exceeds the County specifications and that the undersigned bidder declares that I have carefully examined the specifications, term and conditions of this bid, and I am thoroughly familiar with its provisions. The undersigned bidder further declares that he/she has not divulged, discussed or compared his bid with any other bidders and has not colluded with any other bidders or parties to a bid whatsoever for any fraudulent purpose.

By signing below, the submission shall be deemed as representation and certification by the Bidder that you have investigated all aspects of the solicitation, have read and understand the solicitation and acknowledge all addenda.

INDIVIDUAL(S)/COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME/TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement” or “Contract”) made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, with whose principle address is \_\_\_\_\_ is hereinafter called “Contractor”, and **COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 1529 Lake City, Florida 32056-1529, hereinafter called “County”.

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the County put out for bid the provision of certain services to the County with accompanying instructions for the submission of bids under Bid No. 2021-R Limerock Material; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor was determined as the most qualified responsive bidder to that solicitation for bids, and was selected as the prevailing bidder by the County on \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Contractor desire to enter into an agreement for the provision of services by the Contractor to the County and the terms of payment by the County to the Contractor therefore, as well as other terms and conditions that shall govern the subject matter of this Contract;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

**I. LIMEROCK MATERIAL**

The Contractor shall provide limerock material as set forth in the bid documents for Bid No. 2021-R, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof as is fully set forth herein.

**II. FEES FOR PRODUCTS**

The Contractor shall be compensated in accordance with the Bid Form submitted by the Contractor for Bid No. 2021-R.

**III. PERMITS AND INSURANCE**

Prior to commencement pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the County copies of all current and applicable licenses and permits together with all insurance documents set forth in the bid documents.

**IV. INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

The County shall make payment of all approved invoices to the Contractor in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Fla. Stat. section 218.70 et seq.

**V. TERM**

The term of this agreement shall be for three (3) years from the date of this Agreement. Unless terminated by giving notice under this part, this Agreement may renew for up to one (1) successive one (1) year term, for a total of four (4) years. Up to ninety (90) days

but not fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the initial or any subsequent term of this Agreement, Contractor may notify the County of Contractor's desire not to renew this Agreement, such that on the last day of that term this Agreement shall terminate. This provision shall not be construed in any manner to require either party to renew this Agreement.

#### VI. INDEMNITY

Contractor (as indemnitor) shall indemnify, save and hold County, its officers and employees, agents, successors, and assign(as indemnitee) harmless from and against and in respect of any act, judgement, claim, domain, suit, proceeding, expenses, orders, action, loss, damage, cost, charge, interest, fine, penalty, liability, reasonable attorney and expert fees, and related obligations (collectively, the "claims") arising from or related to any action, neglect or omission of Contractor in its performance under the Agreement, whether direct or indirect including but not limited to, liabilities, obligations, responsibilities, remedial actions, losses, damages, punitive damages, consequential damages to third parties, treble damages, costs and expenses, fines, penalties, sanctions, interest levied and other charges levied by other federal, state and local government agencies on County by reasons of Contractor's direct or indirect actions. This indemnity will survive and remain in force after the expiration or termination of the Agreement and is unlimited; provided, however that the indemnity is not intended to cover claims against County arising out of County's own negligence or intentional misconduct. Nothing herein shall be interpreted by the parties or any third party that County waives its sovereign immunity otherwise provided by law. For purposes of this section, the term County shall include County, officers, and its employees.

#### VII. INTEGRATION

This written instrument and the attachments to which reference is made constitute the entire Agreement between the County and the Contractor. All prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, whether oral or written, are without effect in the construction of any provision if they alter or otherwise vary any term or condition set forth in this instrument.

#### VIII. RIGHT TO REQUIRE PERFORMANCE

The failure of the County at any time to require performance by the Contractor of any provision of this Agreement shall in no way affect the right of the County thereafter to enforce such provision. Nor shall waiver by the County of any material breach of any terms of this Agreement be taken or held to be a waiver of any subsequent material breach of such term or as a waiver of any provision of this Agreement.

#### IX. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be altered, amended, or repealed only by a written instrument signed by authorized representatives of the parties.

#### X. LAW TO GOVERN AND VENUE

The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity, construction, interpretation, and effect of this Agreement. The state courts situated within Columbia County, Florida, shall

be the exclusive venue for any legal proceeding concerning this Agreement.

#### XI. ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign any portion of the agreement for services to be rendered hereunder without written consent first obtained from the County and any assignment made contrary to the provisions of this section may be deemed a default of the Agreement and shall not convey any rights to the assignee. Any change in Contractor's ownership shall, for purposes of the Agreement, be considered a form of assignment. The County shall not unreasonably withhold its approval of a requested change in ownership, so long as the transferee is of known financial and business integrity for the undertaking and can conclusively demonstrate the ability to perform all terms and conditions and obligations of this agreement.

#### XII. PRODUCT ENDORSEMENT/ADVERTISING

Contractor shall not use the name of the County for the endorsement of any commercial products or services or Contractor's logo or brand name without the expressed written permission of the County. This shall not prevent Contractor from informing third parties of Contractor's contract with County and naming County as a business reference for Contractor.

#### XIII. WARRANTY REGARDING CONSIDERATION AND PROCUREMENT

Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor to procure or solicit any agreement under this procurement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this procurement. Further, Contractor represents that its pricing has been independently arrived at without collusion. It has not knowingly influenced and promises that it will not knowingly influence a County employee or former County employee to breach any ethical standards. It has not violated, and is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks. Violation of this warranty shall constitute default of this Agreement.

#### XIV. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Contractor is an independent contractor. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to create a relationship of employer and employee or principal and agent, partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Agreement. Nothing in the Agreement shall create any right or remedies in any third party, it being solely for the benefit of the County and the Contractor.

#### XV. AGREEMENT TO PAY ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES

In the event either party should default under any of the provisions of this agreement and the other party should employ attorneys or incur other expenses for the collection of amounts due or the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligation or agreement on the part of either party, the prevailing party shall recover from the other party the reasonable fee for such attorneys and such other reasonable expenses and costs so

incurred.

**XVI. BINDING EFFECT**

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

**XVII. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall, for any reason, be determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith and agree to such amendments, modifications, or supplements of or to this agreement or such other appropriate actions as shall, to the maximum extent practicable in light of such determination, implement and give effect to the intentions of the parties as reflected herein, and the other provisions of this agreement shall as so amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise affected by such action, remain in full force and effect.

**XVIII. PUBLIC RECORDS**

The parties acknowledge County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and is required to comply with the Public Record Act of the State of Florida, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and all other public entity provision required of the County as a political subdivision of the State of Florida as provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida. Contractor will maintain original or copies of its records regarding or arising out of this agreement for a minimum of five (5) years after the termination of this agreement, and shall make such records reasonably available to the County upon request.

**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 COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS: P.O. Box 1529, Lake City, Florida 32056-1529, (386) 752-1326, [bccadmin@columbiacountyfla.com](mailto:bccadmin@columbiacountyfla.com).**

**XIX. ADDITIONAL CONVENANTS**

Contractor hereby agrees that it will not bring an action in any court or other forum seeking to void, nullify, terminate or set aside this Agreement on the grounds that the Agreement does not comply with the laws of Florida, including the Constitution of the State of Florida as revised in 1968 and subsequently amended (the "Constitution"). For clarification, the parties agree that the foregoing is not an acknowledgement by either party that this agreement does not comply with the laws of the State of Florida, including the Constitution, and that the foregoing statement does not amend, modify or limit the parties' respective representations herein. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, neither party will be liable to the other party for any indirect, incidental, loss of profits, punitive, exemplary, special or consequential damages of any kind whatsoever arising out of or relating to this Agreement to the extent and in the event a court of competent jurisdiction should declare all or any material portion of this Agreement contrary to law or otherwise invalid.

**XX. SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

All representations, warranties and indemnities, and the covenants and agreements to be performed subsequent to the execution hereof by the parties contained in this Agreement, or in any document delivered in contemplation hereof shall survive the execution of this agreement and the termination, either voluntarily or involuntarily, of this Agreement.

**XXI. BID DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED**

This Agreement, to the extent applicable, shall include the terms, conditions, scope of work, and specifications of County's Bid No. 2021-R. However, the foregoing agreement shall govern and take precedence in the event of any conflict between the foregoing agreement and the bid documents.

**XXII. PERFORMANCE IN CASE OF SUBSEQUENT AWARD TO THIRD PARTY**

Should Contractor fail to prevail in a future procurement cycle, Contractor shall provide all services required in and under this Agreement until the ending date of this Agreement or any agreed extension of this Agreement. To insure continued performance fully consistent with the requirements of this Agreement through any such period, the Contractor shall continue all operations and support services at the same level of effort and performance as were in effect prior to the award of the subsequent agreement to a competing organization, and shall fully cooperate with the County in providing non-proprietary data and information which will assist in an orderly transition of the service to the new contractor. Contractor shall make no changes in methods of operation which could reasonably be considered to be aimed at cutting Contractor's service and operating cost to maximize profits during the final stages of the Agreement. However, County recognizes that if a competing organization should prevail in a future procurement cycle, Contractor may reasonably begin to prepare for transition of service to the new Contractor. County shall not unreasonably withhold its approval of Contractor's request to begin an orderly transition process, including reasonable plans to relocate staff, scale down certain inventory items, etc., as long as such transition activity does not impair Contractor's performance during this period.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have affixed their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

**Contractor:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name

State of Florida  
County of Columbia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or who provided \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

**(NOTARIAL SEAL)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type Name)  
My Commission Expires:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Rocky Ford, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
James M. Swisher, Clerk of Court

(Seal)

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joel F. Foreman, County Attorney