

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**INVITATION TO BID NO. 20B-006**  
**2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS**

The Northwest Florida Water Management District (District), 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333, is soliciting bids for the **2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS** (Project) for purchasing longleaf pine tubelings from a xeric longleaf pine sandhill upland or acceptable seed source. The bids will be for tubeling purchases and delivery over a three-year period with deliveries anticipated in winter (January or February) in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Subject to satisfactory performance, availability of funds and mutual agreement of both parties, the Agreement may be renewed for a single additional three-year term with no increase in price associated with the renewal. The District's estimated quantity of longleaf pine tubelings for January 2021 is approximately 900,000 to 950,000. Final quantities for January 2021 will be determined on or before August 1, 2020, and in future years the final quantities will be determined by May 1 of each year.

**The deadline for submission of bids is 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time (ET), June 8, 2020.** The opening of the sealed bids can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://www.nfwwater.com/Contact-Us/Meetings> Provisions will be made to accommodate the handicapped (if requested) provided the District is given at least 72 hours advance notice. All bids must conform to the instructions in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) and comply with applicable Florida Statutes. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the complete ITB package from the District's website (<http://www.nfwwater.com>). A copy of the complete ITB package may be obtained from the State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website at: [http://www.myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs\\_main\\_menu](http://www.myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs_main_menu). A copy of the complete ITB package can also be obtained at the above address or by calling (850) 539-5999.

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**PART 1**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**1.1 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this bid, “respondent or bidder” means contractor, vendors, consultants, organizations, firms, or other persons submitting a response to this Invitation to Bid.

**1.2 PURPOSE**

The Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333, (hereinafter referred to as the “District”) is issuing this Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the project titled “**2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS.**”

**1.3 ISSUING OFFICE, DATE AND LOCATION OF OPENING**

Northwest Florida Water Management District (Headquarters)

Attn: Agency Clerk  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, Florida 32333-4712

**THE DISTRICT MUST RECEIVE ALL BIDS BY 2:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME (ET),  
JUNE 8, 2020, THE DAY OF THE PUBLIC OPENING.**

**1.4 INVITATION TO BID**

The District solicits offers for the services of responsible bidders to grow, extract and supply the District with a minimum of 900,000 longleaf pine tubelings in 2021 and estimated (but not guaranteed) quantities in the range of 500,000 to 1.5 million per year of longleaf pine tubelings in 2022, and 2023. Subject to satisfactory performance, availability of funds and mutual agreement of both parties, the Agreement may be renewed for a single additional three-year term. There shall be no increase in price or additional compensation associated with the renewal.

**1.5 AWARDING OF BID**

The District anticipates entering into a contract with the bidder who submits a qualified responsive bid judged by the District to be the lowest cost for the specified services. The District reserves the right to award the bid to the next lowest responsive bidder in the event the successful respondent fails to enter into the Agreement, or the Agreement with said respondent is terminated within 90 days of the effective date.

**The respondent understands that this bid does not constitute an agreement or a contract with the District. An official contract or agreement is not binding until the bids are reviewed and accepted by appointed staff, approved by the appropriate level of authority within the District, and the contract or agreement is executed by both parties.**

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to negotiate with the qualified Contractor submitting the lowest responsive bid, to waive any irregularities of a minor nature, and to solicit and re-advertise for other bids. Mistakes clearly evident on the face of the bid documents, such as computation errors, may be corrected by the District. Per section 255.0991, F.S., the District has no regulation that provides Contractor preference as described in that statute.

All bids may be subject to the approval of the Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board at a duly noticed Board meeting.

Notice of a bid award shall be posted to the District's website and the State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website.

## **1.6 DEVELOPMENT COSTS**

The District shall not be responsible or liable for any expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a response to this bid. Respondents should prepare the bid simply and economically, to provide a straightforward and concise description of the respondent's ability to meet the requirements of the bid.

## **1.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The award hereunder is subject to Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. All bidders shall disclose with their bids the name of any officer, director, board member or agent who is also an employee of the State of Florida, or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders shall disclose the name of any state employee or any board member or employee of the District who owns directly or indirectly an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder's firm, subsidiaries or branches.

## **1.8 DISTRICT FORMS AND RULES**

When included, all forms supplied by the Northwest Florida Water Management District shall be submitted with the bids. All bids must comply with applicable Florida Statutes, laws, and rules.

## **1.9 ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

There will not be oral presentations for this solicitation.

## **1.10 INQUIRIES**

All questions regarding this ITB shall be provided in writing and emailed to the Procurement Officer, Tyler Macmillan at [Tyler.Macmillan@nwfwater.com](mailto:Tyler.Macmillan@nwfwater.com), **no later than 12:00 PM. (NOON) Eastern Time (ET) on May 28, 2020**. Inquiries shall reference the date of the ITB opening and ITB title and number.

The District will post addenda and answers to substantive questions on its website and on the State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website at least ten (10) calendar days before the bid opening date (see *Section 1.16 Addenda*). Firms are responsible to check the District's website or State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website for addenda.

## 1.11 TIMETABLE

The District and respondents shall adhere to the following schedule in all actions concerning this bid.

- A. On **May 18, 2020**, the District issues the Invitation to Bid.
- B. From the time of issuance on May 18, 2020 until 12:00 PM. (NOON) Eastern Time (ET) on May 28, 2020, the District will receive written inquiries on the ITB (received by email).
- C. If substantive questions are received, District will issue an Addendum at least ten (10) calendar days prior to bid opening.
- D. Bid Opening Deadline: The sealed bids will be opened at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time (ET), June 8, 2020\*. Bids received after the bid opening deadline will not be considered.
- E. From opening time, the District will review and evaluate the bids on a timely basis.
- F. The District may enter into a contract with the qualified Contractor submitting the lowest responsive bid after conducting negotiations and obtaining appropriate approvals.

\*Denotes a public meeting.

## 1.12 DELAYS

The District may delay scheduled due dates if it is to the advantage of the District to do so. The District will notify respondents of all changes in scheduled due dates by posting the information to the District's website and State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website.

## 1.13 SUBMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL

The respondent must submit the bid in person, by mail, or courier such as UPS to this address:

Northwest Florida Water Management District  
Attn: Agency Clerk  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, FL 32333-4712

**Please be advised that mail delivery to the District is not always by 2:00 P.M. Eastern Time.**

Respondents shall submit one printed copy and one electronic copy in pdf format on a new flash drive of the bid in a sealed, opaque envelope or box. **The face of the envelope or box shall state in capital letters:**

**“SEALED BID FOR ITB 20B-006, 2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS TO BE OPENED, JUNE 8, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M. (EASTERN TIME) AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT”**

The sealed envelope or box shall also include the respondent's name and business address. Bids received after the bid opening deadline will not be considered. **Bids received by the bid opening deadline but not properly sealed and labeled shall not be considered.** Receipt of a bid by any District office or personnel other than the District receptionist or the Agency Clerk, at the

headquarters office located at 81 Water Management Drive, does not constitute “delivery” and is not considered “received by” the District as required by this ITB.

Respondents who utilize courier service packing and shipping materials shall place the bids in a **sealed and labeled** opaque envelope or box as described above inside the courier-supplied shipping materials. Courier service delivery shall use the same address listed previously in this section.

It is the respondent's responsibility to ensure that his/her bid submission is delivered at the proper time and place of the opening. **Bids that are for any reason received after the established deadline will not be considered.** Submittal of bids other than in person, by mail, or courier such as UPS etc. shall not be accepted. Telephone confirmation of timely receipt of the bid may be made by calling (850) 539-5999 and asking for the Agency Clerk before the bid opening time.

A respondent may withdraw a bid by notifying the District in writing at any time prior to the opening. Respondents may withdraw bids in person or through an authorized representative. Respondents and authorized representatives must disclose their identity and provide a signed receipt for the bid. Bids, once opened, become the property of the District and will not be returned to the respondents.

All bids must be made on the required **Bid Sheet and Bidder Acknowledgement** (see PART 5 of this ITB). All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, and the form must be fully completed and executed when submitted.

Respondents must satisfy themselves of the accuracy of their response in the **Bid Sheet and Bidder Acknowledgement** by examination of the criteria and specifications including addenda. After bids have been submitted, respondents shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the number or type of parameters nor the accuracy required of each parameter.

Bids received by the District in response to this ITB will become a public record (unless an exemption to Florida’s Public Records Law applies) when the District provides notice of its intended decision or 30 days after opening the bids, whichever is earlier. If the District rejects all bids and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue the ITB, the rejected bids remain exempt from Florida’s Public Records Law until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued ITB or until it withdraws the reissued ITB. A bid is not exempt for longer than 12 months after the initial notice rejecting all bids.

Bids will be made available for inspection at the time the District posts notice of its decision or intended decision concerning contract awards or 30 days after the bid opening, whichever is earlier.

#### **1.14 PERFORMANCE BOND**

**A performance bond will not be required from the Vendor (see 1-15 QUALITY CONTROL).**

#### **1.15 QUALITY CONTROL**

All longleaf pine tubelings to be grown and supplied by the vendor to the District will be inspected and approved by District staff at the time of delivery. Any and all tubelings deemed unsatisfactory for planting by the District’s project manager and/or his representative will be returned to the

Vendor at no cost to the District. The Vendor will be required to replace all unsatisfactory tubelings at no additional cost to the District. The District will withhold payment for all unsatisfactory tubelings.

### **1.16 ADDENDA**

If addenda become necessary, the District will provide written addenda and post addenda on the District's website and on the State of Florida's Vendor Bid System website at least ten (10) calendar days before the bid opening date. Prospective bidders are responsible for determining whether addenda have been issued and are advised to check the websites or with the District's Procurement Officer prior to submitting their bid.

Submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgment of receipt of all addenda. Bids will be construed as though all addenda have been received. Failure of the respondent to obtain any addenda does not relieve respondent from any and all obligations under the bid, as submitted. All addenda become part of the Agreement.

### **1.17 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

The District recognizes fair and open competition as a basic tenet of public procurement. Respondents doing business with the District are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, handicap, age, sex, or disability. It is the policy of the District to ensure that qualified respondents wishing to participate in the procurement process have the maximum opportunity to compete and perform on District contracts and purchases.

The District encourages participation by minority-, veteran-, and women-owned Certified Business Enterprises and requests that firms submit evidence of such designation with their bids. For further information on designation as a certified business enterprise, visit [www.dms.myflorida.com/agency\\_administration/office\\_of\\_supplier\\_diversity\\_osd/get\\_certified](http://www.dms.myflorida.com/agency_administration/office_of_supplier_diversity_osd/get_certified).

### **1.18 CONVICTED VENDORS**

Pursuant to s. 287.133(2)(a), F.S., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Questions regarding the convicted vendor list may be directed to the Florida Department of Management Services, State Purchasing Division, at (850) 488-8440 or send email to [purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com](mailto:purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com).

### **1.19 DISCRIMINATORY VENDOR LIST**

An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public



building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity. The Florida Department of Management Services is responsible for maintaining the discriminatory vendor list and posts the list on its website. Questions regarding the discriminatory vendor list may be directed to the Florida Department of Management Services, State Purchasing Division, at (850) 488-8440 or send email to [purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com](mailto:purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com) .

## **1.20 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES, BOYCOTTING**

Pursuant to s. 287.135, F.S., a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with the District for goods or services of:

- (1) Any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725, F.S., or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or
- (2) One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company:
  - a. Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473; or
  - b. Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

By submitting a response, the respondent certifies that it is not currently on the aforementioned lists or engaged in such business operations and agrees to notify the District if placement on one of these lists occurs or the Contractor engages in such business operations. If the respondent submits a false certification, the District may terminate the Agreement and bring a civil action against the respondent, as provided for in s. 287.135, F.S.

## **1.21 INSPECTOR GENERAL COOPERATION**

Prospective contractor or vendor understands and shall comply with section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes, which states: “It is the duty of every state officer, employee, agency, special district, board, commission, contractor, and subcontractor to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to this section.”

## **1.22 COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Prospective contractor or vendor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local rules and regulations in providing services to the District. This requirement includes compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local health and safety rules and regulations.

## **1.23 INSURANCE**

The prospective vendor, if awarded a contract, shall maintain insurance coverage. In the event a contract is awarded to a governmental entity or a self-insured organization, different insurance requirements may apply. Misrepresentation of any material fact, whether intentional or not, regarding the bidder’s insurance coverage, policies, or capabilities may be grounds for rejection

of the bid and rescission of any ensuing contract. The Contractor shall obtain all coverage as required by Florida law, including Workers Compensation and applicable professional liability insurance. Additionally, the Contractor shall be insured as follows: General Liability, with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal injury; and \$1,000,000 for property damage; Automobile Liability, with combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000; Workers Compensation and Employers Liability, with limits not less than: Bodily Injury by Accident \$1,000,000 each accident; Bodily Injury by Disease \$1,000,000 policy limit; and Bodily Injury by Disease \$1,000,000 each employee.

Evidence of all such insurance satisfactory to the District shall be furnished with the executed Agreement prior to beginning work, and all such insurance policies shall provide for a ten (10) business day notice to the District of cancellation or any material change in the terms of the insurance policies.

#### **1.24 PROHIBITED CONTACT**

Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf shall not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the District posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the Procurement Officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

#### **1.25 SPECIFICATION AND AWARD PROTEST**

Any person who is adversely affected by the District's award shall file with the District a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the award. With respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this ITB, including any provisions governing the methods for ranking bids, awarding contracts, reserving rights of further negotiation, or modifying or amending any contract, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the ITB or the addenda to the ITB that contains the new term, condition or specification that is protested. The formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed with a bond pursuant to Section 287.042(2)(c), Florida Statutes. The Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time periods. **The failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.**

#### **1.26 PUBLICITY**

The respondent shall obtain prior approval of the District for all news releases or other publicity pertaining to this bid or the service or any project to which it relates.

## **1.27 WAIVER OF MINOR IRREGULARITIES**

The District may waive minor irregularities in bids received where such is merely a matter of form and not substance. Minor irregularities are defined as any deviation from a mandatory requirement of the ITB that, if waived, will not have an adverse effect on the District's interest and will not give a respondent an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by the other respondents. The District is not required to waive a minor irregularity and has the sole discretion to determine whether a minor irregularity should be waived.

## **1.28 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING**

Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Non-District purchases are independent of the agreement between District and Vendor, and the District shall not be a party to any transaction between the Vendor and any other purchaser.

## **PART 2**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

For FY 2021-2023, Vendor will grow, extract and deliver to the District 1-0 longleaf pine tubelings. The scope of work and specifications will be provided in the attached draft agreement, Section 1 – Scope of Services.

## **PART 3**

### **BID REQUIREMENTS**

#### **3.1 RULES FOR THE BIDS**

- A. All bids must comply with applicable Florida Statutes, laws, and rules.
- B. **One printed copy and one electronic copy** in pdf format on a new flash drive of the bid must be submitted in a properly marked envelope or box in person, by mail, or commercial courier. See PART 1, *Section 1.13 Submission and Withdrawal* of this ITB for further details. If there are any discrepancies between the two copies of the bid received, the written copy shall take precedence.
- C. All bids shall be completed and submitted on the attached **Bid Sheet and Bidder Acknowledgement** (PART 5).
- D. The District is not subject to Florida sales tax or to any federal excise taxes on all sales made **directly** to the District, and neither shall be included in the bid price.
- E. Any transportation or other charges incurred in the delivery of products or services as specified must be included in the bid price, as noted on the bid sheet.

- F. All costs whether direct or indirect which will be ultimately paid by the District must be included in the price on the **Bid Sheet and Bidder Acknowledgement** (PART 5). Any indirect, overhead, profit margin or other such costs, however named, must also be included in the bid price.
- G. The award hereunder is subject to Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. All bidders shall disclose with their bids the name of any officer, director, board member, or agent who is also an employee of the State of Florida, or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders shall disclose the name of any state employee or any board member or employee of the District who owns directly or indirectly an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder's firm, subsidiaries or branches

### 3.2 BID BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND

A performance bond will not be required from the Vendor (see 3.3- QUALITY CONTROL).

### 3.3 QUALITY CONTROL

All longleaf pine tubelings will be inspected and approved by District staff at time of delivery. Any longleaf pine tubelings deemed unsatisfactory by the District's project manager and/or his representative for planting will be returned to the Vendor at no cost to the District. The Vendor will be required to replace all unsatisfactory longleaf pine tubelings at no cost to the District within the planting timeframe specified for the particular year. Payment for unsatisfactory longleaf pine tubelings will be withheld by the District until replaced with satisfactory longleaf pine tubelings.

### 3.4 VENDOR REGISTRATION AND W-9 FORMS

The selected Vendor will be required to complete a Vendor Registration Form and W-9 Form once the awarded Vendor is notified by the District Project Manager.

### 3.5 VENDOR CHECKLIST

Please review the checklist for this bid (ITB No. 20B-006) to ensure that you have properly followed the instructions. Many bids and proposals are rejected because the respondent simply failed to comply with required preparation and submission requirements.

- Have you performed a final review of your bid to ensure you included all required documentation? **The omission of required items will result in rejection of the bid.**
- Have you completed, signed, and included the **Bid Sheet and Bidder Acknowledgement (pages 14 through 18)**? Have you verified all amounts to ensure that they are complete and accurate?
- If a conflict of interest exists as described in *Section 1.7 Conflict of Interest*, have you included a statement of disclosure?
- Have you selected the method of shipping (in person, by mail, or commercial courier) that will ensure that your bid will arrive before the deadline?

- Is your envelope properly marked and are there one printed copy and one electronic copy in pdf format on a new flash drive of the bid included? See *Section 1.13 Submission and Withdrawal* of this ITB for further details. All incoming correspondence is opened when received unless properly marked for a specified opening date and time. If your bid is opened prior to the designated date and time, it cannot be considered.

## **PART 4**

### **EVALUATION OF BIDS**

The contract will be awarded in the best interest of the District, based on the lowest total cost to the District, from those bids submitted by vendors considered qualified by the District and able to provide the product in the timeframes specified in this ITB. The District anticipates awarding the contract to the bidder that meets the following criteria:

- A. Vendor submits a qualified responsive bid judged by the District to be the lowest cost for the specified services. The District will award the 2021-2023 longleaf pine tubelings bid based upon the lowest “**Longleaf Pine Tubelings and Delivery Total Bid**” for the nursery providing the District with longleaf pine tubelings and delivering them to District, as entered on the **Bid Sheet and Bidder Acknowledgement**, Page 16. Tubeling and delivery pricing will be based upon the estimated quantity of 900,000 tubelings delivered in January 2021. Only one vendor will be selected to grow and supply the District with **all** required longleaf pine tubelings and delivery for the entire three-year term of the agreement. The price per thousand tubelings bid and delivery pricing will apply for all three years. Subject to satisfactory performance, availability of funds and mutual agreement of both parties, the Agreement may be renewed for a single additional three-year term. There shall be no increase in price of products or services associated with the renewal.
- B. If two or more bids are tied, the tie will be broken by the respondent earning the most points from the following, each being assigned one point for a total of up to three points: (1) to the respondent that certifies compliance with s. 287.057(11), F.S., as a certified minority business enterprise; (2) to the respondent that certifies compliance with s. 295.187(4), F.S., as a certified veteran’s business enterprise; and (3) to the respondent that certifies compliance with s. 287.087, F.S., having implemented a Drug-Free Workplace program. If there is still a tie, the tie will be broken by lot (for example, coin toss).

**PART 5**  
**BID SHEET AND BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT (20B-006)**  
**2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELING AND DELIVERY BID SHEET**

All tables and forms on Pages 14 through 18 must be completed.

<b>Longleaf Pine Tubelings</b>			<b>(1)</b>
<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Minimum* Quantity Desired for 2021</b>	<b>Price/M**</b>	<b>Total Longleaf Pine Tubeling Cost for 2021</b>
<b>Longleaf Pine</b>	<b>900,000</b>	\$ _____/M	\$ _____

\* Subject to availability, the District may purchase additional longleaf pine tubelings over the minimum quantity desired from the selected Vendor. The vendor must supply any additional longleaf pine tubelings over the minimum quantity at the same price per thousand as stated on this bid sheet. Quantities needed for future years are undetermined and shall be supplied at the same price per thousand as stated on this bid sheet.

\*\* Grown and extracted price per thousand tubelings.

Note: A District representative will inspect the longleaf pine tubelings and determine acceptability for planting based on the specifications listed in the Agreement. Any longleaf pine tubelings deemed unacceptable for planting by the District’s representative will be returned to the vendor for replacement with acceptable longleaf pine tubelings.

**Longleaf Pine Tubeling Delivery Services\*** (2)

<b>Delivery Location</b>	<b>Quantity Delivered in Jan-Feb 2021</b>	<b>Total Delivery Cost to 6418 E. Highway 20 Youngstown, FL 32466 (Four Loads)</b>	<b>Trailer Rental Cost Per Day</b>	<b>Estimated Days of Trailer Rental</b>	<b>Total Delivery Plus Trailer Rental Cost for 2021</b>
6418 E. Highway 20 Youngstown, FL 32466	900,000	\$ _____	\$ _____	26	\$ _____

<b>Mileage Pricing for Future Alternate Delivery Locations</b>	
Price per mile to be added or deducted for alternative delivery locations.	\$ _____ <b>Per Mile</b>

**\* Factors for quoting delivery pricing:**

- The **Delivery Address** is 6418 Highway 20 Youngstown, FL 32466. All tubelings delivered in 2021 will go to this address.
- Delivery cost to the Delivery Address is inclusive of all costs required to deliver a loaded trailer to the specified location, including but not limited to trailer and semi-tractor transport mileage, fuel, labor, insurance, maintenance etc. In future years this cost will be used on a pro rata basis for delivery pricing.
- Delivery cost is round-trip. Assume that an empty trailer will be retrieved when a loaded trailer is dropped.
- Per mile additions and deductions may be employed in future years if a trailer needs to be delivered to an alternate location. Fill in “Mileage Pricing for Future Alternate Delivery Locations” Table.
- Refrigerated Trailers with a minimum capacity of 250,000 boxed longleaf pine tubelings shall be used and shall be in good working order upon delivery, with repair service provided when needed. Fuel level for the refrigeration unit will be noted at the time of delivery and will be re-filled to this level by the District prior to retrieval of the trailer.
- District staff will monitor refrigerator operation and will provide fuel for trailers while the trailer is on District property and contains longleaf pine tubelings.
- Trailer Rental is on a daily basis, beginning the day a trailer is delivered to a District project site and ending on the day that a trailer has been emptied of its contents. Delivery logistics shall be coordinated with the District to minimize the number of Trailer Rental days charged during a planting project.

**Bid Calculation**

**Longleaf Pine Tubelings and Delivery Total Bid**

(1)  
**Total Longleaf  
Pine Tubeling  
Cost  
for 2021**  
(From Page 14)

(2)  
**Total Delivery Plus  
Trailer Rental Cost  
for 2021**  
(From Page 15)

**Total Bid:  
Longleaf Pine Tubeling and  
Delivery Cost  
for 2021**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this bid is made without subsequent understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the work described herein and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the Bidder and that the Bidder is in compliance with all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder Name (Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Employers Identification (FEID#) (Use SS # if no FEID #)



**BID SHEET AND BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT (20B-006) (continued)**

I certify that this bid is made without subsequent understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the work described herein and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the Bidder and that the Bidder is in compliance with all requirements of the Invitation to Bid.

**BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, the undersigned, having read all parts of this Invitation to Bid, ITB No. 20B-006, titled “**2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS,**” including any and all addenda, and having a comprehensive understanding of all provisions, rules, requirements, restrictions, etc. contained herein, agree to same and respectfully submit the bid contained herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Above Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company

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(The area below this line is to be completed by NFWWMD Agency Clerk only.)

**Unsigned bids shall be rejected by the Agency Clerk of the Northwest Florida Water Management District.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Clerk  
Northwest Florida Water Management District

**BID SHEET AND BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT (20B-006) (continued)**

**Nursery Information**

<b>Nursery Name</b>	
<b>Years in Business:</b>	

<b>Years of experience growing longleaf pine tree tubelings:</b>	
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**List of at least three customers to whom your nursery has supplied at least 500,000 longleaf pine tree tubelings in the past two years, who the District may contact for a reference:**

<b>Date (Month/Year)</b>	<b>Quantity of Longleaf Pine Tubelings Provided</b>	<b>Customer</b> Include Customer (company or agency) name and location (state/county) and a name and phone # for the person who can provide a reference.)

**PART 6**  
**DRAFT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is subject to change subsequent to legal review.

**DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH CONTRACTOR**

**Agreement for  
2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS  
Between  
Northwest Florida Water Management District  
And  
[Contractor]  
(NFWWMD Contract Number 20-0XX)**

This Agreement (the “Agreement”) is by and between the Northwest Florida Water Management District (hereinafter, the **District**) and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter, the **Contractor**). The District and the Contractor agree as follows:

**SECTION 1 – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**A. General**

1. The Contractor shall perform and render all services and deliverables as an independent Contractor of the District and not as an agent, representative, or employee of the District. Services and deliverables rendered shall be provided in accordance with the Contractor’s bid response submitted under Invitation to Bid (ITB) **20B-006** entitled “**2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS**” incorporated herein by reference.
2. The contract documents which make up this Agreement consist of this Agreement document, Invitation to Bid No. **20B-006**, Contractor’s bid response, technical specifications, all addenda issued prior to the execution of this Agreement, the bid submitted by the Contractor, and all modifications issued subsequent thereto. These documents are part of this Agreement as if attached to this Agreement, whether or not they are actually attached.
3. All work shall be performed in accordance with the specifications and requirements contained in the Scope of Work.

**B. Scope of Work**

The Contractor will grow, supply and deliver to the District a **minimum** of 900,000 longleaf pine tubelings for planting activities during the District’s 2020-2021 fiscal year (beginning October 1, 2020; tubelings to be available January 2021) and undetermined quantities of longleaf pine tubelings for planting activities in 2022 and 2023. Purchase of longleaf pine tubelings will be subject to available District funds and approval by the District’s Governing Board of the District’s proposed fiscal year budgets for each year specified. The Agreement requires that the Contractor agree to place highest priority on completing District assignments in a timely fashion. The Agreement will end no later than February 28, 2023, unless renewed for an additional term by formal amendment.

Due to ongoing timber harvests, the District's **final desired quantity** of longleaf pine tubelings will be determined on or before May 1 of each year the agreement is in effect after 2020. The District's final desired quantity of longleaf pine tubelings in January 2021 **may exceed 900,000 tubelings**. If the District's final desired quantity of longleaf pine tubelings exceeds 900,000 tubelings, the District will amend the 2021-2023 Longleaf Pine Tubeling Agreement to reflect this additional quantity, subject to the selected Contractor's ability to provide this additional longleaf pine tubeling quantity to the District at the **same price per thousand** as the Contractor's original bid.

In the second and third years of the agreement, the District will amend the agreement annually or more frequently to indicate the desired amount of longleaf tubelings for the upcoming planting season. The Contractor will be required to provide the desired quantity of tubelings at the **same price per thousand tubelings for the entire term of the agreement**.

### **Specifications**

1. All of the longleaf pine tubelings must be 1-0 tubeling stock as specified above, with a minimum plug length of six inches (6") and must be plantable using a standard dibble planting bar or equivalent planting device.
2. The District's required longleaf pine tubelings will typically be planted on xeric sandhill upland habitat consisting primarily of Lakeland soil. Seed collected and used to produce the District's required longleaf pine tubelings must come from similar habitat and/or soils. Use of any other seed source must be approved by the District. Contractor shall inform the District of its seed source before sowing.
3. On average, at least 50 percent (50%) or more of the extracted tubelings must have a root collar diameter of at least one-half inch.
4. Longleaf pine tubelings must be adequately watered at least one day (24 hours) prior to extraction and boxing for shipment.
5. All longleaf pine tubelings must be free from insect pests and disease, that adversely effect growth and survival.
6. All longleaf pine tubelings (plugs) must be free from weeds and other undesirable plants that may adversely effect growth and survival.
7. All longleaf pine tubelings must meet or exceed Florida specifications for plant material as required by state law.
8. Minimum District longleaf pine tubeling quantities and specifications are listed below.

### Longleaf Pine Tubelings Specifications

District longleaf pine tubeling quantities and specifications are summarized below.

**Table 1**

Agreement Year	Anticipated Delivery	Common Name	Genus species	Planting Stock Age	Minimum Quantity Required
1	January 2021	Longleaf Pine	Pinus palustris	1-0	900,000
2	January 2022	Longleaf Pine	Pinus palustris	1-0	Undetermined
3	January 2023	Longleaf Pine	Pinus palustris	1-0	Undetermined

### Longleaf Pine Tubelings Delivery Schedule

For each contract year, the Contractor will have to prepare for the extraction and delivery of the longleaf tubelings by the District between January 1 and February 28 in accordance with the schedule below. All tubelings will be inspected and approved by District staff at time of delivery. All tubelings deemed by the District's project manager and/or his representative to be unsatisfactory for planting will not be accepted by the District. The Contractor will be required to replace all unsatisfactory longleaf pine tubelings at no cost to the District within the planting timeframe specified for the particular year. The District will withhold payment for all unsatisfactory tubelings and associated delivery costs.

**Table 2**

Agreement Year	District Fiscal Year	Delivery Schedule
1	2020-2021	Between January 1, 2021 and February 28, 2021
2	2021-2022	Between January 1, 2022 and February 28, 2022
3	2022-2023	Between January 1, 2023 and February 28, 2023

#### **C. Terms of Agreement**

The annual growing, extracting and supply of longleaf pine tubelings will be subject to available District funds and approval by the District's Governing Board of the District's proposed fiscal year 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 budgets (beginning October 1 of each year). This Agreement will terminate no later than February 28, 2023. Subject to satisfactory performance, availability of funds and mutual agreement of both parties, the Agreement may be renewed for a single additional three-year term. There shall be no increase in longleaf pine tubeling or delivery pricing associated with the renewal. The District's performance and obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature and/or approval of the District's annually adopted budget.

Due to ongoing timber harvests, the District's final desired quantity of longleaf pine tubelings will be determined on or before May 1 of each subsequent year the agreement is in effect and an amendment to the Agreement will be executed with the Contractor to specify the quantity of tubelings to be produced the following calendar year. The amendment will be subject to approval by the District's Governing Board of the District's proposed fiscal year budget in September of each year the Agreement is in effect.

## **SECTION 2 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Contractor is responsible for the timely completion, professional quality, and technical accuracy of all work and services provided to the District under the terms of this Agreement. The Contractor shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions or other deficiencies identified by the District in reports, drawings, and in conjunction with all other services provided for under this Agreement.
- B. The Contractor shall be, and shall remain, liable in accordance with applicable law for all damages to the District caused by the Contractor's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Agreement.
- C. The Contractor's obligations under this Section are in addition to the Contractor's other expressed or implied assurances under this Agreement or state law and in no way diminish any other rights that the District may have against the Contractor for deficiencies in work (deliverables).
- D. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.
- E. The Contractor warrants that they have not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Agreement and that the Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.
- F. As provided under s. 216.347, Florida Statutes, expenditure of District funds for purposes of lobbying, including of the Legislature, judicial branch, or any state agency, is prohibited.
- G. The Contractor certifies that it and any of its affiliates are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or engaged in a boycott of Israel. Pursuant to s. 287.135, F.S., the District may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Agreement. If this Agreement is for one million or more dollars, the Contractor certifies that it is also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities

in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in s. 287.135, F.S. Pursuant to s. 287.135, F.S., the District may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of this Agreement. As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

- H. The Contractor shall specify the physical location and address of the nursery at which the District's tubelings are being grown for each year of the Agreement and shall allow (with reasonable notice) inspection of the tubelings during growing stages by District employees or representatives.

### SECTION 3 – TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATIONS

The Contractor certifies that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The original contract price and any additions thereto will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the District determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments must be made within one (1) year following the end of this Agreement.

### SECTION 4 – COMPENSATION

- A. Maximum compensation under this Agreement shall not exceed the availability of funds and current budget authorizations as approved by the District Governing Board.
- B. Payment for the **“2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS”** will be subject to inspection and approval by the District's Project Manager or his designee. The Project Manager, will determine, in his sole discretion, whether or not the Contractor has successfully rendered services and deliverables as outlined in this Agreement. Payment will not be made until the District receives written authorization to do so by the District Project Manager.
- C. The compensation amount (“Compensation Amount”) will be determined on the basis of the Specifications set forth in Section 1 and pricing for tubelings and delivery services set forth in Exhibit 1: Contractor's Bid for ITB **20B-006 - 2021-2023 LONGLEAF PINE TUBELINGS**, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Any subcontractor fees and direct expenses (ODCs) required for completion of the Work should have been included in the Contractor's bid price and will be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- D. Payment will be made upon inspection and approval of deliverables within thirty (30) days of receipt of an approved invoice, submitted in sufficient detail for a pre-audit and post-audit review. Each invoice submitted must be in detail sufficient for pre-audit and post-audit review. Invoices shall include the Contractor name and address, date, time period covered by the invoice, District contract number, total payment requested, amount previously invoiced, and a signed certification by the Project Manager that work invoiced has been completed. Invoices shall not be submitted more frequently than monthly, or upon completion of a project phase, whichever is more frequent.



1. Payment for longleaf tubelings will be as follows: The District will pay the Contractor the following amount per 1,000 tubelings (or a pro rata payment thereof for quantities not rounded to 1,000). Payment will be subject to satisfactory inspection and acceptance of the tubelings by a District representative and will be made within 30 days of receipt of an invoice submitted in sufficient detail for a proper preaudit and postaudit thereof.

Common Name	Minimum Quantity Desired for 2021**	Price/M*	Total Cost for 2021
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Longleaf Pine	900,000	\$ _____/M	\$ _____
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\* Grown and extracted price per thousand tubelings.

\*\* The quantity above will be amended annually through the Agreement term, as specified in Section 9.

2. Payment for delivery services will be as follows: The District will pay the following rates for longleaf pine tubeling delivery\*:

Round-Trip Delivery Cost Per Load (to 6418 E. Highway 20 Youngstown, FL 32466)	Trailer Rental Cost Per day	Mileage cost adjustment for more or less mileage from Delivery Location
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\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____/Mile
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\* At its sole discretion, the District may elect to pick up or send a contracted carrier or cooperating partner to pick up the tubelings at the Contractor's nursery.

- E. An original invoice, including appropriate backup documentation, shall be submitted to both the District's Project Manager at the contact information included in Section 8.B, and the District's Accounting Department, at the contact information listed below. An original invoice may be submitted either electronically or in hard copy.

Northwest Florida Water Management District  
 81 Water Management Drive  
 Havana, FL 32333  
[AccountsPayable@nfwwater.com](mailto:AccountsPayable@nfwwater.com)

Each statement shall be submitted in a format that includes, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Invoice number for the particular bill;
2. The Contractor's taxpayer identification number;
3. The Contractor's name and District Agreement number;
4. Quantity of longleaf tubelings provided to the District and the date the tubelings were

delivered;

5. The unit cost of the tubelings and the total only of the current invoice. Prior balances or payment history should be shown separately, if at all; and
6. Delivery and Trailer Rental costs.
7. Any other information as may be requested by the District's Contract Manager.
8. The Contractor agrees to participate in electronic funds transfer payments from the District.

### **SECTION 5 – PERFORMANCE BOND**

A performance bond will not be required from the Contractor

### **SECTION 6 – TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

- A. Time is of the essence for each and every aspect of this Agreement. Where additional time is allowed to render services and deliverables, the new time limit shall also be of the essence. All provisions of this Agreement that by their nature extend beyond the Contract Completion Date shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement is effective on the date of execution and shall remain in effect through February 28, 2023 beginning with the day after receipt of an executed copy of the Agreement (the "Term"). The District's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature and/or approval of the District's annual budget.
- C. The Contractor shall proceed with the rendering of services and deliverables at such rate of progress to insure full completion within the Term. It is expressly understood and agreed by and between the Contractor and the District that the Term is a reasonable amount of time for the completion of the work hereunder, taking into consideration the average climatic and economic conditions and other factors prevailing in the locality of the work.

### **SECTION 7 – FORCE MAJEURE AND DELAYS**

- A. Force Majeure. The Contractor shall not be liable for failure to carry out the terms of this Agreement to the extent such failure is due to a force majeure event, except for failures that could have been reasonably foreseen and guarded against so as to avoid or reduce the adverse impact thereof. A force majeure event is hereby defined as any one of the following circumstances beyond the control of the Contractor: (a) war, (b) flood, (c) earthquake, (d) fire, (e) severe wind storm, (f) acts of public disturbance, (g) quarantine restrictions, (h) epidemics, (i) strikes, (i) freight embargoes, or (k) sabotage. The Term includes delays due to adverse weather conditions. The District is not obligated to grant an extension of time due to adverse weather conditions unless such conditions rise to the level of a force majeure event.
- B. Delay. The Contractor shall not be compensated for delays caused by the Contractor's inefficiency, rework made necessary by Contractor's error, failure to perform the work as scheduled, or any other corrective or productivity measures made necessary by errors, omissions, or failures to properly perform the work. Within ten (10) business days after the

onset of a delay, Contractor shall notify the District in writing of the delay, which shall provide: (i) a detailed description of the delay and its probable duration, (ii) the specified portion of the work affected, and (iii) an opinion as to the cause of the delay and liability (if any) for the delay. Notices provided more than ten (10) days after the inception of the delay shall only be effective as to additional costs or delay incurred during the ten-day period preceding receipt of such notice. In the case of a continuing delay for the same cause, only one notice of delay is necessary. **Failure to provide this notice waives any claim for extension of time or additional compensation resulting from such delay.** If the delay is due to the failure of another District Contractor to complete its work in a timely manner, changes ordered in the work, a force majeure event, or any other cause which the District, in its sole judgment and discretion, determines to justify the delay, then the Agreement may be extended as necessary to compensate for the delay. All time extensions shall be in the form of a written amendment signed by both parties.

### SECTION 8 – APPROVALS AND NOTICES

- A. All notices and written communication between the parties shall be sent by electronic mail, U.S. Mail, a courier delivery service, or delivered in person addressed to the individuals listed in 8.B. Notices shall be considered delivered when reflected by an electronic mail read receipt, a courier service delivery receipt, other mail service delivery receipt, or when receipt is acknowledged by recipient.
- B. The District’s Site Manager for this Agreement is identified below:

**Eric Toole**, or successor  
 Northwest Florida Water Management District  
 6418 E. Hwy 20  
 Youngstown, FL 32466  
 Telephone No.: 850-722-9919 or 850-510-3696  
 E-mail Address: Eric.Toole@nwfwater.com

The District’s Project Manager for this Agreement is identified below:

**Tyler Macmillan**, or successor  
 Northwest Florida Water Management District  
 81 Water Management Drive  
 Havana, FL 32333-4712  
 Telephone No.: 850-539-5999 or 850-556-5799  
 Fax No.: 850-539-2777  
 E-mail Address: Tyler.Macmillan@nwfwater.com

The Contractor’s Project Manager for this Agreement is identified below:

[Contractor’s Project Manager’s Name], or successor  
 [Company Name]  
 [Office or Program Name, if applicable]  
 [Mailing Address]  
 [City, State and Zip]  
 Telephone No.: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Fax No.: XXX-XXX-XXXX  
 E-mail Address: XXXXXXXXXXXX

- C. No amendment to this Agreement shall be effective unless reduced to writing and executed by the parties hereto.
- D. The District and the Contractor may, by written order designated to be an Amendment, agree that additional work shall be undertaken within the general scope of this Agreement.
- E. The District shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether the project has been satisfactorily completed.
- F. The Contractor agrees to assume responsibility for all claims, demands, liabilities, and suits of any nature to the extent resulting from any act or failure to act by the Contractor, its agents or employees to the extent permitted by Florida law.
- G. The District may unilaterally cancel this Agreement for refusal by the Contractor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 9 – AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement and the documents referenced herein embody the entire agreement of the parties. This Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations or agreements, either oral or written, between the parties hereto. Amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing and executed by both parties.

#### **SECTION 10 – INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall maintain adequate insurance coverage at all times as follows: General Liability, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal injury; and \$1,000,000 for property damage; Automobile Liability, with combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000; Workers Compensation and Employers Liability, with limits not less than \$1,000,000 for each accident for Bodily Injury by Accident, \$1,000,000 policy limit and \$1,000,000 each employee for Bodily Injury by Disease. Evidence of all such insurance satisfactory to the District shall be furnished prior to beginning work, and all such insurance policies shall provide for a ten (10) business day notice to the District of cancellation or any material change in the terms of the insurance policies.

#### **SECTION 11 – SUBCONTRACTS**

- A. The Contractor shall not subcontract, assign or transfer any tubeling growing or production work under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not subcontract, assign or transfer any other work under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the District. Any subcontractors who may be employed by the Contractor and approved by the District must also adhere to all provisions of this Agreement.

- B. When applicable the Contractor shall cause the names of subcontractor firms responsible for portions of the work to appear on such work.
- C. The Contractor agrees to notify the District of all subcontracts no less than ten (10) days prior to the effective date of the subcontracts for the purpose of approval by the District.
- D. The Contractor agrees to be responsible for the fulfillment of all work elements or arrangements as included in the subcontracts and agrees to be responsible for the payment of all monies due under any subcontract and hold the District harmless from any liability or damages arising under or from any subcontract hereunder.

## **SECTION 12 – TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

- A. The District or its designated representatives will decide all questions, difficulties, and disputes of whatever nature which may arise under or by reason of this Agreement. The District's decision upon all claims, questions and disputes shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the parties hereto. This Section 12 does not preclude any party from seeking relief by filing a petition for administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.
- B. If the Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations in a timely and proper manner under this Agreement, or if the Contractor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Agreement, the District has the right to terminate this Agreement. This right to terminate will be exercised by giving written notice to the Contractor of such termination and specifying the reason and effective date thereof. Upon notice of intent to terminate this Agreement by the District, the Contractor will have a contract resolution period not to exceed thirty (30) days to resolve deficiencies, disputes or other contract issues to the District's satisfaction before the termination is final. During this resolution period the Contractor will not initiate any new tasks requiring additional compensation without written approval by the District.
- C. The District may at any time and for any reason terminate this Agreement at the District's convenience. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and procurement for all materials and services in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- D. The Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the District for damages sustained by the District because of any breach of this Agreement, without prejudice to any other rights the District may have as a result of such breach, including but not limited to the right to consequential or incidental damages.
- E. In the event the District terminates this Agreement, other than for breach by the Contractor the Contractor shall be compensated for work completed as of the date of termination and for any irrevocable commitments for procurement for materials or services made by the Contractor as of the date of termination; provided, however, that the Contractor agrees that it will make no such commitments prior to receiving written approval from the District. The Contractor also agrees to provide all work products completed or in progress at the date of termination.

### **SECTION 13 – OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND DELIVERABLES**

- A. All reports produced and other data gathered by the Contractor for the purpose of this Agreement shall become the property of the District without restriction or limitation upon their use and shall be made available by the Contractor at any time upon request of the District.
- B. All deliverables, including Work not accepted by the District, are District property when the Contractor has received compensation therefor, in whole or in part. For any Work subject to patent or copyright, such Work is a “work made for hire” as defined by the patent and copyright laws of the United States. Contractor shall not make any representation otherwise and, upon request, shall sign any documents so affirming. Any District source documents or other District or non-District documents, specifications, materials, reports, or accompanying data developed, secured, or used in the performance of the Work, excluding proprietary materials, as outlined in the Statement of Work, are District property and shall be safeguarded and provided to the District upon request. This obligation shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- C. The District shall have the unrestricted right to use and disseminate all of the above-referenced documents without payment of further compensation to Contractor provided that any future use for other than the purpose intended by this Agreement shall be at the District’s sole risk and without liability to Contractor. Contractor shall include language in all subcontracts clearly indicating that ownership and copyright to all materials produced pursuant to this Agreement remains with the District, as provided herein. All original sketches, tracings, drawings, computation details, calculations, field books, and plans that result from the Work shall become the sole property of the District. Consultant shall submit all such work products to the District, if requested. Contractor may retain copies of all work products created pursuant to this Agreement.

### **SECTION 14 – RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

The Contractor agrees not to divulge any information obtained in connection with the performance of services under this Agreement to anyone other than the District unless authorized in writing by the District, required by Florida Public Records law under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or required by court order. All drawings, specifications, diagrams, reports, documents, etc., furnished by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall become the sole property of the District, and may be subject to disclosure by the District under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

### **SECTION 15 – CHOICE OF LAW/FORUM**

- A. The parties hereby agree that any and all actions or disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Florida; and any such actions shall be brought in Leon County, Florida.
- B. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

## **SECTION 16 – PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME/DISCRIMINATORY VENDOR LIST**

- A. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Questions regarding the convicted vendor list may be directed to the Florida Department of Management Services, State Purchasing Division, at (850) 488-8440 or send email to [purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com](mailto:purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com).
- B. An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a Contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity. The Florida Department of Management Services is responsible for maintaining the discriminatory vendor list and posts the list on its website. Questions regarding the discriminatory vendor list may be directed to the Florida Department of Management Services, State Purchasing Division, at (850) 488-8440 or send email to [purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com](mailto:purchasingcustomerservice@dms.myflorida.com).

## **SECTION 17 – AGENCY INSPECTORS GENERAL**

The Contractor understands and shall comply with section 20.055(5), F.S., which states: It is the duty of every state officer, employee, agency, special district, board, commission, contractor and subcontractor to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to this section.

## **SECTION 18 – ACCESS TO RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUDITS**

- A. The Contractor shall maintain books, records and documents directly pertinent to performance under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. The District, the State, inspector general or their authorized representatives shall have access to such records for audit purposes during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years following Agreement completion. In the event any work is subcontracted, the Contractor shall similarly require each subcontractor to maintain and allow access to such records for audit purposes.
- B. Contractor shall comply with Florida Public Records law under Chapter 119, F.S. Records made or received in conjunction with this Agreement are public records under Florida law, as defined in Section 119.011(12), F.S. and Contractor shall keep and maintain such records as required by Florida Public Records law.

- C. This Agreement may be unilaterally canceled by the District for unlawful refusal by the Contractor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Agreement and subject to disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I, Florida Constitution.
- D. If the Contractor meets the definition of “Contractor” found in Section 119.0701(1)(a), F.S., [i.e. an individual, partnership, corporation, or business entity that enters into a contract for services with a public agency and is acting on behalf of the public agency], then the following requirements apply:
- i. A request to inspect or copy public records relating to this Agreement for services must be made directly to the District. If this District does not possess the requested records, the Contractor must provide the records to the District or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time. If the Contractor fails to provide the public records to the District within a reasonable time, the Contractor may be subject to penalties under s. 119, F.S. or as otherwise provided by law.
  - ii. Upon request from the District’s custodian of public records, the Contractor shall provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 199, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law. All records that are stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with current information systems.
  - iii. The Contractor shall identify and ensure that all public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the District.
  - iv. Upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall transfer, at no cost to the District, all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the services under this Agreement. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the District, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.
- E. **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, OR TO THE CONTRACTOR’S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE DISTRICT’S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS BY TELEPHONE AT (850) 539-5999; BY EMAIL AT [OMBUDSMAN@NFWWATER.COM](mailto:OMBUDSMAN@NFWWATER.COM); OR BY MAIL AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, 81 WATER MANAGEMENT DRIVE, HAVANA, FL 32333.**



**SECTION 19 – FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES AND REMEDIES**

- A. Each longleaf pine tubeling order issued will include a schedule for the assigned deliverables. In accordance with s. 287.058(1)(h), F.S., the District will apply financial consequences for nonperformance as follows:
  - i. If the Contractor fails to render the quantity of longleaf pine tubelings ordered in a given contract year or the longleaf pine tubelings are not delivered to the District by March 1 of each contract year that tubelings are ordered, the price paid per thousand tubelings will be reduced by fifteen percent (15%) for all tubelings delivered on or after March 1.
- B. Cumulative Remedies. The rights and remedies of the District in this Section 18 are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

**SECTION 20 – EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which together shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.

**SECTION 21 – AGREEMENT AS INCLUDING ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including EXHIBIT 1: CONTRACTOR’S BID submitted for ITB No. 20B-006, the District’s Invitation to Bid package, and supporting documents, hereby incorporated by reference, makes up the entire contract of the parties. There are no provisions, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communication, representation, or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the District and the Contractor have executed this Agreement as of the last date below written.

**<Insert Contractor Name>**

**Northwest Florida Water  
Management District**

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

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brett J. Cyphers  
Executive Director

Print Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT 1**

**CONTRACTOR'S BID**

*(To be added after contract award)*