



Rizzetta & Company

# **Portico Community Development District**

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**Board of Supervisors' Meeting  
May 20, 2021**

**District Office:  
9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206  
Fort Myers, Florida 33912  
(239) 936-0913**

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## **PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida 33912

<b>Board of Supervisors</b>	Russell Smith	Chairman
	Barry Ernst	Vice Chairman
	Chris Hasty	Assistant Secretary
	Scott Edwards	Assistant Secretary
	VACANT	Board Supervisor
<b>District Manager</b>	Belinda Blandon	Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
<b>District Counsel</b>	Tucker Mackie	Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
<b>District Engineer</b>	Brent Burford	Johnson Engineering, Inc.

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May 12, 2021

Board of Supervisors  
**Portico Community  
Development District**

## AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Portico Community Development District will be held on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the office of Rizzetta & Company, Inc., located at 9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida 33912. The following is the agenda for this meeting:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
  - A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on February 18, 2021 ..... Tab 1
  - B. Consideration of Operations and Maintenance Expenditures for the Months of February, March and April 2021 ..... Tab 2
- 4. BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - A. Consideration of Audit Committee Recommendation
  - B. Consideration of RWA Engineering Proposal for District Engineering Services..... Tab 3
  - C. Review of HGS Memo Regarding Amended Rules of Procedure ..... Tab 4
    1. Review of Redline Rules of Procedure ..... Tab 5
  - D. Presentation of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Tab 6
    1. Consideration of Resolution 2021-04, Approving a Proposed Budget and Setting a Public Hearing Thereon ..... Tab 7
  - F. Review and Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding E-Verify ..... Tab 8
  - E. Presentation of Registered Voter Count ..... Tab 9
- 5. STAFF REPORTS**
  - A. District Counsel
  - B. District Engineer
  - C. District Manager
- 6. SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (239) 936-0913.

Very truly yours,  
*Belinda Blandon*  
Belinda Blandon  
District Manager

cc: Tucker Mackie, Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.

# Tab 1

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

*Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.*

**PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Portico Community Development District was held on **Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 10:02 a.m.** at the office of Rizzetta & Company, Inc., located at 9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida 33912.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Russell Smith	<b>Board Supervisor, Chairman</b>
Barry Ernst	<b>Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman</b>
Scott Edwards	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
Chris Hasty	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>

Also present were:

Belinda Blandon	<b>District Manager, Rizzetta &amp; Company, Inc.</b>
Tucker Mackie	<b>District Counsel, Hopping Green &amp; Sams P.A.</b> <b>(via speaker phone)</b>
Deb Sier	<b>District Counsel, Hopping Green &amp; Sams P.A.</b> <b>(via speaker phone)</b>
Brent Burford	<b>District Engineer, Johnson Engineering, Inc.</b> <b>(via speaker phone)</b>

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Ms. Blandon called the meeting to order and read the roll call.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comment**

Ms. Blandon stated for the record that no members of the public were present.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the  
Landowner Meeting held on November  
19, 2020**

Ms. Blandon presented the Minutes of the Landowner meeting held on November 19, 2020, and asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes. There were none.

On a Motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Edwards, with all in favor, the Board Accepted the Minutes of the Landowner Meeting held on November 19, 2020, for the Portico Community Development District.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on  
November 19, 2020**

Ms. Blandon presented the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting held on November 19, 2020, and asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes. There were none.

On a Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ernst, with all in favor, the Board Approved the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on November 19, 2020, for the Portico Community Development District.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of the Operations and  
Maintenance Expenditures for the  
Months of November and December  
2020 and January 2021**

Ms. Blandon advised the expenditures for the period of November 1-30, 2020 total \$9,245.56, the expenditures for the period of December 1-31, 2020 total \$10,446.34 and the expenditures for the period of January 1-31, 2021 total \$17,356.28. She asked if there were any questions regarding any item of expenditure. There were none.

On a Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Edwards, with all in favor, the Board Approved the Operations and Maintenance Expenditures for the Month of November 2020 (\$9,245.56), the Month of December 2020 (\$10,446.34) and the Month of January 2021 (\$17,356.28), for the Portico Community Development District.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Earth Tech  
Environmental Proposal for the 2021  
Renewal for Quarterly Preserve  
Maintenance**

Ms. Blandon presented the proposal received from Earth Tech Environmental for the 2021 renewal for quarterly preserve maintenance advising that there is no proposed increase to the contract. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

On a Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ernst, with all in favor, the Board Approved the Earth Tech Environmental Proposal for the 2021 Renewal for Quarterly Preserve Maintenance, for the Portico Community Development District.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Aquagenix Proposals**

Ms. Bandon advised that Aquagenix submitted three proposals: a contract addendum to add maintenance of the 4.7 acre marsh in the amount of \$5,000.00, marsh area tree removal in the amount of \$3,850.00, and lake maintenance addendum to increase service to four visits per month in the amount of \$41,000.00. Ms. Bandon advised that four visits per month for lake maintenance seems to be excessive.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Solitude Lake Management Proposal for Lake Management Services**

Ms. Bandon advised that a proposal was received from Solitude Lake Management for aquatic services, in the amount of \$29,676 which includes two visits per month.

On a Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hasty, with all in favor, the Board Approved the Solitude Lake Management Proposal, Subject to providing Notice to Aquagenix of the Cancellation of their Contract and Subject to Preparation of an Agreement by Counsel, for the Portico Community Development District.

Ms. Bandon inquired as to whether the tree removal in the marsh area should be conducted; she advised that the trees are native. Mr. Smith recommended not removing native vegetation.

Ms. Mackie inquired as to the concerns related to debris removal. Ms. Bandon advised that debris removal is a part of the Solitude contract and she has not been receiving complaints related to debris.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Appointment of an Audit Committee and Scheduling of the First Meeting of the Committee**

Ms. Bandon provided an overview of the Auditor selection process and asked the Board to appoint an Audit Committee and set the first meeting of the Committee; she recommended that the Board set the first meeting of the Committee for May 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

On a Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ernst, with all in favor, the Board Appointed Itself as the Audit Committee and Set the First Meeting of the Audit Committee for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., to be held at the Office of Rizzetta & Company Inc., Located at 9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida 33912, for the Portico Community Development District.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

A. District Counsel

Ms. Mackie advised that she had no report and so would ask that Ms. Sier provide information related to the E-Verify system. She asked if there were any questions for her.

Mr. Smith inquired as to the status of the land transfer related to the ponds. Ms. Mackie advised that Ms. Blandon has deeds for Mr. Smith to execute and upon receipt of the executed deeds they would be recorded.

Ms. Sier spoke regarding a new law effective as of January 1, 2021 related to an online E-Verify system which applies to the District; even though the District does not have employees, the District does have vendors with employees and therefore the District will need to register for E-Verify. She asked if there were any question. There were none.

On a Motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Hasty, with all in favor, the Board Authorized the Secretary of District to Sign on Behalf of the District Related to Registering with the E-Verify System, for the Portico Community Development District.

B. District Engineer

Mr. Burford advised that he had no report.

C. District Manager

Ms. Blandon advised the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Requests and Comments**

Ms. Blandon opened the floor for Supervisor requests or comments. There were none.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

Ms. Blandon advised there is no further business to come before the Board and asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a Motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Edwards, with all in favor, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m. for the Portico Community Development District.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/ Vice Chairman



# Tab 2

# PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICE · 12750 CITRUS PARK LANE · SUITE 115 · TAMPA, FLORIDA 33625

## **Operation and Maintenance Expenditures February 2021 For Board Approval**

Attached please find the check register listing the Operation and Maintenance expenditures paid from February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021. This does not include expenditures previously approved by the Board.

The total items being presented:                   **\$11,650.00**

Approval of Expenditures:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Secretary

## Portico Community Development District

### Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

February 1, 2021 Through February 28, 2021

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Description</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
Aquagenix Inc	002075	4101740	Aquatic Service 02/21	\$ 1,500.00
Aquagenix Inc	002071	4102971	Treatment of Marsh Lake C-4 01/21	\$ 3,600.00
Hopping Green & Sams	002076	120154	Professional Services 12/20	\$ 931.50
Johnson Engineering Inc	002072	20055880-001 INV#132	Engineering Services Through 01/17/21	\$ 1,398.75
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.	002073	INV0000056015	District Management Fees 02/21	\$ 3,991.25
Rizzetta Technology Services, LLC	002074	INV0000006812	Website Hosting Services 02/21	\$ 175.00
The Daily Breeze	002077	119435	Legal Advertising 02/10/21	<u>\$ 53.50</u>
<b>Report Total</b>				<b><u>\$ 11,650.00</u></b>

# PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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## **Operation and Maintenance Expenditures March 2021 For Board Approval**

Attached please find the check register listing the Operation and Maintenance expenditures paid from March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. This does not include expenditures previously approved by the Board.

The total items being presented:                   **\$11,429.62**

Approval of Expenditures:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Secretary

## Portico Community Development District

### Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

March 1, 2021 Through March 31, 2021

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Description</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
Aquagenix Inc	002083	4103802	Aquatic Service 03/21	\$ 1,500.00
Florida Power & Light Company	002078	Monthly Summary 02/21	Monthly Billing Summary 02/21	\$ 770.44
Florida Power & Light Company	002084	Monthly Summary 03/21	Electric Summary 03/21	\$ 701.36
Hopping Green & Sams	002082	120830	Professional Services 01/21	\$ 99.82
Johnson Engineering Inc	002079	20055880-001 INV#133	Engineering Services Through 02/14/21	\$ 1,593.75
Johnson Engineering Inc	002085	20055880-001 INV#134	Engineering Services Through 03/14/21	\$ 125.00
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.	002080	INV0000056982	District Management Fees 03/21	\$ 3,991.25
Rizzetta Technology Services, LLC	002081	INV0000006911	Website Hosting Services 03/21	\$ 175.00
Solitude Lake Mgmt, LLC	002086	PI-A00570764	Lake & Pond Management Services 03/21	\$ 2,473.00
<b>Report Total</b>				<b><u>\$ 11,429.62</u></b>

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## **Operation and Maintenance Expenditures April 2021 For Board Approval**

Attached please find the check register listing the Operation and Maintenance expenditures paid from April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. This does not include expenditures previously approved by the Board.

The total items being presented: **\$15,420.09**

Approval of Expenditures:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Secretary

## Portico Community Development District

### Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

April 1, 2021 Through April 30, 2021

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Description</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
Earth Tech Environmental, LLC	002092	7021	Preserve Maintenance 04/20	\$ 3,750.00
Florida Power & Light Company	002093	Monthly Summary 04/21	Monthly Summary 04/21	\$ 714.06
Hopping Green & Sams	002091	121492	Professional Services 02/21	\$ 1,937.40
Innersync Studio Ltd	002087	19377	CDD Website Services 04/21	\$ 384.38
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.	002088	INV0000057600	District Management Fees 04/21	\$ 3,991.25
Rizzetta Technology Services, LLC	002089	INV0000007395	Website Hosting Services 04/21	\$ 175.00
Solitude Lake Mgmt, LLC	002090	PI-A00572702	Spatterdock Treatment 03/21	\$ 1,600.00
Solitude Lake Mgmt, LLC	002094	PI-A00580592	Lake & Pond Management Services 04/21	\$ 2,473.00
Solitude Lake Mgmt, LLC	002094	PI-A00585607	Lake & Pond Management Services 04/21	\$ <u>395.00</u>
<b>Report Total</b>				<b><u>\$ 15,420.09</u></b>

# Tab 3





April 22, 2021

Portico Community Development District  
c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc.  
9530 Marketplace Road  
Suite 206  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

**Subject: Portico CDD – 2021 Engineering Services  
(RWA, Inc. File No. 070038.07.00)**

Dear Chairman and Board of Supervisors:

RWA, Inc. (consultant) is pleased to submit the following proposal for year **2021** Engineering Services for the Portico CDD. It is our understanding you desire Michael Pappas, PE of RWA, Inc to become the CDD District Engineer for Portico. Outlined below is our proposed scope of services for the project.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

**1.0 General Consultation**

- 1.1. Provide general consultation services as requested by, but not limited to the Board of Supervisors, District Manager and District attorney.
- 1.2. Preparation of reports or other activities as directed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 1.3. Periodic site visits to review CDD infrastructure.
- 1.4. Processing contractor's pay estimates.
- 1.5. Preparation of, and/or assistance with the preparation of, work authorizations, requisitions, change orders and acquisitions for review by the District Manager, District Counsel, and the Board.

**2.0 Board of Supervisor Meetings**

- 2.1. Prepare for and attend scheduled meetings of the District Board of Supervisors.
- 2.2. Follow-up on meeting requests or comments.

**3.0 Reimbursable Expenses**

- 3.1. Expenses for blueprints, reproduction services, overnight or express delivery services, and vehicle mileage, shall be reimbursable to Consultant.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FEES**

The professional service fee estimates for the associated scope of services are listed below.

<b><u>SCOPE OF SERVICES:</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>
1.0 General Consultation	\$ 8,000	T/M/E
2.0 Board of Supervisor Meetings	\$ 4,000	T/M/E
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	
Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 500	T/M/E

## **Excluded Services**

The professional services to be provided by the Consultant are limited to those described in the Scope of Services. All other services are specifically excluded.

## **Acceptance**

If this Proposal/Agreement satisfactorily sets forth Client's entire understanding of the agreement, please sign one copy of this agreement in the space provided and return it to RWA, Inc. as authorization to proceed with the work.

## **Owner/Client Authorization**

I hereby certify that the undersigned is the Agent to the Owner of the property that is the subject of this proposal. I hereby certify that the undersigned has the authorizing authority to execute this contract for professional services. I hereby authorize the performance of the services as described herein and agree to pay the charges resulting thereby as identified above in accordance with the attached Standard Business Terms and Conditions and Rate Code and Fee Schedule of RWA, Inc.

Accepted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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

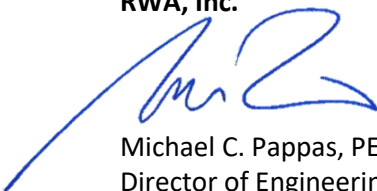
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Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

For: Portico Community Development District

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this professional service proposal. Please call if you have any questions. We will look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,  
**RWA, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Pappas", written over a horizontal line.

Michael C. Pappas, PE  
Director of Engineering

Enclosures: Rate Code and Fee Schedule  
Standard Business Terms and Conditions  
Billing Information



## Hourly Rate Code and Fee Schedule

Effective July 1, 2020

### SECTION 1: Hourly Rate Codes

Compensation for staff time attributable directly to the performance of the contract shall be in accordance with the following Hourly Fees:

#### ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

Classification	Hourly Rate
Project Engineer	\$95
Senior Project Engineer	\$110
Professional Engineer	\$125
Senior Professional Engineer	\$145
Project Manager	\$160
Senior Project Manager	\$175
Principal	\$210
Expert Witness	\$240

#### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Classification	Hourly Rate
CAD Technician 1	\$60
CAD Technician 2	\$70
CAD Technician 3	\$80
CAD Designer 1	\$90
CAD Designer 2	\$105
CAD Designer 3	\$110
Field Representative	\$90
Senior Field Representative	\$115

#### PLANNING CONSULTANT

Classification	Hourly Rate
Staff Planner	\$95
Senior Staff Planner	\$110
Project Planner	\$125
Senior Project Planner	\$145
Project Manager	\$160
Senior Project Manager	\$175
Principal	\$210

#### SURVEYING & MAPPING CONSULTANT

Classification	Hourly Rate
Staff Surveyor	\$95
Senior Staff Surveyor	\$110
Project Surveyor	\$125
Senior Project Surveyor	\$145
Project Manager	\$160
Senior Project Manager	\$175
Principal	\$210

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Classification	Hourly Rate
Project Coordinator I	\$85
Project Coordinator II	\$95
Senior Project Coordinator	\$105
Clerical	\$60
Administrative	\$70
Senior Administrative	\$80

#### SURVEYING FIELD CREWS

Classification	Hourly Rate
Party Chief	\$100
Senior Party Chief	\$110
Party Chief + Equipment	\$130
Senior Party Chief + Equipment	\$140
2 Man Crew + Equipment	\$155
Senior 2 Man Crew + Equipment	\$165

### SECTION 2: In-House Reimbursable Expense

Compensation for in-house items of expense and other charges incurred in connection with the performance of contract shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

#### Expense Items:

Vehicle Travel	\$0.575 per mile
Letter or Legal Copies (B&W)	\$0.15 per copy
Letter or Legal Copies (Color)	\$0.75 per copy
11" x 17" copies (B&W)	\$0.35 per copy
11" x 17" copies (Color)	\$1.50 per copy
Large Format Copies (24" x 36")	\$1.50 per copy
Paper Plot (24"x36")	\$4.75 per plot
Color Graphic (Image Quality)	\$10.00 per Square Foot
24"x36" Vellum Plot	\$7.00 per plot
24"x36" Mylar Plot	\$9.00 per plot

### SECTION 3: Peripheral Reimbursable Expenses

Compensation for purchases, items of expense, and other charges not scheduled above, incurred in connection with the performance of contract, shall be reimbursed at cost plus 10%.

### SECTION 4: Interest Charge

Interest rate of 1-1/2% per month will be charged on invoices not paid within 30 days.

### SECTION 5: Rate Revisions

Charges are subject to revision on or after January 1, 2021.



## **REQUIRED BILLING INFORMATION**

*IN ORDER TO ENSURE OUR INVOICES ARE ISSUED CORRECTLY, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:*

### **INVOICE ADDRESSEE INFORMATION:**

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY, STATE & ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PO # (IF REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF SPECIAL INVOICING PAY APPLICATION OR PAY REQUEST FORMS ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE  
PROVIDE A COPY**



## STANDARD BUSINESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These Standard Terms and Business Conditions (these "Terms and Conditions") are attached to, and made part of, certain Proposals or Agreements for services by RWA Inc. (The Design Professional) to the Client identified below (the "Client"). These Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be incorporated within such Proposals or Agreements. As used in these Terms and Conditions, the term "This Agreement" shall refer to these Terms and Conditions together with such Proposals and Agreements.

### 1.0 Access To Site:

Unless Client provides written notice to the contrary to the Design Professional, the Design Professional will have access to the Client's site for activities necessary for the performance of the services. The Design Professional will take precautions to minimize damage resulting from these activities, but has not included in the fee the cost of restoration of any resulting damage and will not be liable to the Client or any third party for any such damage except to the extent expressly provided in the Terms and Conditions. The Client agrees to investigate for and notify the Design Professional of any and all dangerous or harmful conditions on or around the site and the Client will be liable for any damage to the Design Professional's property and equipment or any injury to the Design Professional's personnel resulting from any such condition.

### 2.0 Information from Client:

The Client will provide all information requested by the Design Professional including, but not limited to, supporting information, extraordinary project considerations, special services required, deeds, easements, rights of way, and all other information requested by the Design Professional in order for the Design Professional to provide the services described in the Agreement. The Design Professional shall be entitled to rely upon such information and shall have no liability as a result of any inaccuracy or incompleteness of any such information.

### 3.0 Dispute Resolution:

Any claims or disputes made during design, construction or post-construction between the Client and the Design Professionals shall first be submitted to pre-suit mediation. Prior to the filing of any litigation by the Client or the Design Professional against the other (and, except as described below, as a precondition to any such filing), the Client and the Design Professional shall engage in pre-suit mediation. Such mediation may be requested by either party, at any time, and shall be conducted the same as if such mediation were ordered by a Florida Circuit Court (i.e., in accordance with, and subject to, all of the laws and rules applicable to court ordered mediation). Such mediation shall be conducted within a reasonable period of time after the same is requested in writing by either party. If the parties are unable to agree upon the selection of a mediator, either party may petition or request the Circuit Court in the county in which the Project is located (or the Mediation Coordinator, if any, for the Courts of the county in which the Project is located) to appoint a mediator. A mediator who is so appointed may only be challenged for cause, and not peremptorily. While the request for and the conducting of such a mediation shall be a precondition to the filing of a civil action, in the event that either party is in jeopardy of losing its right to sue (e.g., the statute of limitations is about to expire), then a suit may be filed before mediation is conducted, provided that mediation is requested before, or simultaneously with, the filing of such suit, and is conducted before the named defendant in the suit is required to respond to the Complaint. If the scheduling of the mediation requires, the plaintiff in the suit shall therefore grant the defendant an appropriate extension of time to respond to the Complaint so as to permit the mediation to be conducted before the defendant must so respond.

The Client and the Design Professional agree that any litigation between them arising out of, resulting from or relating to this Agreement or the Project shall be venued, and shall only be venued (i.e., exclusively), in a state court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the Project is located.

In the event of any litigation between the Client and the Design Professional arising out of, resulting from or relating to this Agreement or the Project, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, at the trial and at all appellate levels.

The Client and the Design Professional agree to include this pre-suit mediation obligation in any agreements or contracts with all contractors, sub-contractors, sub-consultants, suppliers and fabricators, thereby providing for pre-suit mediation as the first method for dispute resolution among all parties. In the event that such pre-suit mediation does not resolve all of the issues among the parties, the parties may then seek other relief in law or at equity.

### 4.0 Standard of Care and Allocation of Risk:

The Design Professional's services under this Agreement will be consistent with the degree of care and skill exercised by reasonably prudent members of the Design Professional's profession who are acting in the community in which the services are provided under similar circumstances. If the Design Professional's services fall below this standard of care, then the Client will provide notice of the same to the Design Professional and allow the Design Professional an opportunity to correct such services before the Design Professional shall be liable for any damages suffered or incurred by the Client as a result of such failure of the Design Professional to meet the aforesaid standard of care.

The Design Professional and the Client recognize that this Project involves risk. The Client and the Design Professional have had the opportunity to consider the relative risks, rewards and benefits of the project to both the Client and the Design Professional and desire to allocate the risks in light of these rewards and benefits. While the Design Professional shall be liable for its negligent acts and errors, the Design Professional and the Client hereby agree as follows regarding the Design Professional's liability arising out of or relating to this Agreement and/or the Project to which it relates: (i) in relation to any

negligent omissions by the Design Professional, the Design Professional's liability shall be limited to the cost, expenses or damages suffered or incurred by the Client as a result or consequence of any such negligent omissions, but in no event shall the Design Professional be liable for the cost of the labor, equipment, services or materials which the Design Professional negligently omitted which, if they had not been omitted, would have been included in the Project and paid for by the Client in any event; and (ii) in relation to both the provisions of "(i)" just preceding this clause, and in relation to any and all other claims for losses, expenses, costs, liabilities and damages of any kind whatsoever, whether based on negligence, breach of contract, strict liability, or any other cause of action, for which the Design Professional may otherwise be liable, the Client agrees that the maximum amount for which the Design Professional may be responsible or liable is \$10,000.00, or the Design Professional's fees in relation to this Project, whichever is less.

**FURTHER AS PART OF THIS ALLOCATION OF RISK AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 558.0035 THE CLIENT AGREES AND WILL NOT HOLD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE ANY DESIGN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE OR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL AGENT OF THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL FOR ANY ECONOMIC DAMAGES, EXCEPT THOSE DAMAGES INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURIES OR THOSE TO PROPERTY NOT THE SUBJECT OF THIS AGREEMENT, THAT MAY RESULT FROM NEGLIGENCE OCCURRING WITHIN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.** It is the intent of the Design Professional

and Client that this allocation of risk and limitation of liability comply fully with Florida law in all respects. If any word, clause or provision of this Limitation of Liability section is determined not to be in compliance with Florida law, it shall be stricken and the remaining words, clauses and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

### 5.0 Waiver of Consequential Damages

Any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, except as expressly set forth in clause "(i)" of the Standard of Care and Allocation of Risk section set forth above, neither the Client nor the Design Professional, or any of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants, shall be liable to the other, or shall make any claim, for any incidental, indirect, resulting or consequential damages arising out of or connected in any way to this Project or to this Agreement. This mutual waiver of incidental, indirect, resulting and consequential damages shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, any and all claims for loss of use, loss of profit, loss of business, loss of income, loss of reputation or any other form of incidental, indirect, resulting or consequential damages that either party may have incurred, regardless of whether or not any such party's cause of action is based upon contract, tort, statute or otherwise. Both the Client and the Design Professional shall require similar waivers of incidental, indirect, resulting and consequential damages protecting all the entities and persons named herein in all contracts and subcontracts with others involved in this Project; provided, however, that the failure to require such waivers shall not in any way negate the full extent of the waiver expressed in this paragraph as between the Client and the Design Professional.

### 6.0 Indemnification:

In addition, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Client will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Design Professional, its officers, directors, employees, agents and sub-consultants (collectively for this Indemnification section Design Professional) against all damages, liabilities or costs including reasonable attorney's fees and defense costs, arising out of or in any way connected with this Project or the performance by any of the parties above named of the services under this Agreement, excepting only those damages, liabilities or costs attributable to



the negligence acts or negligent failure to act by the Design Professional. The amount of such indemnification shall not exceed, per occurrence, the total contract price. For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the "Total Contract Price" is the aggregate price to be paid by the Client to the Design Professional for all services rendered to the Client pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

Client's duty to defend under this Indemnification section is independent and separate from the duty to indemnify, and the duty to defend exists regardless of any ultimate liability of Design Professional. The duty to defend arises immediately upon presentation of a claim by any party and written notice of such claim being provided to the Client.

The Client's obligation to indemnify and defend the Design Professional will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement until it is determined by final judgment that an action against the Design Professional for any matter indemnified hereunder is fully and finally barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

If any word, clause or provision of this Indemnification section is determined not to be in compliance with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, including any amendments thereto, it shall be stricken and the remaining words, clauses and provisions shall remain in full force and effect. It is the intent of the Client and the Design Professional that this indemnification comply fully with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, including any amendments thereto, in all respects.

The Client and the Design Professional agree that the limitation of the indemnification to the Total Contract Price is a monetary indemnification limitation figure which bears a commercially reasonable relationship to this Agreement. Furthermore, this indemnification is in addition to and not in lieu of any common law indemnification to which the Design Professional is entitled.

#### **7.0 Public Agency:**

To the extent that the Client is a public agency and the public agency Client requires that the Design Professional indemnify the public agency client, the Design Professional will indemnify and hold harmless the public agency Client, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent such liabilities, damages, losses or costs are caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Design Professional, the Design Professional's employees or persons utilized by the Design Professional in the performance of this Agreement.

The public agency Client and the Design Professional agree that the amount of the Design Professional's indemnification shall not exceed the total contract price paid to the Design Professional by the public agency Client. For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the "Total Contract Price" is the aggregate price to be paid by the public agency Client to the Design Professional for all services rendered to the public agency Client pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

If any word, clause or provision of section 7.0 is determined not to be in compliance with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, and Section 725.08, including any amendments thereto, it shall be stricken and the remaining words, clauses and provisions shall remain in full force and effect. It is the intent of the public agency Client and the Design Professional that this indemnification comply fully with Section 725.06 and Section 725.08, Florida Statutes, including any amendments thereto, in all respects. The public agency Client and the Design Professional agree that the limitation of the indemnification to the Total Contract Price is a monetary indemnification limitation figure which bears a commercially reasonable relationship to this Agreement.

Section 7.0 does not apply to any Client that is not a public agency.

#### **8.0 Billings/Payments:**

The Design Professionals' standard billing rates will increase annually to reflect increases in inflation. Time and Material Expenses ("T/M/E") fees shall be billed monthly based on the time and materials expenses incurred to the billing date, plus reimbursable expenses, in accordance with the Design Professionals' Rate Code Schedule in effect at the time services are rendered. Any T/M/E estimate is for informational purposes only. The actual fee may be more or less than the estimate and is based on the Rate Code Schedule in effect at the time services are rendered. Lump sum fees shall be billed monthly based on a percentage of the Design Professional's agreement of scope completion. If extra or additional work is ordered, the Design Professionals will be paid on a time and materials basis in the absence of any other express written agreement between the parties.

Invoices shall be payable within 30 days after the invoice date. The progress of the Design Professionals' service requires prompt payment. Past due amounts may incur a late fee of 1.5 % per month and the Design Professionals can, upon giving 7 days written notice to the Client, suspend services until payment in full is received (in addition to any other remedy available to the Design Professionals). Retainers shall be credited on the final invoice. The Design Professionals are entitled to collect reasonable fees and costs, including collection agency fees, attorney's fees and interest, as required to obtain collection of any fees under this Agreement. The Client acknowledges that the Design Professionals will invoice once each month. If the Client has any questions on the invoice, the Client agrees to send documentation noting the disputed charges to the Design Professionals' project manager within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of the invoice. Failure of the Client to provide such notice to the Design Professionals within this period shall be deemed an acceptance by the Client that the invoice is correctly rendered to the Client and therefore payable within the prescribed time. In the event of disputed or contested billing, only that portion so contested may be withheld from payment, and the undisputed portion will be paid by the Client without delay. No interest will accrue on any contested portion of the billing until the dispute is mutually resolved, so long as such dispute was made in good

faith. The Client will exercise reasonableness in contesting any billing or portion thereof. Should the Client fail to pay the Design Professionals when payment is due, such failure shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. In such event, the Design Professionals' may seek all available remedies under this Agreement, at law or in equity. Failure of the Design Professionals to immediately assert a claim for such breach will not be deemed a waiver of the Design Professionals' right to assert such claim or any other claim.

#### **9.0 Reimbursables:**

Project related expenses such as travel; lodging; subsistence; long distance communication; postage; shipping; reports, drawing and/or specification reproduction; and Client authorized overtime, are all reimbursable expenses. Unit billings will be charged per the Design Professional's current rate code schedule. Out-of-pocket expenses will be billed at cost plus ten percent (10%).

#### **10.0 Taxes**

In the event that any taxes or fees on the Design Professional's services or reimbursable expenses are imposed by any governmental authority, the same shall be added to the Design Professional invoices under this Agreement, and shall be the responsibility of the Client.

#### **11.0 Adjustment of Hourly Rates and Renegotiation of Fees**

Hourly rates and all rates in the Design Professional's current rate code schedule are subject to periodic review and adjustment. Moreover, the Design Professional reserves the right to renegotiate fixed fees to reflect changes in price indices and pay scales applicable to the period when services are rendered. The Design Professional and the Client agree to exercise good faith in any such renegotiation.

#### **12.0 Budgetary Limitations**

The Client shall advise the Design Professional in writing either before execution, or within 15 days of execution, of this Agreement, of any budgetary limitations for the overall Project Cost or Construction Cost. The Design Professional will endeavor to work within those limitations. However, the Design Professional does not guarantee that any opinions it may render regarding the probable cost of construction or of any aspect of the Project will not differ materially from quoted fees, submitted bids, negotiated prices or actual costs ultimately incurred. If Client wishes greater assurance as to probable construction costs, or if formal estimates are otherwise desired, the Client must employ the services of an independent cost estimator.

#### **13.0 Excluded Services**

The Design Professional will provide only those services described in the Scope of Services that is a part of this Agreement. The Design Professional shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any services beyond those specifically described in the Scope of Services, and any and all other services are specifically excluded.

#### **14.0 Construction Phase**

During any site visits or when the Design Professional otherwise observes the contractor's(s') work in progress, the Design Professional shall not supervise, direct or have control over the contractor's(s') work, nor shall the Design Professional have any authority over, or responsibility for, the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction selected by the contractor(s), or for any safety precautions or programs incident to the work of the contractor(s), or for any failure of the contractor(s) in furnishing or performing its(their) work. The Design Professional neither guarantees the performance of any construction contracts by contractor(s), nor assumes responsibility or liability for the contractor's(s') failure to furnish or perform its(their) work in accordance with the applicable contract documents.

#### **15.0 Legal Interpretations Not Provided**

The services and work proposed to be performed pursuant to this Agreement are based upon the services of a professional engineer, professional land surveyor and/or professional land planner, and do not and will not under any circumstances constitute the rendering of legal advice, legal opinions or legal services. Any interpretation of laws, rules, regulations or ordinances are based solely upon the professional opinions of the Design Professional as a design professional. The Client understands that the same are not intended as legal opinions, and the Client shall in any and all such instances secure adequate legal counsel as may be needed for the Client's needs related to the Project.

#### **16.0 Cooperation with Other Consultants or Client's Attorney**

A number of issues may arise relating to this Project for which legal advice and services may be required. Any and all legal advice or services are beyond the scope of this Agreement, and the Client agrees that the Client shall retain such attorneys as may be necessary in order to render legal advice and services as needed for the Project. Such attorneys shall participate as professional team members, and the Client will serve as project coordinator between the Design Professional and such attorneys and any and all other consultants or professionals who may be necessary for the success of the Project, and the Client shall ensure the cooperation with the Design Professional of such attorneys and other consultants who have contracted directly with the Client. The fees and costs billed by such attorneys and other consultants shall be the sole responsibility of the Client, and the Design Professional shall have no responsibility or liability therefore whatsoever.

#### **17.0 Permit and Application Fees:**

The Client shall pay all permit and application fees required for project approvals directly to the authority having jurisdiction.

#### **18.0 De Minimis Claims:**

The Client agrees not to sue and otherwise to make no claim directly or indirectly against the Design Professionals on the basis of negligence, intentional tort, breach of contract or otherwise with respect to





any act or omission of the Design Professionals unless the aggregate amount of such claim exceeds \$2,000. If a claim exceeds \$2,000, the Client may seek the entire amount of the claim (subject to the other provisions in these Terms and Conditions), including the first \$2,000.

#### 19.0 Termination for Cause

This Agreement may be terminated by the Client upon 30 days' written notice in the event of a material breach hereof by the Design Professional, provided that the Design Professional does not cure such material breach within the 30-day period after it receives written notice of the same (describing the alleged breach in detail) or, in relation to matters which cannot be cured within such 30 days, unless the Design Professional has failed to initiate reasonable steps to cure such breach. In the event of a cure or the undertaking of reasonable steps to cure by the Design Professional within such 30-day period, the Client shall have no right to terminate for cause. This Agreement may be terminated by the Design Professional in the event that any of its statements have not been paid within seventy days of the date when such payment was due, provided that the Client shall have the right to cure such default by making payment (including applicable interest) within seven days of its receipt of a written notice from the Design Professional describing the default in payment.

#### 19.1 Termination for Convenience

This Agreement may be terminated for convenience by the Client upon 30 days' advance written notice to the Design Professional. In such event, the Design Professional shall be entitled to be compensated for all services performed, and to be reimbursed for all reimbursable expenses incurred, through the effective date of termination; provided, however, that the Design Professional shall also be entitled to a termination expense equal to 10% of the total amount of fees to which the Design Professional is entitled through the effective date of termination. The Design Professional shall also have the right to terminate this Agreement for convenience upon 30 days' written notice to the Client, in which event the Design Professional shall be entitled to be compensated for all services rendered, and to be reimbursed for all reimbursable expenses reasonably incurred, through the effective date of termination. In the event of such a termination for convenience by either the Client or the Design Professional, all such amounts shall be paid to the Design Professional no later than 15 days following the effective date of such a termination for convenience. In either event, the amounts set forth herein shall be the sole amounts the Design Professional is entitled to receive and, in the event of a termination for convenience, neither party shall have any liability to the other for breach of contract as a result of such a termination for convenience.

#### 20.0 Ownership of Documents:

All documents and other materials produced by the Design Professionals under this Agreement shall remain the property of the Design Professionals and may not be used by the Client for any other endeavor without the written consent of the Design Professionals.

#### 21.0 Sub-consultant & Out-of-Pocket Expenses:

Sub-consultant contracts and out-of-pocket expenses will be administered at cost plus 10% of the sub-consultant contract fee or expenses incurred in connection to contract related work.

#### 22.0 Environmental Conditions:

It is acknowledged by the parties that the Design Professional's scope of services does not include any services related to the presence at the site of asbestos, PCBs, petroleum, hazardous waste or radioactive materials. The Client acknowledges that the Design Professional is performing professional services for the Client and the Design Professional is not and shall not be required to become an "arranger," "operator," "generator" or "transporter" of hazardous substances, as those terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1990.

The Client will provide a site that complies with all applicable laws and regulations, and the Client will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Design Professional, and its officers, directors, employees, agents, servants and representatives, from any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, which arise out of or relate to the presence of any asbestos, PCB, petroleum, radioactive materials, or other hazardous or toxic materials on the Project site. In the event any asbestos, PCB, petroleum, radioactive materials, or other hazardous or toxic materials are found to be present on the Project site, the Design Professional may, at its option and without any liability for any direct, incidental or consequential damages, suspend services until the Client (acting through appropriate specialist consultants) abates or removes any and all such asbestos, PCB, petroleum, radioactive materials, or hazardous or toxic materials from the Project site.

The Design Professional and the Client recognize that it is difficult to quantify or predict the extent of indemnification necessary to Section 22.0 beforehand and therefore agree not to assign a monetary limitation as to the indemnification obligation assumed by the Client in Section 22.0. The Client and the Design Professional agree that the indemnification in section 22.0, given the difficulty and uncertainty in predicting the extent of any discovery of asbestos, PCB, petroleum, radioactive materials, or other hazardous or toxic materials on the Project site, nevertheless bears a commercially reasonable relationship to this Agreement.

Client's duty to defend under this Indemnification section is independent and separate from the duty to indemnify. The indemnification in section 22.0 is in addition to and not in lieu of any common law indemnification to which the Design Professional is entitled.

If any word, clause or provision of this Indemnification section is determined not to be in compliance with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, including any amendments thereto, it shall be stricken and the remaining words, clauses and provisions shall remain in full force and effect. It is the intent of the Client and the Design Professional that this indemnification comply fully with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, including any amendments thereto, in all respects.

#### 23.0 Project Delays:

The Client recognizes and agrees that various factors outside of the control of the Design Professional can delay the performance of the work, the issuance of permits and licenses, and the overall construction of the project. The Client agrees that it shall not be entitled to any claim for damages against the Design Professional on account of delays from any cause whatsoever beyond the control of the Design Professional, including, but not limited to: the production of contract documents; issuance of permits from any government or agency; beginning or completion of construction; fire; inability to obtain materials; acts of god; severe weather; acts of war or terror; threatened acts of war or terror, or performance by any other party of any phase of the work pursuant to this Agreement. The Client hereby waives any claim for such delays against the Design Professional and, in the event of any such delay, the period of time for performance by the Design Professional shall be extended by the amount of such delay. Permitting is a regulatory function and the Design Professional does not guarantee issuance of any permit or imply any ability to expedite such issuance.

#### 24.0 Agreement Not to Hire Employees

In consideration of the services to be provided by Design Professional pursuant hereto and, in recognition of the time and expenses incurred by the Design Professional in the hiring and training of its employees, Client hereby agrees that, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of one year following the date of termination of this Agreement, Client will not solicit for employment, offer employment to, or engage or hire (either as an employee, leased employee, or as an independent contractor) any person who, during the term of this Agreement, was an employee of the Design Professional. The Client acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a breach of this provision (which, by its own terms, will survive the termination of this Agreement), the Client will pay the Design Professional liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, an amount equal to one year's compensation of the employee who has been hired, based upon the compensation that was being paid to such employee immediately prior to his or her termination of employment with the Design Professional. Client and Design Professional may, by mutual agreement, elect to waive this provision.

#### 25.0 General:

This Agreement constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and conversations, oral or written, on said subject matter. The provisions contained in this Agreement are severable. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement are unenforceable under applicable law, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and such unenforceable provision shall be deemed modified to the minimal extent necessary to become enforceable under applicable law. Neither party may assign or delegate its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party and any such attempted assignment or delegation is void (except that the Design Professional may assign or delegate its rights or obligations to an affiliated entity or, in the event of a change of control of the Design Professional, to its successor entity). The failure of either party to require strict performance by the other shall not constitute a waiver of any of such party's rights pursuant to this Agreement, or to thereafter require strict performance by the other party. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. This Agreement (1) may not be amended in the absence of a writing signed by each party, and (2) is governed by the laws of the state of Florida.



# Tab 4

# Hopping Green & Sams

Attorneys and Counselors

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Portico Community Development District  
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tucker F. Mackie

RE: Updated Provisions of the District's Rules of Procedure

DATE: May 20, 2021

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Please find attached to this memorandum an updated version of the Portico Community Development District's (the "District's") Rules of Procedure (the "Rules"). Several substantive revisions were made to maintain consistency between the Rules and the current Florida Statutes, including changes implemented in the most recent legislative session, as well as to facilitate greater efficiency in the operation of the District. An explanation of each material change to the Rules is provided below. Minor formatting changes and edits are not discussed. Should you have any questions regarding the revisions to the Rules, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [TuckerM@hgslaw.com](mailto:TuckerM@hgslaw.com) or via phone at 850-222-7500.

### Costs Associated With Public Records Requests (Pages 8–9)

Language was added to Rule 1.2(4) to reflect statutory language regarding calculation of special charges for responding to certain public records requests, and to state that the District is under no duty to produce requested records if the requestor has not paid the required costs or has outstanding charges. The language will help minimize expenses incurred by the District in responding to public records requests.

### Financial Disclosure Coordination (Page 9)

Rule 1.2(7) was added to maintain consistency with legislation that was passed during the 2019 legislative session. The rule designates the Secretary as the District's Financial Disclosure Coordinator (the "Coordinator") (unless the District designates otherwise by resolution) and requires the Coordinator to create, maintain, and update certain records and provide them to the Florida Commission on Ethics by certain deadlines. Each Supervisor or other Reporting Individual must notify the Coordinator in writing if there are changes to his or her name, e-mail address, or physical address, and must notify the Commission on Ethics of changes to his or her e-mail address.

### Agenda and Meeting Materials (Page 11)

Rule 1.3(3) was amended to reflect statutory requirements that the agenda and meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding confidential and exempt information, shall be

made available to the public at least seven days before a meeting, hearing, or workshop. The amended rule also clarifies circumstances in which the agenda may be amended or additional materials added after initial posting. It additionally specifies which documents constitute “meeting materials.” Documents that do not meet the definition of “meeting materials” may still be provided to the Board, but will be considered supplementary materials and are not required to be made available to the public before the meeting. Supplementary materials may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: financial statements, informational reports, and copies of receipts and invoices.

#### Flexibility for Board Authorization (Page 13)

Language was added to Rule 1.3(11) to allow the Board to waive formal approval or disapproval procedures. This will allow the Board flexibility to use different procedures when necessary and will protect the validity of the Board’s actions where there is a technical irregularity but the Board has otherwise made its decision clear.

#### Security and Firesafety Board Discussions (Page 14)

Rule 1.3(14) was added to reflect the fact that portions of a meeting which would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by Florida law are exempt from Florida’s statutory public meeting requirements. Including this rule will clarify the procedures the Board should use to ensure that confidential and exempt information is not made public.

#### Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse (Page 15)

Rule 1.4 was added to reflect legislative changes enacted in the 2019 legislative session requiring special districts to establish and maintain internal controls to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. Our office plans to work with the District Manager and auditor to develop the internal controls, which the Board will adopt in the same manner as it does policies.

#### Notice of Competitive Solicitation (Pages 27 and 36)

Rules 3.1(3) and 3.3(2)(c) have been amended to state that when a consultant has asked to be provided with notice of the District’s competitive solicitations, the District Manager’s failure to provide them with a copy of the notice will not give them bid protest rights or otherwise disqualify the District’s otherwise valid procurement. This will reduce the District’s exposure to potential bid protests and decrease the likelihood of a procurement being considered invalid due to a technical irregularity.

#### Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection (Page 31)

Language has been added to the introductory paragraph to Rule 3.2 to clarify that the District need not use the procedures set out by the Rule for audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but which do not meet the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes.

Additionally, the requirements for composition of the Auditor Selection Committee in Rule 3.2(2) have been amended to reflect legislation passed during the 2019 legislative session. Now, at

least one individual on the Committee must be a member of the Board; the Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board; and an employee, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer of the District may not be a member of the Committee but may serve in an advisory capacity.

#### Contract Periods (Pages 34, 56, and 59)

Rules 3.2(8)(d), 3.8(5), and 3.9(4) have been amended to set the maximum contract period for auditing services, the maximum renewal period for contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, materials, and the maximum renewal period for contracts for maintenance services at five (5) years. This will provide greater specificity to guide contract terms.

#### Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification (Pages 40–42)

Rule 3.4(3) has been added to specify the procedures to be used if the District wishes to suspend, revoke, or deny a pre-qualified vendor's pre-qualified status. It specifies what constitutes good cause for such suspension, revocation, or denial; the effect of the suspension, revocation, or denial; hearing procedures the District must follow; and factors influencing the time period of the suspension, revocation, or denial.

#### Protest Bonds (Pages 61–62)

Rule 3.11(1)(c) has been amended to require that both the requirement for and the amount of the protest bond be disclosed in the competitive solicitation documents, and to allow the amount of the bond to be any amount within the limits imposed by Florida law.

### Minor Changes

The following minor changes have also been made to the Rules:

Rule 1.1(1): This Rule has been amended to clarify requirements for Board members appointed or elected to elector seats. (Page 2).

Rule 1.1(2)(c) and (d): These Rules have been amended to include the words “at least” before the required amounts of the Secretary’s or Treasurer’s fidelity bonds or employee theft insurance policies to accommodate the possibility of greater amounts. (Page 4).

Rule 1.1(6): This Rule has been amended to include the Florida Constitution as a governing authority on voting conflicts of interest. This change reflects the recently passed Amendment 12 to the Florida Constitution. (Pages 5–6).

Rules 1.3(1)(e), (1)(d), (1)(f); and 3.2(9): These Rules were amended to allow inclusion of language substantially similar to that recited in the Rules. (Pages 10–11 and 34).

Rule 1.3(6): This Rule was amended to require the chair or vice chair to consult with the District Manager and District Counsel, if they are available, before calling an emergency meeting. (Page 12).

Rule 2.0(12)(d): This Rule has been amended to allow 90 days instead of 60 days for the Board to announce a decision on a petition for variance or waiver of its Rules. (Page 21).

Rule 3.0(3)(b): The dollar thresholds in this Rule have been increased to \$2,000,000 for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed the increased amount of \$200,000, to reflect the current statutory thresholds. (Page 22).

Rules 3.1(4)(b), 3.6(2)(c)(ii)6., and 3.8(2)(k): The word “responsive” has been added to allow the Board to proceed with evaluating and selecting a proposal from the submissions if it receives fewer than three responsive proposals. (Pages 28, 49 and 55).

Rule 3.2(3)(b): “Understanding of scope of work” has been removed from the list of required factors used to evaluate auditing proposals. The District may still include this as an evaluation criterion if it wishes, but it is not required to do so. (Page 32).

Rule 3.2(7)(b): Language has been added to specify that if the Board does not select the highest-ranked qualified auditing firm, it must document in its records its reason for not doing so. (Page 33).

Rules 3.5(2)(e) and 3.6(2)(c)(ii)3.: “Reemployment assistance” has been added to the non-exclusive list of subjects of federal labor or employment laws of which violation may render a contractor ineligible to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project. (Pages 44 and 48).

Rule 3.11(6): Language was added specifying that the District may reject all qualifications, proposals, replies, or responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew if all of the bids, proposals, replies, and responses are too high. (Page 63).

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED**

**RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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**Rule 1.0      General.**

- (1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Community Development District (the “District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (the “Rules”) is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

## **Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.**

- (1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board (“Supervisors”) appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by ~~resident electors~~ the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District, and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located, ~~and~~ and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
  - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
  - (b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
  - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference ~~shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.~~
  - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
  - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District’s behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and

conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.

- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.
  - (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
- (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

**Rule 1.2      District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.**

- (1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:
- (a) Agenda packages for prior 24 months and next meeting;
  - (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
  - (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
  - (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
  - (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
  - (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
  - (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
  - (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
  - (i) District policies and rules;
  - (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
  - (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

- (2) Public Records. District public records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules is appointed

as the District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature or volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in ~~the~~this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce

the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) Records Retention. The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) Policies. The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- (7) Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07., 119.0701, 190.006, ~~119.07,~~ Fla. Stat.



### **Rule 1.3      Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.**

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. “General circulation” means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
  - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
  - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
  - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
  - (d) The following or substantially similar language:- “Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.”
  - (e) The following or substantially similar language: “A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

- (f) The following or substantially similar language:- “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”
- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare ~~a notice and~~ an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The ~~notice and~~ agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least ~~seventy two (72) hours~~ seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

Call to order  
Roll call  
Public comment  
Organizational matters  
Review of minutes  
Specific items of old business  
Specific items of new business  
Staff reports  
    (a) District Counsel  
    (b) District Engineer  
    (c) District Manager  
        1. Financial Report  
        2. Approval of Expenditures  
Supervisor’s requests and comments  
Public comment  
Adjournment

- (4) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) Special Requests. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, if it has one. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) Public Comment. The Board shall set aside a reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.
- (9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and

published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.

- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist.
- (11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, Approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
  - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
  - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
  - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.
- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorneysattorney must request such session at a public meeting. – Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. –The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy

related to litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.

(14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

**Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

- (1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:

  - (a) Prevent and detect “fraud,” “waste” and “abuse” as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
  - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
  - (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
  - (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
  - (e) Safeguard assets.
- (2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

## **Rule 2.0      Rulemaking Proceedings.**

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A “rule” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District (“Rule”). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.
- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
  - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
  - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
  - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing

by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
  - (c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing. ~~Notice will then be mailed to all persons whom, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its proceedings.~~
- (4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District, or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.



- (6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:
- (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;
  - (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
  - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
  - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions.
- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.

- (10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:
- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
  - (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;
  - (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
  - (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
  - (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
  - (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.
- (11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.
- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
  - (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
  - (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
  - (d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.
  - (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the

existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:

- (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
  - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
  - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
  - (iv) Enter orders; and
  - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
- (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) Variances and Waivers. A “variance” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “waiver” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
  - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
    - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
    - (ii) The type of action requested;
    - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and

- (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
  - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.
  - (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver, and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ~~sixty (60)~~ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.0      Competitive Purchase.**

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.
- (3) Definitions.
  - (a) “Competitive Solicitation” means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
  - (b) “Continuing Contract” means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed ~~one~~two million dollars (\$~~1~~2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed ~~fifty~~two hundred thousand dollars (\$~~50~~200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
  - (c) “Contractual Service” means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

- (d) “Design-Build Contract” means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.
- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
  - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
  - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds

that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) “Invitation to Bid” is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) “Invitation to Negotiate” means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) “Negotiate” means to conduct legitimate, arm’s length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) “Professional Services” means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) “Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District” means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
  - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
  - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
  - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) “Purchase” means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
  - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
  - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
  - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
  - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
  - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
  - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
  - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
  - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.



- (q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 190.033, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

### Rule 3.1 Procedure Under ~~The~~the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
  - (a) Hold all required applicable ~~federal licenses in good standing, if any;~~
  - ~~(b) Hold all required applicable~~ state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
  - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

- (3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. ~~Consultants who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list shall receive~~

~~notices by mail.~~ The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) Competitive Selection.

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
  - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
  - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
  - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
  - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
  - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
  - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
  - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board

with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.

- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications.

Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

- (6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

### Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

(1) Definitions.

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the ~~audit~~ auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

(2) Establishment of ~~Audit~~ Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an ~~audit~~ auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee ~~should~~ shall include at least three individuals, ~~some or all~~ at least one of ~~whom may~~ which must also ~~serve as members~~ be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.

(3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.

- (a) Minimum Qualifications. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable ~~federal~~state professional licenses in good standing, ~~if any~~;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable ~~state professional~~federal licenses in good standing, ~~if any~~;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
  - (i) Ability of personnel;
  - (ii) Experience;
  - (iii) ~~Understanding of scope of work;~~
  - ~~(iv)~~—Ability to furnish the required services; and
  - ~~(v)~~(iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.

- (5) Request for Proposals. The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and place for submitting proposals.
- (6) Committee’s Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm’s qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.
- (7) Board Selection of Auditor.
- (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms’ respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
- (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm; or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.



- (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.
  - (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
  - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
  - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than ~~July 1~~June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
  - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule, but must be in writing.
  - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule

shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.3      Purchase of Insurance.**

- (1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
  - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. ~~Persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.~~
  - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
  - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
  - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
  - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and

offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

- (h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.4      Pre-qualification**

- (1) Scope. In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Procedure. When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
  - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed pre-qualification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
  - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
  - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
  - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or

responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
- (i) Hold ~~the~~all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
  - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.

(j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

(a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:

- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
- ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
- iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
- iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
- v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
- vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.

vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension, revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.

viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.

ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.

x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.

xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.

xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.

1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.

2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

(b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.



- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
- ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
- iii. Complaints from the public;
- iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
- v. The potential for repetition;
- vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
- vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.  
**Law Implemented:** §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

**Rule 3.5      Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.**

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

- (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.
- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
  - (i) Hold ~~the~~all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
  - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
  - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects ~~such as~~including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting, and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in

accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may ~~take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to~~ proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which ~~steps~~ may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
- (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
  - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
  - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the ~~contractor~~contract; or
  - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

**Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.**

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:
- (2) Procedure.
  - (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
  - (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
  - (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
    - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
    - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed,

competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
  - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
  - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
  - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
  - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects ~~such as~~ including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation,

unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting; and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) ~~proposals~~Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no ~~proposals~~Responsive Proposals are received, the District may ~~take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to~~ proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which ~~steps~~ may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.
7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand



delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. ~~Failing~~  
~~accord~~Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified firm, the Board at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must terminate negotiations, be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package, and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.

- (3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.
- (5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
  - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
  - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
  - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
  - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

**Rule 3.7      Payment and Performance Bonds.**

- (1)    Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work, and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2)    Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3)    Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.8      Goods, Supplies, and Materials.**

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of “goods, supplies, and materials” do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
  - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
    - (i) Hold ~~the~~all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
    - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the

lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference of five (5) percent. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) ~~bids, proposals, replies~~ Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or ~~responses~~ Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may ~~take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to~~ proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best

interests of the District, which ~~steps~~ may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for ~~a period that may not exceed three (3) years or the term of the original contract, whichever period is longer~~ a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

### **Rule 3.9      Maintenance Services.**

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
  - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
  - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
  - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
  - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
    - (i) Hold ~~the~~all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
    - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;



- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.

- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
  - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
  - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may ~~take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to~~ proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which ~~steps~~ may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for ~~a period that may not exceed three (3) years or the term of the original contract, whichever period is longer.~~ a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (5) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.**

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

~~Rule 3.11~~ ~~Protests~~ **With Respect To Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,  
3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.**

with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

(1) Filing.

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.

~~(e) If~~ (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, ~~the Board may require~~

any person who files a notice of protest ~~to~~must post ~~a~~the protest bond ~~in the. The~~ amount ~~equal to 1% of the anticipated contract amount that is the subject of the protest~~ bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.

- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via facsimile, United States Mail, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
  - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
  - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
  - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

(d) Enter orders; and

(e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

(5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

(6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.

(7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** § 190.033, Fla. Stat.



**Rule 4.0      Effective Date.**

These Rules shall be effective \_\_\_\_\_, ~~2018,20~~, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

**Law Implemented:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

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**Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

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**Proposed Budget**  
**Portico Community Development District**  
**General Fund**  
**Fiscal Year 2021/2022**

	Chart of Accounts Classification	Actual YTD through 03/31/21	Projected Annual Totals 2020-2021	Annual Budget for 2020-2021	Projected Budget variance for 2020-2021	Budget for 2021-2022	Budget Increase (Decrease) vs 2020-2021	Comments
1								
2	<b>REVENUES</b>							
3								
4	Special Assessments							
5	Tax Roll*	\$ 99,942	\$ 99,942	\$ 76,668	\$ 23,274	\$ 124,518	\$ 47,850	
6	Off Roll*	\$ 100,168	\$ 96,092	\$ 123,374	\$ (27,282)	\$ 75,524	\$ (47,850)	
7	Contributions & Donations from Private Sources							
8	Developer Contributions		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
9								
10	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 200,110</b>	<b>\$ 196,034</b>	<b>\$ 200,042</b>	<b>\$ (4,008)</b>	<b>\$ 200,042</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	
11								
14	<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND BALANCE FORWARD</b>	<b>\$ 200,110</b>	<b>\$ 196,034</b>	<b>\$ 200,042</b>	<b>\$ (4,008)</b>	<b>\$ 200,042</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	
15								
18	<b>EXPENDITURES - ADMINISTRATIVE</b>							
19								
20	Financial & Administrative							
21	Administrative Services	\$ 2,318	\$ 4,636	\$ 4,635	\$ (1)	\$ 4,728	\$ 93	
22	District Management	\$ 9,785	\$ 19,570	\$ 19,570	\$ -	\$ 19,961	\$ 391	
23	District Engineer	\$ 7,331	\$ 14,662	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,338	\$ 20,000	\$ -	
24	Disclosure Report	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	
25	Trustees Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,213	\$ 4,213	\$ 4,213	\$ -	
26	Assessment Roll	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ -	\$ 5,253	\$ 103	
27	Financial & Revenue Collections	\$ 2,575	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,150	\$ -	\$ 5,253	\$ 103	
28	Accounting Services	\$ 9,270	\$ 18,540	\$ 18,540	\$ -	\$ 18,911	\$ 371	
29	Auditing Services	\$ 52	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ -	\$ 5,200	\$ 1,500	Est Audit RFP in progress
30	Arbitrage Rebate Calculation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ -	
31	Miscellaneous Mailings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	
32	Public Officials Liability Insurance	\$ 2,745	\$ 2,745	\$ 2,875	\$ 130	\$ 3,020	\$ 145	As per Egis' estimate
33	Legal Advertising	\$ 192	\$ 384	\$ 700	\$ 316	\$ 700	\$ -	Costs of legal advertising
34	Dues, Licenses & Fees	\$ 175	\$ 350	\$ 175	\$ (175)	\$ 175	\$ -	Filing Fee
35	Tax Collector /Property Appraiser Fees	\$ 719	\$ 719	\$ 380	\$ (339)	\$ 888	\$ 508	1.00 per parcel
36	Website Hosting, Maintenance, Backup (and Email)	\$ 1,819	\$ 3,638	\$ 3,653	\$ 15	\$ 3,653	\$ 1	Includes ADA Website Remediation
37	Legal Counsel							
38	District Counsel	\$ 5,767	\$ 11,534	\$ 12,500	\$ 966	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,500	
39								
40	<b>Administrative Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 50,398</b>	<b>\$ 93,278</b>	<b>\$ 104,891</b>	<b>\$ 11,613</b>	<b>\$ 109,605</b>	<b>\$ 4,715</b>	
41								
42	<b>EXPENDITURES - FIELD OPERATIONS</b>							
43								
44	Electric Utility Services							
45	Utility-Fountains/Aerators	\$ 4,001	\$ 8,002	\$ 17,100	\$ 9,098	\$ 17,100	\$ -	Est.
46	Stormwater Control				\$ -			
47	Aquatic Maintenance	\$ 18,975	\$ 37,950	\$ 31,100	\$ (6,850)	\$ 34,416	\$ 3,316	New Agreement with Solitude
48	Fountain Service Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	Solitude Fountain Maintenance \$ 920.00 and Aeration at \$ 3, 080.00 per year.
49	Wetland Monitoring & Maintenance	\$ 3,750	\$ 7,500	\$ 17,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,500	\$ -	As per Earth Tech's Proposal 4 events @ \$ 3, 750.00 each. Plus \$ 2, 500 for additional plantings
50	Mitigation Area Monitoring & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,400	\$ 11,400	\$ 3,165	\$ (8,235)	Cost
51	Aquatic Plant Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	Allowance for littorals
52	Other Physical Environment				\$ -			
53	General Liability Insurance	\$ 2,841	\$ 2,841	\$ 2,977	\$ 136	\$ 3,125	\$ 148	As per Egis' estimate
54	Property Insurance	\$ 574	\$ 574	\$ 574	\$ -	\$ 631	\$ 57	As per Egis' estimate
55	Contingency							
56	Miscellaneous Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
57					\$ -			
58	<b>Field Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 30,141</b>	<b>\$ 56,867</b>	<b>\$ 95,151</b>	<b>\$ 38,284</b>	<b>\$ 90,437</b>	<b>\$ (4,714)</b>	
59								
62	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 80,539</b>	<b>\$ 150,145</b>	<b>\$ 200,042</b>	<b>\$ 49,897</b>	<b>\$ 200,042</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
63								
64	<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 119,571</b>	<b>\$ 45,889</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 45,888</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

**Budget Template**  
**Portico Community Development District**  
**Debt Service**  
**Fiscal Year 2021/2022**

Chart of Accounts Classification	Series 2020	Budget for 2021/2022
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Special Assessments		
Net Special Assessments	\$1,098,342.11	\$1,098,342.11
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,098,342.11</b>	<b>\$1,098,342.11</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Administrative</b>		
Financial & Administrative		
Debt Service Obligation	\$1,098,342.11	\$1,098,342.11
<b>Administrative Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,098,342.11</b>	<b>\$1,098,342.11</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,098,342.11</b>	<b>\$1,098,342.11</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Lee County Tax Collector Fee (\$1.45 per parcel / line):

\$1,708.10

Lee County Early Payment Discounts:

\$45,764.25

**Gross assessments:**

**\$1,145,814.46**

**Notes:**

1. Tax roll collection costs and early payment discounts are budgeted net of tax roll assessments. See Assessment Table.

**PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 O&M AND DEBT SERVICE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE**

2021/2022 O&M Budget	\$200,042.00
Early Payment Discounts (4%)	\$8,335.08
2021/2022 Total:	<u><b>\$208,377.08</b></u>
2020/2021 O&M Budget	\$200,042.00
2021/2022 O&M Budget	<u>\$200,042.00</u>
Total Difference:	<u><b>\$0.00</b></u>

	PER UNIT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT		Proposed Increase / Decrease	
	2020/2021	2021/2022	\$	%
Series 2020 Debt Service - Townhome - unplatted <sup>(1)</sup>	\$621.57	\$621.57	\$0.00	0.00%
Operations/Maintenance - Townhome	\$79.56	\$79.56	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$701.13</b>	<b>\$701.13</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Series 2020 Debt Service - Single Family 50' <sup>(1)</sup>	\$731.26	\$731.26	\$0.00	0.00%
Operations/Maintenance - Single Family 50'	\$144.66	\$144.66	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$875.92</b>	<b>\$875.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Series 2020 Debt Service - Single Family 60' <sup>(1)</sup>	\$950.63	\$950.63	\$0.00	0.00%
Operations/Maintenance - Single Family 60'	\$170.70	\$170.70	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,121.33</b>	<b>\$1,121.33</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Series 2020 Debt Service - Single Family 70' <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,170.01	\$1,170.01	\$0.00	0.00%
Operations/Maintenance - Single Family 70'	\$196.74	\$196.74	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,366.75</b>	<b>\$1,366.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

(1) Lee County collection costs are \$1.45 per parcel / line on platted lots only and are included in the debt service assessment.

**PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 O&M AND DEBT SERVICE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE**

TOTAL O&M BUDGET <sup>(5)</sup>		\$200,042.00
EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNTS @ 4.0%		\$8,335.08
TOTAL O&M ASSESSMENT		<u>\$208,377.08</u>

UNITS ASSESSED				TOTAL			PER LOT ANNUAL ASSESSMENT			
LOT SIZE Platted Parcels	O&M	SERIES 2020 DEBT	EAU FACTOR	TOTAL	% TOTAL	TOTAL	SERIES 2020 DEBT SERVICE	SERIES 2020		
		SERVICE <sup>(1)</sup>		EAU's	EAU's	O&M BUDGET	ASSESSMENT	O&M	DEBT SERVICE <sup>(2)</sup>	TOTAL <sup>(3) (4)</sup>
TOWNHOME	162	162	0.55	89.10	6.19%	\$12,889.04	\$100,694.34	\$79.56	\$621.57	\$621.57
SINGLE FAMILY 50 SERIES	377	377	1.00	377.00	26.17%	\$54,536.10	\$275,685.02	\$144.66	\$731.26	\$731.26
SINGLE FAMILY 60 SERIES	245	245	1.18	289.10	20.07%	\$41,820.65	\$232,904.35	\$170.70	\$950.63	\$950.63
SINGLE FAMILY 70 SERIES	104	104	1.36	141.44	9.82%	\$20,460.44	\$121,681.04	\$196.74	\$1,170.01	\$1,170.01
Total Platted	888	888		896.64	62.25%	\$129,706.23	\$730,964.75			
UNPLATTED LANDS	PLANNED UNITS									
SINGLE FAMILY 50 SERIES	322	322	1.00	322.00	22.35%	\$46,579.90	\$235,465.72	\$144.66	\$731.26	\$731.26
SINGLE FAMILY 60 SERIES	188	188	1.18	221.84	15.40%	\$32,090.95	\$178,718.44	\$170.70	\$950.63	\$950.63
Total Unplatted	510	510		543.84	37.75%	\$78,670.85	\$414,184.16			
Total Community	1398	1398		1440.48	100.00%	\$208,377.08	\$1,145,148.91			
Less Lee County Early Payment Discounts (4%):						(\$8,335.08)	(\$45,764.25)			
Less Lee County Tax Collector Fee (\$1.45 per parcel / line):							(\$1,042.55)			
Net Revenue to be Collected:						\$200,042.00	\$1,098,342.11			
PER ACRE ASSESSMENTS - UNPLATTED										
UNPLAT BY ACREAGE	248.02	248.02				\$78,670.85	\$414,184.16	O&M	DEBT	TOTAL
								\$317.20	\$1,669.96	\$1,669.96

(1) Reflects the number of total lots with Series 2020 debt outstanding.

(2) Annual debt service assessment per lot adopted in connection with the Series 2006 bond issue. Annual assessment includes principal, interest, county collection costs and early payment discounts.

(3) Annual assessment that will appear on November 2021 Lee County property tax bill. Amount shown includes all applicable collection costs and early payment discounts (up to 4% if paid early).

(4) Lee County collection costs are \$1.45 per parcel / line and are included in the debt service assessment.



## GENERAL FUND BUDGET ACCOUNT CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

The General Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are subject to change at any time depending on its application to the District. Please note, not all General Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are applicable to the District indicated above. Uses of the descriptions contained herein are intended for general reference.

### REVENUES:

**Interest Earnings:** The District may earn interest on its monies in the various operating accounts.

**Tax Roll:** The District levies Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments on all of the assessable property within the District to pay for operating expenditures incurred during the Fiscal Year. The assessments may be collected in two ways. The first is by placing them on the County's Tax Roll, to be collected with the County's Annual Property Tax Billing. This method is only available to land properly platted within the time limits prescribed by the County.

**Off Roll:** For lands not on the tax roll and that is by way of a direct bill from the District to the appropriate property owner.

**Developer Contributions:** The District may enter into a funding agreement and receive certain prescribed dollars from the Developer to off-set expenditures of the District.

**Event Rental:** The District may receive monies for event rentals for such things as weddings, birthday parties, etc.

**Miscellaneous Revenues:** The District may receive monies for the sale or provision of electronic access cards, entry decals etc.

**Facilities Rentals:** The District may receive monies for the rental of certain facilities by outside sources, for such items as office space, snack bar/restaurants etc.

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### EXPENDITURES – ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Supervisor Fees:** The District may compensate its supervisors within the appropriate statutory limits of \$200.00 maximum per meeting within an annual cap of \$4,800.00 per supervisor.

**Administrative Services:** The District will incur expenditures for the day to day operation of District matters. These services include support for the District Management function, recording and preparation of meeting minutes, records retention and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the District's adopted Rules of Procedure, preparation and delivery of agenda, overnight deliveries, facsimiles and phone calls.

**District Management:** The District as required by statute, will contract with a firm to provide for management and administration of the District's day to day needs. These services include the conducting of board meetings, workshops, overall administration of District functions, all required state and local filings, preparation of annual budget, purchasing, risk management, preparing various resolutions and all other secretarial duties requested by the District throughout the year is also reflected in this amount.

**District Engineer:** The District's engineer provides general engineering services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of construction invoices and all other engineering services requested by the district throughout the year.

**Disclosure Report:** The District is required to file quarterly and annual disclosure reports, as required in the District's Trust Indenture, with the specified repositories. This is contracted out to a third party in compliance with the Trust Indenture.

**Trustee's Fees:** The District will incur annual trustee's fees upon the issuance of bonds for the oversight of the various accounts relating to the bond issues.

**Assessment Roll:** The District will contract with a firm to maintain the assessment roll and annually levy a Non-Ad Valorem assessment for operating and debt service expenses.

**Financial & Revenue Collections:** Services include all functions necessary for the timely billing and collection and reporting of District assessments in order to ensure adequate funds to meet the District's debt service and operations and maintenance obligations. These services include, but are not limited to, assessment roll preparation and certification, direct billings and funding request processing as well as responding to property owner questions regarding District assessments. This line item also includes the fees incurred for a Collection Agent to collect the funds for the principal and interest payment for its short-term bond issues and any other bond related collection needs. These funds are collected as prescribed in the Trust Indenture. The Collection Agent also provides for the release of liens on property after the full collection of bond debt levied on particular properties.

**Accounting Services:** Services include the preparation and delivery of the District's financial statements in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards, accounts payable and accounts receivable functions, asset tracking, investment tracking, capital program administration and requisition processing, filing of annual reports required by the State of Florida and monitoring of trust account activity.

**Auditing Services:** The District is required annually to conduct an audit of its financial records by an Independent Certified Public Accounting firm, once it reaches certain revenue and expenditure levels, or has issued bonds and incurred debt.

**Arbitrage Rebate Calculation:** The District is required to calculate the interest earned from bond proceeds each year pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Rebate Analyst is required to verify that the District has not received earnings higher than the yield of the bonds.

**Travel:** Each Board Supervisor and the District Staff are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses per Florida Statutes 190.006(8).

**Public Officials Liability Insurance:** The District will incur expenditures for public officials' liability insurance for the Board and Staff.

**Legal Advertising:** The District will incur expenditures related to legal advertising. The items for which the District will advertise include, but are not limited to meeting schedules, special meeting notices, and public hearings, bidding etc. for the District based on statutory guidelines

**Bank Fees:** The District will incur bank service charges during the year.

**Dues, Licenses & Fees:** The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Department of Economic Opportunity, along with other items which may require licenses or permits, etc.

**Miscellaneous Fees:** The District could incur miscellaneous throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Website Hosting, Maintenance and Email:** The District may incur fees as they relate to the development and ongoing maintenance of its own website along with possible email services if requested.

**District Counsel:** The District's legal counsel provides general legal services to the District. Among these services are attendance at and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of operating and maintenance contracts and all other legal services requested by the district throughout the year.

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## **EXPENDITURES - FIELD OPERATIONS:**

**Deputy Services:** The District may wish to contract with the local police agency to provide security for the District.

**Security Services and Patrols:** The District may wish to contract with a private company to provide security for the District.

**Electric Utility Services:** The District will incur electric utility expenditures for general purposes such as irrigation timers, lift station pumps, fountains, etc.

**Streetlights:** The District may have expenditures relating to streetlights throughout the community. These may be restricted to main arterial roads or in some cases to all streetlights within the District's boundaries.

**Utility - Recreation Facility:** The District may budget separately for its recreation and or amenity electric separately.

**Gas Utility Services:** The District may incur gas utility expenditures related to district operations at its facilities such as pool heat etc.

**Garbage - Recreation Facility:** The District will incur expenditures related to the removal of garbage and solid waste.

**Solid Waste Assessment Fee:** The District may have an assessment levied by another local government for solid waste, etc.

**Water-Sewer Utility Services:** The District will incur water/sewer utility expenditures related to district operations.

**Utility - Reclaimed:** The District may incur expenses related to the use of reclaimed water for irrigation.

**Aquatic Maintenance:** Expenses related to the care and maintenance of the lakes and ponds for the control of nuisance plant and algae species.

**Fountain Service Repairs & Maintenance:** The District may incur expenses related to maintaining the fountains within throughout the Parks & Recreational areas

**Lake/Pond Bank Maintenance:** The District may incur expenditures to maintain lake banks, etc. for the ponds and lakes within the District's boundaries, along with planting of beneficial aquatic plants, stocking of fish, mowing and landscaping of the banks as the District determines necessary.

**Wetland Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may be required to provide for certain types of monitoring and maintenance activities for various wetlands and waterways by other governmental entities.

**Mitigation Area Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may be required to provide for certain types of monitoring and maintenance activities for various mitigation areas by other governmental entities.

**Aquatic Plant Replacement:** The expenses related to replacing beneficial aquatic plants, which may or may not have been required by other governmental entities.

**General Liability Insurance:** The District will incur fees to insure items owned by the District for its general liability needs

**Property Insurance:** The District will incur fees to insure items owned by the District for its property needs

**Entry and Walls Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures to maintain the entry monuments and the fencing.

**Landscape Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures to maintain the rights-of-way, median strips, recreational facilities including pond banks, entryways, and similar planting areas within the District. These services include but are not limited to monthly landscape maintenance, fertilizer, pesticides, annuals, mulch, and irrigation repairs.

**Irrigation Maintenance:** The District will incur expenditures related to the maintenance of the irrigation systems.

**Irrigation Repairs:** The District will incur expenditures related to repairs of the irrigation systems.

**Landscape Replacement:** Expenditures related to replacement of turf, trees, shrubs etc.

**Field Services:** The District may contract for field management services to provide landscape maintenance oversight.

**Miscellaneous Fees:** The District may incur miscellaneous expenses that do not readily fit into defined categories in field operations.

**Gate Phone:** The District will incur telephone expenses if the District has gates that are to be opened and closed.

**Street/Parking Lot Sweeping:** The District may incur expenses related to street sweeping for roadways it owns or are owned by another governmental entity, for which it elects to maintain.

**Gate Facility Maintenance:** Expenses related to the ongoing repairs and maintenance of gates owned by the District if any.

**Sidewalk Repair & Maintenance:** Expenses related to sidewalks located in the right of way of streets the District may own if any.

**Roadway Repair & Maintenance:** Expenses related to the repair and maintenance of roadways owned by the District if any.

**Employees - Salaries:** The District may incur expenses for employees/staff members needed for the recreational facilities such as Clubhouse Staff.

**Employees - P/R Taxes:** This is the employer's portion of employment taxes such as FICA etc.

**Employee - Workers' Comp:** Fees related to obtaining workers compensation insurance.

**Management Contract:** The District may contract with a firm to provide for the oversight of its recreation facilities.

**Maintenance & Repair:** The District may incur expenses to maintain its recreation facilities.

**Facility Supplies:** The District may have facilities that required various supplies to operate.

**Gate Maintenance & Repairs:** Any ongoing gate repairs and maintenance would be included in this line item.

**Telephone, Fax, Internet:** The District may incur telephone, fax and internet expenses related to the recreational facilities.

**Office Supplies:** The District may have an office in its facilities which require various office related supplies.

**Clubhouse - Facility Janitorial Service:** Expenses related to the cleaning of the facility and related supplies.

**Pool Service Contract:** Expenses related to the maintenance of swimming pools and other water features.

**Pool Repairs:** Expenses related to the repair of swimming pools and other water features.

**Security System Monitoring & Maintenance:** The District may wish to install a security system for the clubhouse

**Clubhouse Miscellaneous Expense:** Expenses which may not fit into a defined category in this section of the budget

**Athletic/Park Court/Field Repairs:** Expense related to any facilities such as tennis, basketball etc.

**Trail/Bike Path Maintenance:** Expenses related to various types of trail or pathway systems the District may own, from hard surface to natural surfaces.

**Special Events:** Expenses related to functions such as holiday events for the public enjoyment

**Miscellaneous Fees:** Monies collected and allocated for fees that the District could incur throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Miscellaneous Contingency:** Monies collected and allocated for expenses that the District could incur throughout the year, which may not fit into any standard categories.

**Capital Outlay:** Monies collected and allocated for various projects as they relate to public improvements.

## RESERVE FUND BUDGET ACCOUNT CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

The Reserve Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are subject to change at any time depending on its application to the District. Please note, not all Reserve Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are applicable to the District indicated above. Uses of the descriptions contained herein are intended for general reference.

### REVENUES:

**Tax Roll:** The District levies Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments on all of the assessable property within the District to pay for operating expenditures incurred during the Fiscal Year. The assessments may be collected in two ways. The first is by placing them on the County's Tax Roll, to be collected with the County's Annual Property Tax Billing. This method is only available to land properly platted within the time limits prescribed by the County.

**Off Roll:** For lands not on the tax roll and that is by way of a direct bill from the District to the appropriate property owner.

**Developer Contributions:** The District may enter into a funding agreement and receive certain prescribed dollars from the Developer to off-set expenditures of the District.

**Miscellaneous Revenues:** The District may receive monies for the sale or provision of electronic access cards, entry decals etc.

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### EXPENDITURES:

**Capital Reserve:** Monies collected and allocated for the future repair and replacement of various capital improvements such as club facilities, swimming pools, athletic courts, roads, etc.

**Capital Outlay:** Monies collected and allocated for various projects as they relate to public improvements.



## **DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET**

### **ACCOUNT CATEGORY DESCRIPTION**

The Debt Service Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are subject to change at any time depending on its application to the District. Please note, not all Debt Service Fund Budget Account Category Descriptions are applicable to the District indicated above. Uses of the descriptions contained herein are intended for general reference.

### **REVENUES:**

**Special Assessments:** The District may levy special assessments to repay the debt incurred by the sale of bonds to raise working capital for certain public improvements. The assessments may be collected in the same fashion as described in the Operations and Maintenance Assessments.

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### **EXPENDITURES – ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Bank Fees:** The District may incur bank service charges during the year.

**Debt Service Obligation:** This would be a combination of the principal and interest payment to satisfy the annual repayment of the bond issue debt.

# Tab 7

## RESOLUTION 2021-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") of the Portico Community Development District ("**District**") prior to June 15, 2021, proposed budgets ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 ("**Fiscal Year 2021/2022**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PORTICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE:	August 19, 2021
HOUR:	10:00 a.m.
LOCATION:	Rizzetta & Company, Inc. 9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206 Fort Myers, Florida 33912

3. **TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to Lee County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

4. **POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET.** In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

5. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.** Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

6. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF MAY, 2021.**

ATTEST:

**PORTICO COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary / Assistant Secretary

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

**Exhibit A:** Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Proposed Budget

**Exhibit A**

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Proposed Budget

# Tab 8



Company ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **THE E-VERIFY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EMPLOYERS**

### **ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Portico Community Development District (Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

### **ARTICLE II RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER**

1. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:
  - a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
  - b. Notice of Right to Work
2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
3. The Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the

employee is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.

4. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.

5. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual creates any cases.

a. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.

6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:

a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.

7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.

8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.

a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment



following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.

9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.

10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

11. The Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee

may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status (including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TTY) or go to <https://www.justice.gov/ier>.

15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at [E-Verify@dhs.gov](mailto:E-Verify@dhs.gov). Please use "Privacy Incident – Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and

other agents, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.

20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.

21. The Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see [M-795 \(Web\)](#)) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

## **B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS**

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.

a. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

b. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment

eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

d. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.

e. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:

- i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and
- iii. The Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).

f. The Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.6 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:

- i. The Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.6,
- ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
- iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

Note: If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Employer shall

not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.

g. The Employer agrees not to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor based on this Article.

3. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

### **C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA**

1. SSA agrees to allow DHS to compare data provided by the Employer against SSA's database. SSA sends DHS confirmation that the data sent either matches or does not match the information in SSA's database.

2. SSA agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides through E-Verify procedures. SSA also agrees to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security numbers or responsible for evaluation of E-Verify or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

3. SSA agrees to provide case results from its database within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry. E-Verify provides the information to the Employer.

4. SSA agrees to update SSA records as necessary if the employee who contests the SSA tentative nonconfirmation visits an SSA field office and provides the required evidence. If the employee visits an SSA field office within the eight Federal Government work days from the date of referral to SSA, SSA agrees to update SSA records, if appropriate, within the eight-day period unless SSA determines that more than eight days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional instructions to the employee. If the employee does not visit SSA in the time allowed, E-Verify may provide a final nonconfirmation to the employer.

Note: If an Employer experiences technical problems, or has a policy question, the employer should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

### **D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS**

1. DHS agrees to provide the Employer with selected data from DHS databases to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

- a. Automated verification checks on alien employees by electronic means, and
- b. Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.

2. DHS agrees to assist the Employer with operational problems associated with the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.
3. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer with access to E-Verify training materials as well as an E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.
4. DHS agrees to train Employers on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials.
5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
6. DHS agrees to issue each of the Employer's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.
7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.
8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.
9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS**

##### **A. REFERRAL TO SSA**

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of

the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.

4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

## **B. REFERRAL TO DHS**

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.

3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.

4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.

5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.

6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:

- a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
- b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).

7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.

8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

## **ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROVISIONS**

### **A. NO SERVICE FEES**

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

## **ARTICLE V MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

### **A. MODIFICATION**

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.

2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.

### **B. TERMINATION**

1. The Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.

2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the



performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.

3. An Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Federal contractor must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.

4. The Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

## **ARTICLE VI PARTIES**

A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.

B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.

C. The Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.

D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.

E. The Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively. The Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Employer, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the

Employer.

**To be accepted as an E-Verify participant, you should only sign the Employer's Section of the signature page. If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.**

**Approved by:**

<b>E-Verify Employer</b>	
Name (Please Type or Print)	Title
Russell Smith	Chairman
Signature	Date
<b>Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division</b>	
Name (Please Type or Print)	Title
Signature	Date

<b>Information Required for E-Verify</b>	
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Company Name:	Portico Community Development District
Company Facility Address:	9530 Marketplace Road, Suite 206, Fort Myers, Florida 33912
Company Alternate Address:	3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33614
County or Parish:	Lee County

Employer Identification Number:	06-1792757	
North American Industry Classification Systems Code:		
Parent Company:		
Number of Employees:		
Number of Sites Verified for:		
Are you verifying for more than one site? If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:		
State	Number of sites	Site(s)

Information relating to the Program Administrator(s) for your Company on policy questions or operational problems:	
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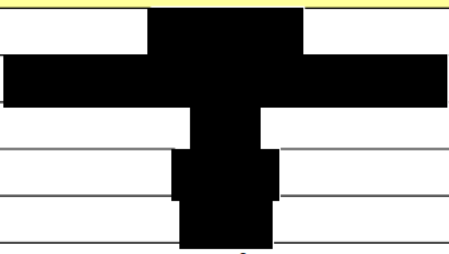

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