

**GRANT AGREEMENT
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER **HL201** (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the State of Florida, Department of Commerce (“Commerce”), and **Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners** (“Grantee”). Commerce and Grantee are sometimes referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as “the Parties”.

WHEREAS, Commerce has the authority to enter into this Agreement and distribute State of Florida funds (“Award Funds”) in the amount and manner set forth in this Agreement and in the following Attachments incorporated herein as an integral part of this Agreement:

- Attachment 1: Scope of Work
- Attachment 2: Exhibit 1 to Attachment 2: Audit Requirements
- Attachment 3: Audit Compliance Certification
- Attachment 4: Minority and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Report
- Attachment 5: Total Compensation for Executive Leadership – (If Applicable)

WHEREAS, the Agreement and its aforementioned Attachments are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Agreement”, and if any inconsistencies or conflict between the language of this Agreement and its Attachments arise, then the language of the Attachments shall control, but only to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency;

WHEREAS, Grantee hereby represents and warrants that Grantee’s signatory to this Agreement has authority to bind Grantee to this Agreement as of the Effective Date and that Grantee, through its undersigned duly authorized representative in his or her official capacity, has the authority to request, accept, and expend Award Funds for Grantee’s purposes in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the covenants and obligations set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties intending to be legally bound hereby agree to perform the duties described herein in this Agreement as follows:

A. AGREEMENT PERIOD

This Agreement is effective as of **July 1, 2023** (the “Effective Date”) and shall continue until the earlier to occur of (a) **June 30, 2025** (the “Expiration Date”) or (b) the date on which either Party terminates this Agreement (the “Termination Date”). The period of time between the Effective Date and the Expiration Date or Termination Date is the “Agreement Period.”

B. FUNDING

This Agreement is a Cost Reimbursement Agreement. Commerce shall pay Grantee up to **One Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,000,000.00)** in consideration for Grantee’s performance under this Agreement. **Unless expressly agreed to in writing by Commerce, any work performed prior to the Effective Date is not eligible for reimbursement.** Commerce may provide Grantee an advance of Award Funds under this Agreement. Any advance payment under this Agreement is subject to section 216.181(16), F.S. Travel expenses are not authorized under this Agreement. Commerce shall not pay Grantee’s costs related to this Agreement incurred outside of the Agreement Period. In conformity with s. 287.0582, F.S., the State of Florida and Commerce’s performance and obligation to pay any Award Funds under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. Commerce shall have final unchallengeable authority as to both the availability of funds and what constitutes an “annual

appropriation” of funds. Grantee shall not expend Award Funds for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency. Grantee shall not expend Award Funds to pay any costs incurred in connection with any defense against any claim or appeal of the State of Florida or any agency or instrumentality thereof (including Commerce); or to pay any costs incurred in connection with the prosecution of any claim or appeal against the State of Florida or any agency or instrumentality thereof (including Commerce), which Grantee instituted or in which Grantee has joined as a claimant. Grantee shall either (i) maintain Award Funds in a separate bank account, or (ii) expressly designate in Grantee’s business records and accounting system that the Award Funds originated from this Agreement. Grantee shall not commingle Award Funds with any other funds. Commerce may refuse to reimburse Grantee for purchases made with commingled funds. Grantee’s costs must be in compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to expenditures of State funds, including the Reference Guide for State Expenditures (<https://www.myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/reference-guide-for-state-expenditures.pdf>).

C. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Within 30 calendar days of the date the last Party has signed this Agreement, Grantee shall enroll in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from the State’s Chief Financial Officer. A copy of the Authorization form can be found on the vendor instruction page at: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Vendors/>. Any questions should be directed to the Direct Deposit/EFT Section of the Division of Accounting and Auditing at (850) 413-5517. Once enrolled, invoice payments shall be made by EFT.

D. MODIFICATION

If, in Commerce’s sole and absolute determination, changes to this Agreement are necessitated by law or otherwise, Commerce may at any time, with written notice of all such changes to Grantee, modify this Agreement within its original scope and purpose. Grantee shall be responsible for any due diligence necessary to determine the impact of the modification. Any modification of this Agreement requested by Grantee must be in writing and duly signed by all Parties in order to be enforceable.

E. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLIANCE

1. **Florida Single Audit Act - Section 215.97, Florida Statutes (“F.S.”).** Grantee shall comply with all applicable provisions of s. 215.97, F.S., s. 215.971, F.S., and Attachment 2 and Exhibit 1 to Attachment 2: Audit Requirements. Grantee shall perform the deliverables and tasks set forth in Attachment 1, Scope of Work. Grantee may only expend Award Funds for allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the Agreement Period. Grantee shall refund to Commerce any: (1) balance of unobligated Award Funds which have been advanced or paid to Grantee; or (2) Award Funds paid in excess of the amount to which Grantee is entitled under the terms and conditions of this Agreement and Attachments hereto, upon expiration or termination of this Agreement.
2. **Audit Compliance.** Grantee understands and shall comply with the requirements of s. 20.055(5), F.S. Grantee agrees to reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of investigation the Inspector General or other authorized State official incurs for investigations of Grantee’s compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Grantee and the State which results in the suspension or debarment of Grantee. Grantee shall not be responsible for any costs of investigations that do not result in Grantee’s suspension or debarment.

F. RECORDS AND INFORMATION RELEASE

1. **Records Compliance.** Commerce is subject to the provisions of chapter 119, F.S., relating to public records. Any document Grantee submits to Commerce under this Agreement may constitute public records under the Florida Statutes. Grantee shall cooperate with Commerce regarding Commerce’s efforts to comply with the requirements of chapter 119, F.S. Grantee shall respond to requests to

inspect or copy such records in accordance with chapter 119, F.S., for records made or received by Grantee in connection with this Agreement. Grantee shall immediately notify Commerce of the receipt and content of any records request by sending an e-mail to PRRequest@commerce.fl.gov within one (1) business day after receipt of such request. Grantee shall indemnify, defend, and hold Commerce harmless from any violation of Florida's public records laws wherein Commerce's disclosure or nondisclosure of any public record was predicated upon any act or omission of Grantee. As applicable, Grantee shall comply with s. 501.171, F.S. Commerce may terminate this Agreement if Grantee fails to comply with Florida's public records laws. Grantee shall allow public access to all records made or received by Grantee in connection with this Agreement, unless the records are exempt from s. 24(a) of Article I of the State Constitution or s. 119.07(1), F.S.

2. **Identification of Records.** Grantee shall clearly and conspicuously mark all records submitted to Commerce if such records are confidential and exempt from public disclosure. Grantee's failure to clearly mark each record and identify the legal basis for each exemption from the requirements of chapter 119, F.S., prior to delivery of the record to Commerce serves as Grantee's waiver of a claim of exemption. Grantee shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for as long as those records are confidential and exempt pursuant to Florida law. If Commerce's claim of exemption asserted in response to Grantee's assertion of confidentiality is challenged in any court of law, Grantee shall defend, assume, and be responsible for all fees, costs, and expenses in connection with such challenge.
3. **Keeping and Providing Records.** Commerce and the State have an absolute right to view, inspect, or make or request copies of any records arising out of or related to this Agreement. Grantee has an absolute duty to keep and maintain all records arising out of or related to this Agreement. Commerce may request copies of any records made or received in connection with this Agreement, or arising out of Grantee's use of Award Funds, and Grantee shall provide Commerce with copies of any records within 10 business days after Commerce's request at no cost to Commerce. Grantee shall maintain all books, records, and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all expenditures of Award Funds. For avoidance of doubt, Grantee's duties to keep and provide records to Commerce includes all records generated in connection with or as a result of this Agreement. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, Grantee shall transfer, at no cost, to Commerce all public records in possession of Grantee or keep and maintain public records required by Commerce to perform the service. If Grantee keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, Grantee shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to Commerce, upon request from Commerce's custodian of records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of Commerce.
4. **Audit Rights.** Representatives of the State of Florida, Commerce, the State Chief Financial Officer, the State Auditor General, the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability or representatives of the federal government and their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any of Grantee's books, documents, papers, and records, including electronic storage media, as they may relate to this Agreement, for the purposes of conducting audits or examinations or making excerpts or transcriptions.
5. **Single Audit Compliance Certification.** Annually, within 60 calendar days of the close of Grantee's fiscal year, Grantee shall electronically submit a completed Audit Compliance Certification (a version of this certification is attached hereto as Attachment 3) to audit@commerce.fl.gov. Grantee's timely submittal of one completed Audit Compliance Certification for each applicable fiscal year will fulfill this requirement for all agreements between Commerce and Grantee.

6. **Ensure Compliance.** Grantee shall ensure that any entity which is paid from, or for which Grantee's expenditures will be reimbursed by, Award Funds, is aware of and will comply with the aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements.
7. **Contact Custodian of Public Records for Questions.**

IF THE GRANTEE HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE GRANTEE'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS by telephone at (850) 245-7140, via e-mail at PRRequest@commerce.fl.gov, or by mail at Department of Commerce, Public Records Coordinator, 107 East Madison Street, Caldwell Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4128.

G. TERMINATION AND FORCE MAJEURE

1. **Termination due to Lack of Funds:** In the event funds to finance this Agreement become unavailable or if federal or state funds upon which this Agreement is dependent are withdrawn or redirected, Commerce may terminate this Agreement upon no less than 24 hour written notice to Grantee. Commerce shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds and will not reallocate funds earmarked for this Agreement to another program thus causing "lack of funds." In the event of termination of this Agreement under this provision, Grantee will be paid for any work satisfactorily completed prior to notification of termination. The lack of funds shall not constitute Commerce's default under this Agreement.
2. **Termination for Cause:** Commerce may terminate the Agreement if Grantee fails to: (1) deliver the services within the time specified in the Agreement or any extension; (2) maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Agreement; (3) honor any term of the Agreement; or (4) abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. The rights and remedies of Commerce in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Agreement. Grantee shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.
3. **Termination for Convenience:** Commerce, by written notice to Grantee, may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part when Commerce determines in Commerce's sole and absolute discretion that it is in Commerce's interest to do so. Grantee shall not provide any deliverable pursuant to Attachment 1: Scope of Work after it receives the notice of termination, except as Commerce otherwise specifically instructs Grantee in writing. Grantee shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.
4. **Grantee's Responsibilities Upon Termination:** If Commerce issues a Notice of Termination to Grantee, except as Commerce otherwise specifies in that Notice, Grantee shall: (1) Stop work under this Agreement on the date and to the extent specified in the notice; (2) complete performance of such part of the work Commerce does not terminate; (3) take such action as may be necessary, or as Commerce may specify, to protect and preserve any property which is in the possession of Grantee and in which Commerce has or may acquire an interest; and (4) upon the effective date of termination, Grantee shall transfer, assign, and make available to Commerce all property and materials belonging to Commerce pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and all Attachments hereto. Grantee shall not receive additional compensation for Grantee's services in connection with such transfers or assignments.
5. **Force Majeure and Notice of Delay from Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any delay or failure to perform under this Agreement if such delay or failure is neither the fault nor the negligence of the Party or its employees or agents and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Party's control, or for any of the foregoing that affects subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is

available. However, in the event of delay from the foregoing causes, the Party shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate any and all resulting delay or disruption in the Party's performance obligation under this Agreement. If the delay is excusable under this FORCE MAJEURE AND NOTICE OF DELAY FROM FORCE MAJEURE section, the delay will not result in any additional charge or cost under the Agreement to either Party. In the case of any delay Grantee believes is excusable under this FORCE MAJEURE AND NOTICE OF DELAY FROM FORCE MAJEURE section, Grantee shall notify Commerce in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either: (1) within 10 calendar days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if Grantee could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (2) within five calendar days after the date Grantee first had reason to believe that a delay could result, if the delay is not reasonably foreseeable. THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE GRANTEE'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY. Providing notice in strict accordance with this FORCE MAJEURE AND NOTICE OF DELAY FROM FORCE MAJEURE section is a condition precedent to such remedy. Commerce, in its sole discretion, will determine if the delay is excusable under this FORCE MAJEURE AND NOTICE OF DELAY FROM FORCE MAJEURE section and will notify Grantee of its decision in writing. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against Commerce. Grantee shall not be entitled to an increase in the Agreement price or payment of any kind from Commerce for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses, or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this FORCE MAJEURE AND NOTICE OF DELAY FROM FORCE MAJEURE section, after the causes have ceased to exist, Grantee shall perform at no increased cost, unless Commerce determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Agreement to Commerce or the State, in which case, Commerce may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part.

H. BUSINESS WITH PUBLIC ENTITIES

Grantee is aware of and understands the provisions of s. 287.133(2)(a), F.S., and s. 287.134(2)(a), F.S. As required by s. 287.135(5), F.S., Grantee certifies that it is not: (1) listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725, F.S.; (2) engaged in a boycott of Israel; (3) listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473, F.S.; or (4) engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Commerce may immediately terminate this Agreement if Grantee submits a false certification as to the above, or if Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, engages in a boycott of Israel, is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

I. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Prior to execution of this Agreement, Grantee must disclose in a written statement to Commerce's Agreement Manager all prior or on-going civil or criminal litigation, investigations, arbitration, or administrative proceedings (collectively "Proceedings") involving this Agreement. Thereafter, Grantee has a continuing duty to promptly disclose all Proceedings upon occurrence. This duty of disclosure applies to Grantee's or subcontractor's officers and directors when any Proceeding relates to the officer or director's business or financial activities. Details of settlements that are prevented from disclosure by the terms of the settlement may be annotated as such. Grantee shall promptly notify Commerce's Agreement Manager of any Proceeding relating to or affecting the Grantee's or subcontractor's business. If the existence of such Proceeding causes the State concern about Grantee's ability or willingness to perform the Agreement, then upon Commerce's request, Grantee shall provide to Commerce's Agreement Manager all reasonable assurances that: (i) Grantee will be able to perform the Agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions; and (ii) Grantee and/or its employees, agents, or subcontractor(s) have not and will not engage in conduct in performing services for Commerce which is similar in nature to the conduct alleged in such

Proceeding.

J. ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP DISCLOSURE

1. **Limitations on Advertising of Agreement.** Commerce does not endorse any Grantee, commodity, or service. Subject to chapter 119, F.S., Grantee shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning this Agreement without prior written approval from Commerce, including, but not limited to mentioning this Agreement in a press release or other promotional material, identifying Commerce or the State as a reference, or otherwise linking Grantee's name and either a description of the Agreement or the name of Commerce or the State in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a Party to this Agreement, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representatives.
2. **Disclosure of Sponsorship.** As required by s. 286.25, F.S., if Grantee is a nongovernmental organization which sponsors a program financed wholly or in part by state funds, including any funds obtained through this Agreement, it shall, in publicizing, advertising, or describing the sponsorship of the program, state: "Sponsored by (Grantee's name) and the State of Florida, Department of Commerce." If the sponsorship reference is in written material, the words "State of Florida, Department of Commerce" shall appear in the same size letters or type as the name of the organization.

K. RECOUPMENT OF FUNDS

1. **Recoupment.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Commerce has an absolute right to recoup Award Funds. Commerce may refuse to reimburse Grantee for any cost if Commerce determines that such cost was not incurred in compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Commerce may demand a return of Award Funds if Commerce terminates this Agreement. The application of financial consequences as set forth in the Scope of Work is cumulative to any of Commerce's rights to recoup Award Funds. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall the application of any financial consequences or recoupment of Award Funds exceed the amount of Award Funds, plus interest.
2. **Overpayments.** If Grantee's (a) noncompliance with this Agreement or any applicable federal, state, or local law, rule, regulation or ordinance, or (b) performance or nonperformance of any term or condition of this Agreement results in (i) an unlawful use of Award Funds; (ii) a use of Award Funds that doesn't comply with the terms of this Agreement; or (iii) a use which constitutes a receipt of Award Funds to which Grantee is not entitled (each such event an "Overpayment"), then Grantee shall return such Overpayment of Award Funds to Commerce.
3. **Discovery of Overpayments.** Grantee shall refund any Overpayment of Award Funds to Commerce within 30 days of Grantee's discovery of an Overpayment or receipt of notification from Commerce that an Overpayment has occurred. Commerce is the final authority as to what may constitute an Overpayment of Award Funds. Refunds should be sent to Commerce's Agreement Manager and made payable to the "Department of Commerce." Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, Commerce may charge interest at the lawful rate of interest on the outstanding balance beginning 30 days after the date of notification or discovery.
4. **Right of Set-Off.** Commerce and the State shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off, including, without limitation, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to Grantee under this Agreement up to any amounts due and owing to Commerce with respect to this Agreement, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this Agreement, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal

State practices, including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audits by the State or its representatives.

L. INSURANCE

Unless Grantee is a state agency or subdivision as defined in s. 768.28(2), F.S., Grantee shall provide and maintain at all times during this Agreement adequate commercial general liability insurance coverage. A self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State of Florida may provide such coverage.

Grantee, at all times during the Agreement, at Grantee's sole expense, shall provide commercial insurance of such a type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with this Agreement, which, as a minimum, shall be workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance in accordance with chapter 440, F.S., with minimum employer's liability limits of \$100,000 per accident, \$100,000 per person, and \$500,000 policy aggregate. Such policy shall cover all employees engaged in any Agreement work.

Grantee shall maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with this Agreement, as required by law, and as otherwise necessary and prudent for the Grantee's performance of its operations in the regular course of business. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by Grantee shall not be interpreted as limiting Grantee's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to write policies in Florida, and such policies shall cover all employees engaged in any Agreement work. Grantee shall maintain any other insurance required in the Scope of Work. Upon request, Grantee shall produce evidence of insurance to Commerce.

Commerce shall not pay for any costs of any insurance or policy deductible, and payment of any insurance costs shall be Grantee's sole responsibility. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of Grantee, and failure to maintain such coverage may void the Agreement, at Commerce's sole and absolute discretion, after Commerce's review of Grantee's insurance coverage when Grantee is unable to comply with Commerce's requests concerning additional appropriate and necessary insurance coverage. Upon execution of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide Commerce written verification of the existence and amount for each type of applicable insurance coverage. Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Agreement, Grantee shall furnish Commerce proof of applicable insurance coverage by standard ACORD form certificates of insurance. In the event that an insurer cancels any applicable coverage for any reason, Grantee shall immediately notify Commerce of such cancellation and shall obtain adequate replacement coverage conforming to the requirements herein and provide proof of such replacement coverage within 15 business days after the cancellation of coverage. Copies of new insurance certificates must be provided to Commerce's Agreement Manager with each insurance renewal.

M. CONFIDENTIALITY AND SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Each Party may have access to confidential information made available by the other. The provisions of the Florida Public Records Act, Chapter 119, F.S., and other applicable state and federal laws will govern disclosure of any confidential information received by the State of Florida.

Grantee must implement procedures to ensure the appropriate protection and confidentiality of all data, files, and records involved with this Agreement.

Except as necessary to fulfill the terms of this Agreement and with the permission of Commerce, Grantee shall not divulge to third parties any confidential information obtained by Grantee or its agents, distributors, resellers, subcontractors, officers, or employees in the course of performing Agreement work, including, but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or Commerce.

Grantee shall not use or disclose any information concerning a recipient of services under this Agreement for any purpose in conformity with state and federal law or regulations, except upon written consent of the recipient or the responsible parent or guardian of the recipient when authorized by law.

When Grantee has access to Commerce's network and/or applications, in order to fulfill Grantee's obligations under this Agreement, Grantee shall abide by all applicable Commerce Information Technology Security procedures and policies. Grantee (including its employees, subcontractors, agents, or any other individuals to whom Grantee exposes confidential information obtained under this Agreement), shall not store, or allow to be stored, any confidential information on any portable storage media (*e.g.*, laptops, thumb drives, hard drives, *etc.*) or peripheral device with the capacity to hold information. Failure to strictly comply with this provision shall constitute a breach of Agreement.

Grantee shall immediately notify Commerce in writing when Grantee, its employees, agents, or representatives become aware of an inadvertent disclosure of Commerce's unsecured confidential information in violation of the terms of this Agreement. Grantee shall report to Commerce any Security Incidents of which it becomes aware, including incidents sub-contractors or agents reported to Grantee. For purposes of this Agreement, "Security Incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of Commerce information in Grantee's possession or electronic interference with Commerce operations; provided, however, that random attempts at access shall not be considered a security incident. Grantee shall make a report to Commerce not more than seven business days after Grantee learns of such use or disclosure. Grantee's report shall identify, to the extent known: (i) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (ii) the confidential information used or disclosed, (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (iv) what Grantee has done or shall do to mitigate any detrimental effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (v) what corrective action Grantee has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. Grantee shall provide such other information, including a written report, as Commerce's Information Security Manager requests.

In the event of a breach of security concerning confidential personal information involved with this Agreement, Grantee shall comply with s. 501.171, F.S., as applicable. When notification to affected persons is required by statute, Grantee shall provide that notification, but only after receipt of Commerce's written approval of the contents of the notice. Defined statutorily, and for purposes of this Agreement, "breach of security" or "breach" means the unauthorized access of data in electronic form containing personal data. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of Grantee is not a breach, provided the information is not used for a purpose unrelated to Grantee's obligations under this Agreement or is not subject to further unauthorized use.

N. PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, AND ROYALTIES

1. All legal title and every right, interest, claim or demand of any kind, in and to any patent, trademark or copyright, or application for the same, or any other intellectual property right to, the work developed or produced under or in connection with this Agreement, is the exclusive property of Commerce to be granted to and vested in the Florida Department of State for the use and benefit of the state; and no person, firm or corporation shall be entitled to use the same without the written consent of the Florida Department of State. Any contribution by Grantee or its employees, agents, or contractors to the creation of such works shall be considered works made for hire by Grantee for Commerce and, upon creation, shall be owned exclusively by Commerce. To the extent that any such works may not be considered works made for hire for Commerce under applicable law, Grantee agrees, upon creation of such works, to automatically assign to Commerce ownership, including copyright interests and any other intellectual property rights therein, without the necessity of any further consideration.
2. If any discovery or invention arises or is developed in the course or as a result of work or services performed with funds from this Agreement, Grantee shall refer the discovery or invention to Commerce who will refer it to the Department of State to determine whether patent protection will be

sought in the name of the State of Florida.

3. Where activities supported by this Agreement produce original writings, sound recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, or other graphic representations and works of any similar nature Commerce has the right to use, duplicate, and disclose such materials in whole or in part, in any manner, for any purpose whatsoever and to allow others acting on behalf of Commerce to do so. Grantee shall give Commerce written notice when any books, manuals, films, websites, web elements, electronic information, or other copyrightable materials are produced.
4. Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, in accordance with s. 1004.23, F.S., a State University is authorized in its own name to perform all things necessary to secure letters of patent, copyrights, and trademarks on any works it produces. Within 30 calendar days of same, the president of a State University shall report to the Department of State any such university's action taken to secure or exploit such trademarks, copyrights, or patents in accordance with s. 1004.23(6), F.S.

O. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE

Grantee shall obtain prior written approval from the appropriate Commerce authority before purchasing any Information Technology Resource (ITR) or conducting any activity that will impact Commerce's electronic information technology equipment or software, in any way. ITR includes computer hardware, software, networks, devices, connections, applications, and data. Grantee shall contact the Commerce Agreement Manager listed herein in writing for the contact information of the appropriate Commerce authority for any such ITR purchase approval.

P. NONEXPENDABLE PROPERTY

1. For the requirements of this Nonexpendable Property section of the Agreement, "nonexpendable property" is the same as "property" as defined in s. 273.02, F.S., (equipment, fixtures, and other tangible personal property of a no consumable and nonexpendable nature).
2. All nonexpendable property, purchased under this Agreement, shall be listed on the property records of Grantee. Grantee shall inventory annually and maintain accounting records for all nonexpendable property purchased and submit an inventory report to Commerce with the final expenditure report. The records shall include, at a minimum, the following information: property tag identification number, description of the item(s), physical location, name, make or manufacturer, year, and/or model, manufacturer's serial number(s), date of acquisition, and the current condition of the item.
3. At no time shall Grantee dispose of nonexpendable property purchased under this Agreement without the written permission of and in accordance with instructions from Commerce.
4. Immediately upon discovery, Grantee shall notify Commerce, in writing, of any property loss with the date and reason(s) for the loss.
5. Grantee shall be responsible for the correct use of all nonexpendable property Grantee purchases or Commerce furnishes under this Agreement.
6. A formal Agreement amendment is required prior to the purchase of any item of nonexpendable property not specifically listed in Attachment 1: Scope of Work.
7. Upon the Expiration Date of this Agreement, Grantee is authorized to retain ownership of any nonexpendable property purchased under this Agreement; however, Grantee hereby grants to Commerce a right of first refusal in all such property prior to disposition of any such property during its depreciable life, in accordance with the depreciation schedule in use by Grantee. Grantee shall provide written notice of any such planned disposition and await Commerce's response prior to disposing of the property. "Disposition" as used herein, shall include, but is not limited to, Grantee no

longer using the nonexpendable property for the uses authorized herein, the sale, exchange, transfer, trade-in, or disposal of any such nonexpendable property. Commerce, in its sole discretion, may require Grantee to refund to Commerce the fair market value of the nonexpendable property at the time of disposition rather than taking possession of the nonexpendable property.

Q. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE PURCHASE OF OR IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY

In accordance with s. 287.05805, F.S., if funding provided under this Agreement is used for the purchase of or improvements to real property, Grantee shall grant Commerce a security interest in the property in the amount of the funding provided by this Agreement for the purchase of or improvements to the real property for five years from the date of purchase or the completion of the improvements or as further required by law.

Upon the Expiration Date of the Agreement, Grantee shall be authorized to retain ownership of the improvements to real property set forth in this Agreement in accordance with the following: Grantee is authorized to retain ownership of the improvements to real property so long as: (1) Grantee is not sold, merged or acquired; (2) the real property subject to the improvements is owned by Grantee; and (3) the real property subject to the improvements is used for the purposes provided in this Agreement. If within five years of the termination of this Agreement, Grantee is unable to satisfy the requirements stated in the immediately preceding sentence, Grantee shall notify Commerce in writing of the circumstances that will result in the deficiency upon learning of it, but no later than 30 calendar days prior to the deficiency occurring. In such event, Commerce shall have the right, within its sole discretion, to demand reimbursement of part or all of the funding provided to Grantee under this Agreement.

R. CONSTRUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

The title, section, and paragraph headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not govern or affect the interpretation of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement. The term "Agreement" means this Agreement together with all attachments and exhibits hereto, as the same may from time to time be amended, modified, supplemented, or restated in accordance with the terms hereof. The use in this Agreement of the term "including" and other words of similar import mean "including, without limitation" and where specific language is used to clarify by example a general statement contained herein, such specific language shall not be deemed to modify, limit, or restrict in any manner the construction of the general statement to which it relates. The word "or" is not exclusive and the words "herein," "hereof," "hereunder," and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement, including any Exhibits and Attachments, and not to any particular section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, or clause contained in this Agreement. As appropriate, the use herein of terms importing the singular shall also include the plural, and vice versa. The reference to an agreement, instrument, or other document means such agreement, instrument, or other document as amended, supplemented, and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof and the reference to a statute means such statute as amended from time to time and includes any successor legislation thereto and any regulations promulgated thereunder. All references to "\$" shall mean United States dollars. The term "Grantee" includes any person or entity which has been duly authorized to and has the actual authority to act or perform on Grantee's behalf. The term "Commerce" includes the State of Florida and any successor office, department, or agency of Commerce, and any person or entity which has been duly authorized to and has the actual authority to act or perform on Commerce's behalf. The recitals of this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and shall apply to the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the Parties. Time is of the essence with respect to the performance of all obligations under this Agreement. Each Party has read and understands this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

S. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

This Agreement is subject to chapter 112, F.S. Grantee shall disclose the name of any officer, director, employee, or other agent who is also an employee of the State. Grantee shall also disclose the name of any State employee who owns, directly or indirectly, more than a 5% interest in Grantee or its affiliates.

T. GRANTEE AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Grantee is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor. Commerce has no ability to exercise any control or direction over the methods by which Grantee may perform its work and functions, except as provided herein. Nothing in this Agreement may be understood to constitute a partnership or joint venture between the Parties.

U. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION – E-VERIFY

1. E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows an employer, using information reported on an employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to determine the eligibility of all new employees hired to work in the United States. There is no charge to employers to use E-Verify. The Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system can be found at: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>.
2. In accordance with section 448.095, F.S., the State of Florida expressly requires the following:
 - a) Every public agency and its contractors and subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public agency or a contractor or subcontractor thereof may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system.
 - b) An employer shall verify each new employee's employment eligibility within three (3) business days after the first day that the new employee begins working for pay as required under 8 C.F.R. 274a. Beginning July 1, 2023, a private employer with 25 or more employees shall use the E-Verify system to verify a new employee's employment eligibility.
3. If an entity does not use E-Verify, the entity shall enroll in the E-Verify system prior to hiring any new employee or retaining any contract employee after the effective date of this Agreement.

V. NOTIFICATION OF INSTANCES OF FRAUD

Upon discovery, Grantee shall report all known or suspected instances of Grantee, or Grantee's agents, contractors or employees, operational fraud, or criminal activities to Commerce's Agreement Manager in writing within 24 chronological hours.

W. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Grantee shall not discriminate unlawfully against any individual employed in the performance of this Agreement because of race, religion, color, sex, physical handicap unrelated to such person's ability to engage in this work, national origin, ancestry, or age. Grantee shall provide a harassment-free workplace, with any allegation of harassment to be given priority attention and action.

X. ASSIGNMENTS

Grantee shall not assign, subcontract, or otherwise transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Agreement, by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of Commerce, which consent may be withheld in Commerce's sole and absolute discretion. Commerce is at all times entitled to assign or transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Agreement to another governmental entity in the State of Florida. Any attempted assignment of this Agreement or any of the rights hereunder by Grantee in violation of this provision shall be void *ab initio*.

Y. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; SEVERABILITY

This Agreement, and the attachments and exhibits hereto, embodies the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained in this Agreement; and this Agreement supersedes all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the Parties. If a court of competent jurisdiction voids or holds unenforceable any provision of this Agreement, then that provision shall be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. If any inconsistencies or conflict between the language of this Agreement and its Attachments arise, then the language of the attachments shall control, but only to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency.

Z. WAIVER; GOVERNING LAW; ATTORNEYS' FEES, DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. **Waiver.** No waiver by Commerce of any of provision herein shall be effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by Commerce. No waiver by Commerce may be construed as a waiver of any failure, breach, or default not expressly identified by such written waiver, whether of a similar or different character, and whether occurring before or after that waiver. No failure by Commerce to exercise, or delay in exercising, any right, remedy, power, or privilege under this Agreement may be construed as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power, or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power, or privilege. The rights and remedies set forth herein are cumulative and not exclusive.
2. **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the construction, enforcement, and interpretation of this Agreement, regardless of and without reference to whether any applicable conflicts of laws principles may point to the application of the laws of another jurisdiction. The Parties expressly consent to exclusive jurisdiction and venue in any state court located in Leon County, Florida, and waive any defense of forum non convenient, lack of personal jurisdiction, or like defense. IN ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE ACTION BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THE PARTIES HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.
3. **Attorneys' Fees, Expenses.** Except as set forth otherwise herein, each of the Parties shall pay its own attorneys' fees and costs in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.
4. **Dispute Resolution.** Commerce shall decide disputes concerning the performance of the Agreement, and Commerce shall serve written notice of same to Grantee. Commerce's decision shall be final and conclusive unless within 21 calendar days from the date of receipt, Grantee files with Commerce a petition for administrative hearing. Commerce's final order on the petition shall be final, subject to any right of Grantee to judicial review pursuant to chapter 120.68, F.S. Exhaustion of administrative remedies is an absolute condition precedent to Grantee's ability to pursue any other form of dispute resolution; provided however, that the Parties may employ the alternative dispute resolution procedures outlined in chapter 120, F.S.

AA. INDEMNIFICATION

If Grantee is a state agency or subdivision, as defined in s. 768.28(2), F.S., pursuant to s. 768.28(19), F.S., neither Party indemnifies nor insures or assumes any liability for the other Party for the other Party's negligence.

1. Grantee shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Commerce, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Grantee, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors; provided, however, that Grantee shall not indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Commerce, and their officers, agents, and employees for that portion of any loss or damages the negligent act or omission of Commerce or the State proximately caused.
2. Further, Grantee shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Commerce from any suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret or intellectual property right; provided, however, that the foregoing obligation shall not apply to Commerce's misuse or modification of Grantee's products or Commerce operation or use of Grantee's products in a manner not contemplated by this Agreement. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in Grantee's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, Grantee may, at Grantee's sole expense, procure for Commerce the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If Grantee is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure for Commerce the right to continue using the product, Grantee shall remove the product and refund Commerce the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable fee, as determined by Commerce in its sole and absolute discretion, for past use. Commerce shall not be liable for any royalties.
3. Grantee's obligations under the two immediately preceding paragraphs above, with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or Commerce giving Grantee (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Grantee's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Grantee's sole expense. Grantee shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the State or Commerce in any legal action without Grantee's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
4. The State and Commerce may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to Grantee, retain such monies from amounts due Grantee as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them. The State may set off any liability or other obligation of Grantee or its affiliates to the State against any payments due Grantee under any Agreement with the State.

BB. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR GRANTEE AND COMMERCE CONTACTS

Grantee's Payee:

Grantee's Agreement Manager:

Charlotte County, Board of County Commissioners.	Colleen Turner
18500 Murdock Circle, Ste. 536	21500 Gibraltar Drive
Port Charlotte, Florida 33948	Port Charlotte, Florida 33952
Phone: 941-743-1200	Phone: 941-833-6502
Fax: 941-833-6565	Fax: 941-833-6565
Email: www.charlottecountyfl.gov	Email: Colleen.Turner@CharlotteCountyFL.gov

Commerce's Agreement Manager:	Commerce's Secondary Agreement Manager:
Toni R. Clanton	Demetris Thomas
107 East Madison Street, B-047	107 East Madison Street, B-047
Tallahassee, Florida. 32399	Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Phone: 850.245.7456	Phone: 850.245.7393
Fax: 850.245.7470	Fax: 850.245.7470
Email: Toni.Clanton@Commerce.fl.gov	Email: Demetris.Thomas@Commerce.fl.gov

CC. NOTICES

The Parties' respective contact information is set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph and may be subject to change at the Parties' discretion. If the contact information changes, the Party making such change will notify the other Party in writing. Where the term "written notice" is used to specify a notice requirement herein, said notice shall be deemed to have been given (i) when personally delivered; (ii) when transmitted via email, if the sender on the same day sends a confirming copy of such notice by certified or registered mail; (iii) the next business day following the day on which the same has been delivered prepaid to a recognized overnight delivery service; or (iv) the third business day following the day on which the same is sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, with return receipt.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth above and, in all attachments, hereto, the Parties, through their duly authorized representatives, sign this Agreement and represent and warrant that they understand the Agreement and Attachments' terms and conditions as of the Effective Date.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE**

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By _____
Signature

J. Alex Kelly
Title Secretary

Date _____

By _____
Signature

Christopher G. Constance
Title Vice Chairman

Date February 27, 2024

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency, subject only
to full and proper execution by the Parties.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By: _____

Approved Date: _____

Attest: Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners. **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND SUFFICIENCY.**

By: _____ Deputy Clerk _____ County Attorney

Janette S. Knowlton
LR24-0127 (GRP)

ATTACHMENT 1 SCOPE OF WORK

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: For State Fiscal Year 2023-24 the Florida Legislature appropriated **One Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,000,000.00)** in Specific Appropriation line item 2341A, from the General Revenue Fund of Florida's General Appropriation Act, for the Charlotte County Seawall Repair Assistance Program project. Funding will provide grant assistance to any Charlotte County resident whose homesteaded property required seawall repairs due to storm damage from Hurricanes Ian (September 23-30, 2022) and Nicole (November 7-11, 2022). This was the earliest that sea wall funding could be made available for homesteaded properties that did not meet the requirements of 2022 Special Session A funding. Unfortunately, not all properties qualified as coastal, due to being along the multitude of channels inside of Charlotte Harbor. This member appropriations request was meant to correct that oversight.

B. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES: Grantee shall, in addition to all other requirements set forth in the Agreement and this Scope of Work, perform the following activities:

B.1 Grantee shall complete the eligibility determination process for Charlotte County Homeowners to receive funding for repairs to seawalls damaged by hurricanes.

- a. Homeowners who have completed seawall repairs may apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses/repairs incurred with proper documentation. **Unless expressly agreed to in writing by Commerce, any work performed prior to the Effective Date is not eligible for reimbursement.**
- b. Homeowners who require seawall repairs may apply for funding for repairs to seawalls damaged by hurricanes not covered by their insurance.

C. COMMERCE'S RESPONSIBILITIES: Commerce shall monitor progress, review reports, conduct site visits as Commerce deems appropriate and necessary in its sole and absolute discretion, and process payments to Grantee.

D. DELIVERABLES: Grantee agrees to provide the following services as specified:

Deliverable No. 1 Renovations:		
Tasks	Minimum Level of Service	Financial Consequences
Grantee shall complete the task in accordance with Section B. of this Scope of Work on or before June 30, 2025	<p>Grantee may be allowed reimbursement upon completion a minimum of one (1) reimbursement or repair in accordance with Section B.1 of this Scope of Work. Completion shall be documented by submission to Commerce's Agreement Manager of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A copy of the signed letter from Charlotte County making the applicant aware they were approved. b. Copies of invoices, receipts, or similar documentation to show payment. c. An invoice package in accordance with Section F of this Scope of Work. 	Failure to meet the Minimum Level of Service shall result in non-payment for each application not approved for Seawall repairs.

TOTAL AWARD NOT TO EXCEED - \$1,000,000.00		

E. REPORTING: Revise according to preferred reporting schedule

1. Grantee shall provide a quarterly report listing all progress relating to the Deliverables in Section D. Quarterly reports are due to Commerce within 30 calendar days after the end of each quarter, until submission of the final invoice package. The ending dates for each quarter of the program year are September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30. The quarterly report shall include a summary of project progress, indicating percentage of completion of each Deliverable, and all additional reports which are required pursuant to this Agreement, including but not limited to, reports documenting the positive return on investment to the State that results from Grantee's project and its use of Award Funds. The summary shall also include any issues or events occurring which affect the ability of the Grantee to meet the terms of this Agreement. **If all required reports and copies are not sent to Commerce or are not completed in a manner acceptable to Commerce, payments may be withheld until the reports are properly completed or otherwise allowable by law.**
2. Minority and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Report: Grantee shall provide a Minority and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Report (Attachment 4) with each invoice summarizing the participation of certified and non-certified minority and service-disabled veteran subcontractors and material suppliers for that period and the project to date. Grantee shall include the names, addresses, and dollar amount of each certified and non-certified Minority Business Enterprise and Service-Disabled Veteran Enterprise participant. Commerce's Minority Coordinator can be reached at (850) 245-7455 to answer concerns and questions.
3. Close-out Report: No later than 60 calendar days after the Agreement ends or is terminated, Grantee shall provide copies of all paid invoices to document completed work.
4. Annual Report: The Grantee shall submit an Annual Report (Attachment 5), including the most recent IRS Form 990, detailing the total compensation for the Grantee's executive leadership team(s). Total compensation shall include salary, bonuses, cash-in leave, cash equivalents, severance pay, retirement benefits, deferred compensation, real property gifts and any other payout. All compensation reports must indicate what percent of compensation comes directly from the State and/or Federal allocations. The annual report will be due to Commerce 30 calendar days after the submittal of the 990 forms to the IRS. The Grantee must inform Commerce of any changes in total executive compensation between annual reports within 60 calendar days of the change.

F. INVOICE SUBMITTAL AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Commerce shall pay Grantee in accordance with the following schedule in the amount identified per deliverable in Section 4 above. The deliverable amount specified does not establish the value of the deliverable. In accordance with the requirements of s. 215.971(1), F.S., and the **Audit Requirements and Compliance** section of this Agreement, Grantee and its subcontractors may only expend funding under this Agreement for allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the Agreement period.

1. Grantee shall provide one invoice quarterly for all services rendered during the applicable period. Grantee shall submit invoices as set forth below to be eligible to receive and retain payment for the performance of duties and completion of deliverables set forth above. Grantee shall submit all documentation necessary to support Grantee's expenditures. Commerce may request any information from Grantee that Commerce deems necessary to verify that Grantee has performed the services for which payment is requested. Grantee's submission of each invoice package is Grantee's certification that it has performed the services and incurred the costs in compliance with all applicable laws and the terms of this Agreement. Grantee will provide invoices in accordance with the requirements of the Reference Guide for State Expenditures available at: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/reference-guide-for-state-expenditures.pdf>. Invoices must be legible and must clearly reflect the performance for which payment is sought. Payment does not become due under this Agreement until Commerce accepts and approves the invoiced deliverable(s) and any required report(s). At Commerce's option, Grantee may submit invoices electronically. Grantee shall submit its final invoice for payment to Commerce no later than 60 days after this

Agreement ends and Commerce may, at Commerce's sole and absolute discretion, refuse to honor any requests for payment submitted after this deadline.

2. Invoices must contain Grantee's name, address, federal employer identification number or other applicable Grantee identification number, the Agreement number, the invoice number, and the invoice period. Grantee shall submit the following documents with the itemized invoice:
 - a. A cover letter signed by Grantee's Agreement Manager certifying that the costs being claimed in the invoice package: (1) are specifically for the project represented to the State in the budget appropriation; (2) are for one or more of the components as stated in Section D, Deliverables, of this Scope of Work; (3) have been paid or that professional services have been rendered in a rural community or rural area of opportunity as defined in section 288.065(2), F.S.; and (4) were incurred during the Agreement period;
 - b. Grantee's invoices shall include the date, period in which work was performed, amount of reimbursement, and work completed to date.
 - c. A certification by a licensed engineer using AIA forms G702 and G703, or their substantive equivalents, certifying that the project, or a quantifiable portion of the project, is complete.
 - d. Before and after photographs of the completed work.
 - e. Travel documentation with a completed State of Florida Travel Reimbursement Form.
 - f. A copy of all supporting documentation for vendor payments.
 - g. A copy of the cancelled check(s) specific to the project; and
 - h. A copy of the bank statement that includes the cancelled check.
 3. The State may require any other information from Grantee that the State deems necessary to verify that the services have been rendered under the Agreement.
 4. All documentation necessary to support payment requests must be submitted with Grantee's invoice for Commerce's review.
 5. Grantee's invoice and all documentation necessary to support payment requests must be submitted into Commerce's Subrecipient Enterprise Resource Application (SERA). Further instruction on SERA invoicing and reporting, along with a copy of the invoice template, will be provided upon execution of the Agreement.
 6. If the Grantee is a county or municipality that is a rural community or rural area of opportunity as those terms are defined in s. 288.0656(2), the payment of submitted invoices may be issued for verified and eligible performance that has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement to the extent that federal or state law, rule, or other regulation allows such payments. Upon meeting either of the criteria set forth below, the Grantee may elect in writing to exercise this provision.
 - a. A county or municipality that is a rural community or rural area of opportunity as those terms are defined in section 288.0656(2), F.S., that demonstrates financial hardship; or
 - b. A county or municipality that is a rural community or rural area of opportunity as those terms are defined in s. 288.0656(2), F.S., and which is located in a fiscally constrained county, as defined in section 218.67(1), F.S. If the Grantee meets the criteria set forth in this paragraph, then the Grantee is deemed to have demonstrated a financial hardship.
- G. RETURN ON INVESTMENT:** Grantee is required to provide, on or before October 31, 2023, an initial report identifying actual returns on investment by fiscal year for state funding previously received (if applicable), as well as projected positive returns the state will receive by providing Grantee funding through this Agreement.
1. Beginning at the end of the first full quarter following execution of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide quarterly update reports directly to Commerce's Agreement Manager documenting the positive return on investment to the state that results from the Grantee's project and its use of monies provided under this Agreement.

2. Quarterly update reports shall be provided to Commerce's Agreement Manager within 30 calendar days after the end of each quarter thereafter until Grantee is instructed that no further reports are needed.

H. ADVANCE PAYMENT: Grantee is allowed to request an advance amount of Agreement funding to ensure timely payment of costs. This advance shall not exceed the expected cash needs of the Grantee within the initial three months of the Agreement Period. Approval of an advance may be subject to prior approval by the Department of Financial Services, to the extent required by law. Any advance payment under this Agreement is subject to section 216.181(16), F.S. To ensure compliance with this directive:

1. Reconciliation of the advance will be conducted prior to your final reimbursement request.
2. The Grantee's performance and compliance to the advance expenditure requirement during this Agreement will be taken into consideration for any advances requested in future Agreements.
3. Grantee must maintain a separate interest-bearing account in a United States banking institution for funds provided under this Agreement, and remit interest earned on the account to Commerce within 30 days of expiration or termination of the Agreement, or apply interest earned against Commerce's obligation to pay under this Agreement.

All payments subsequent to the advance payment shall be made upon presentation of an invoice expenditures and completeness as defined in Section F. of this Scope of Work.

I. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY AND SATISFACTORILY PERFORM: Failure to complete all deliverables in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, and most particularly the deliverables specified above in Section 4, Deliverables, will result in Commerce's assessment of the specified financial consequences. If appropriate, should the Parties agree to a corrective action plan, the plan shall specify additional financial consequences to be applied after the effective date of the corrective action plan. This provision for financial consequences shall in no manner affect Commerce's right to terminate the Agreement as provided elsewhere in the Agreement.

End of Attachment 1 (Scope of Work)

Attachment 2 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

The administration of resources awarded by Commerce to the recipient (herein otherwise referred to as “Grantee”) may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by Commerce as described in this Attachment 2.

MONITORING. In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, and section 215.97, Florida Statutes (F.S.), as revised (see AUDITS below), monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by Commerce staff, limited scope audits as defined by 2 CFR §200.425, or other procedures. By entering into this agreement, the recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures or processes deemed appropriate by Commerce. In the event the Commerce determines that a limited scope audit of the recipient is appropriate, the recipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by Commerce staff to the recipient regarding such audit. The recipient further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or Auditor General.

AUDITS.

PART I: FEDERALLY FUNDED. This part is applicable if the recipient is a state or local government, or a nonprofit organization as defined in 2 CFR §200.1.

1. A recipient that expends \$750,000 or more in federal awards in its fiscal year must have a single or program-specific audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements. EXHIBIT 1 to this form lists the federal resources awarded through Commerce by this agreement. In determining the federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of federal awards, including federal resources received from Commerce. The determination of amounts of federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established in 2 CFR §§200.502-503. An audit of the recipient conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR §200.514 will meet the requirements of this Part.
2. For the audit requirements addressed in Part I, paragraph 1, the recipient shall fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in 2 CFR §§200.508-512.
3. A recipient that expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year is not required to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements. If the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-federal resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from recipient resources obtained from other than federal entities).

PART II: STATE FUNDED. This part is applicable if the recipient is a nonstate entity as defined by Section 215.97(2), Florida Statutes.

1. In the event that the recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such recipient (for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), the recipient must have a state single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with section 215.97, F.S.; Rule Chapter 69I-5, F.A.C., State Financial Assistance; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. EXHIBIT 1 to this form lists the state financial assistance awarded through Commerce by this agreement. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from Commerce, other state agencies, and other nonstate entities. State financial assistance does not include federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a nonstate entity for federal program matching requirements.
2. For the audit requirements addressed in Part II, paragraph 1, the recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of section 215.97(8), F.S. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by section 215.97(2), F.S., and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650

- (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General.
3. If the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year (for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 215.97, F.S., is not required. If the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 215.97, F.S., the cost of the audit must be paid from the nonstate entity's resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from the recipient's resources obtained from other than state entities).

PART III: OTHER AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.

(NOTE: This part would be used to specify any additional audit requirements imposed by the State awarding entity that are solely a matter of that State awarding entity's policy (i.e., the audit is not required by Federal or State laws and is not in conflict with other Federal or State audit requirements). Pursuant to Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes, State agencies may conduct or arrange for audits of state financial assistance that are in addition to audits conducted in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. In such an event, the State awarding agency must arrange for funding the full cost of such additional audits.)

N/A

PART IV: REPORT SUBMISSION.

1. Copies of reporting packages for audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, and required by Part I of this form shall be submitted, when required by 2 CFR§200.512, by or on behalf of the recipient directly to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) as provided in 2 CFR §200.1 and §200.512. The FAC's website provides a data entry system and required forms for submitting the single audit reporting package. Updates to the location of the FAC and data entry system may be found at the OMB website.
2. Copies of financial reporting packages required by Part II of this form shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to each of the following:

- a. Commerce at each of the following addresses:

Electronic copies (preferred):
Audit@commerce.fl.gov

or

Paper (hard copy):
 Department of Commerce
 MSC # 75, Caldwell Building
 107 East Madison Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-4126

- b. The Auditor General's Office at the following address:

Auditor General
 Local Government Audits/342
 Claude Pepper Building, Room 401
 111 West Madison Street
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

The Auditor General's website (<https://flauditor.gov/>) provides instructions for filing an electronic copy of a financial reporting package.

3. Copies of reports or the management letter required by Part III of this form shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to:

Electronic copies (preferred):
Audit@commerce.fl.gov

or

Paper (hard copy):
Department of Commerce
MSC # 75, Caldwell Building
107 East Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL. 32399-4126

4. Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted Commerce pursuant to this agreement shall be submitted timely in accordance with 2 CFR §200.512, section 215.97, F.S., and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.
5. Recipients, when submitting financial reporting packages to Commerce for audits done in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F - Audit Requirements, or Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) and 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, should indicate the date that the reporting package was delivered to the recipient in correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

PART V: RECORD RETENTION. The recipient shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the date the audit report is issued, or five (5) state fiscal years after all reporting requirements are satisfied and final payments have been received, whichever period is longer, and shall allow Commerce, or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The recipient shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to Commerce, or its designee, CFO, or Auditor General upon request for a period of five (5) years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by Commerce. In addition, if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been started prior to the expiration of the controlling period as identified above, the records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the controlling period as identified above, whichever is longer.

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EXHIBIT 1 to Attachment 2

**STATE RESOURCES AWARDED TO THE RECIPIENT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT
CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:**

SUBJECT TO SECTION 215.97, FLORIDA STATUTES:

State Project DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, CSFA 40.038, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT - \$ 1,000,000.00

**COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO STATE RESOURCES AWARDED
PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO THOSE IN THE SCOPE OF WORK**

NOTE: List applicable compliance requirements

NOTE: 2 CFR § 200.331, as revised, and s. 215.97(5), F.S., require that the information about Federal Programs
and State Projects included in Exhibit 1 be provided to the recipient.

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Attachment 3

AUDIT COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Grantee Name: _____

FEIN: _____

Grantee's Fiscal Year: _____

Contact Person Name and Phone Number: _____

Contact Person Email Address: _____

1. Did Grantee expend state financial assistance, during its fiscal year, that it received under any agreement (e.g., agreement, grant, memorandum of agreement, memorandum of understanding, economic incentive award agreement, etc.) between Grantee and the Department of Commerce (Commerce)? ____ Yes ____ No

If the above answer is yes, also answer the following before proceeding to item 2:

Did Grantee expend \$750,000 or more of state financial assistance (from Commerce and all other sources of state financial assistance combined) during its fiscal year? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, Grantee certifies that it will timely comply with all applicable state single or project-specific audit requirements of s. 215.97, Florida Statutes, and the applicable rules of the Department of Financial Services and the Auditor General.

2. Did Grantee expend federal awards, during its fiscal year that it received under any agreement (e.g., agreement, grant, memorandum of agreement, memorandum of understanding, economic incentive award agreement, etc.) between Grantee and Commerce? ____ Yes ____ No

If the above answer is yes, also answer the following before proceeding to execution of this certification:

Did Grantee expend \$750,000 or more in federal awards (from Commerce and all other sources of federal awards combined) during its fiscal year? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, Grantee certifies that it will timely comply with all applicable single or program-specific audit requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, as revised.

By signing below, I certify, on behalf of Grantee, that the above representations for items 1 and 2 are true and correct.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

ATTACHMENT 4 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of Procurement
CONTRACTOR MONTHLY MINORITY & VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REPORT

(Company Name, Street Address, City & Zip Code)

Commerce Contract Number:

Commerce Project Name:

Contract Amount
\$0.00

MBE Participation Amount: MBE Percentage
\$0.00

DV Participation Amount: DV Percentage
\$0.00

Contract Vendor Invoice # 0 Date (mm dd, yyyy)

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE)

** Include consultants, sub-contractors, travel agents, etc. who provided services on this project.

** Minority Business Enterprise	Description	** MBE Status	State Certified MBE (Yes or No)	MBE Contract \$ Amount	\$ Amount this Invoice	Total Paid	Balance Due	Project Type (Commodities or Contractual Services)
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

** Certified MBE: H - African American I - Hispanic J - Asian/Hawaiian K - Native American M - American Women

** Non-Certified MBE: N - African American O - Hispanic P - Asian/Hawaiian Q - Native American R - American Women

FLORIDA VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (VBE)

* Include consultants, sub-contractors, travel agents, etc. who provided services on this project.

* Florida Veteran Business Enterprise	Description	* V Status	State Certified V Business (Yes or No)	V Contract \$ Amount	\$ Amount this Invoice	Total Paid	Balance Due	Project Type (Commodities or Contractual Services)
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

* Certified V: W - Veteran Business * Non-Certified V: Y - Veteran Business

INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR INVOICE

Attachment 5
Total Compensation for Executive Leadership

(Executive Order 20-44)

Entity Name:

Employee Name						
Title						
Salary						
Bonuses						
Cashed-In Leave						
Cash Equivalents						
Cash Equivalents Description						
Severance Pay						
Retirement Benefits						
Employer-Paid Insurance Benefits						
Deferred Compensation						
Real Property Gifts						
Real Property Gifts Description						
Other Payouts						
Other Payouts Description						
Employer-Paid Insurance Benefits						
Total Compensation						
Accrued Leave and Holiday Benefits						

Percentage of Total Compensation from Federal or State Funds						
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Definitions:

Executive Leadership - Anyone who is included by name or title on the form 990, part VII, or Schedule J.

Cash Equivalents: Gift cards, vouchers, tickets, or other items of monetary value.

Other payouts: Cell phone allowances, tuition, gym memberships, and car allowances, etc.

Employer-Paid Insurance Benefits: Amount of insurance paid by the employer for health, vision, life, dental, disability, etc. (does not include taxes such as FICA, reemployment, etc.)

Accrued Leave and Holiday Benefits: Value of vacation, sick, and PTO accrued during the year and holiday available to the employee