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SUBJECT: Town of Inglis, FY 2022-2023 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant

Dear Alicia,

Wright-Pierce is interested in performing the services outlined in the Community Planning Technical Assistance grant to develop a Community Action Plan for the restoration of flows to the Lower Withlacoochee River. We understand that this grant was awarded to the Town of Inglis and that they do not have the upfront funds nor the capacity to perform these services within the timeframe outlined in the grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and that agents representing the Town have asked Levy County to take over administration of this grant and contract for the necessary professional services.

The Lower Withlacoochee River has been negatively affected by the creation of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal from its flow diversions away from the Withlacoochee River and the resulting negative hydrogeomorphic, aquatic, and water quality changes to the waterway. Many studies have been conducted by multiple agencies, but little has been done regarding restoration. This grant is intended to fund the review of these previous studies and other documents and create planning tools and a path forward for the restoration of flows and other benefits.

Wright-Pierce, in conjunction with our subconsultant Wetland Solutions, has reviewed the grant-defined scope of work, schedule, and fee structure and agree to meet these requirements contingent upon receiving BOCC authorization on or before November 22, 2022, for a Task Assignment with Wright-Pierce under our Continuing Professional Services Agreement. Time is of the essence as the first DEO deliverable milestone is January 31, 2023. Authorization after November 22nd may require an extension to the DEO schedule and fee. The DEO grant award with the Scope of Work, Schedule, and Fee Structure is attached.

The team of Wright-Pierce and Wetland Solutions is uniquely qualified to perform this work. Wright-Pierce, with a staff of more than 300 engineers and support professionals, is an award-winning, multi-discipline engineering firm that has been providing civil engineering, stormwater, water, and wastewater infrastructure services for over 75 years. Wetland Solutions performed the much of the recent Lower Withlacoochee River water quality monitoring and developed its recover plan.

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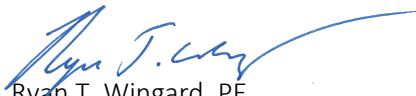
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Our Project Manager Walt Nickel worked hand-in-hand with Wetland Solutions on the Sweetwater Wetlands project in Gainesville, an award-winning 250-acre stormwater treatment wetland that included restoration of water flows to over 1300-acres of degraded downstream wetlands within an Outstanding Florida Water.

We appreciate being considers for this assignment. If you need any additional information, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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Attachment