

AGREEMENT

This Agreement for Sod ("Agreement") is made as of the 12 day of May, 2025, by and between the **Town of Loxahatchee Groves**, a municipal corporation ("TOWN"), with its office located at 155 F Road, Loxahatchee Groves, Florida 33470, and **GVI Garden Center, Inc.**, a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida ("CONTRACTOR") with a principal address of 13415 Southern Blvd. Loxahatchee, Florida 33470.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the TOWN is a Florida municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to its Charter and the Constitution of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN is in need of a contractor to provide sod services and goods within its jurisdictional limits ("SERVICES"); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington, through a competitive procurement process for ITB#202509, awarded an Annual Sod Contract ("CONTRACT") to CONTRACTOR for substantially the same services sought by the TOWN; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN has reviewed the terms of the CONTRACT and has determined the CONTRACTOR's rates set forth therein for the needed goods and services are fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN requested, and the CONTRACTOR has executed this Agreement with the TOWN for performing the SERVICES based on the pricing and terms and conditions of the CONTRACT except as otherwise amended herein; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-133(b)(5) of the TOWN's Purchasing Code permits the TOWN to enter into agreements for goods and services using other government agency contracts, so long as they were competitively bid and the price offered to the TOWN is the same or less than the price of the contracting government agency; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN desires to accept CONTRACTOR's pricing by piggy-backing the CONTRACT including all terms, conditions and pricing therein, as amended herein and as more fully set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the TOWN finds this Agreement serves a valid public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Recitals. The parties agree that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are fully incorporated herein by reference.

2. Contract. The CONTRACT with the CONTRACTOR is hereby expressly made a part of this Agreement (non-exclusive), and is incorporated herein by this reference. The TOWN shall have all rights, obligations and remedies authorized to the governmental entity under the CONTRACT and all associated and applicable Contract Documents as defined therein, except as amended herein.

3. Effective Date, Term and Renewal. The effective date of this Agreement is the date the Agreement is approved by the parties. The term of this Agreement shall be for a term to mirror the CONTRACT which shall expire on April 7, 2026 or until the CONTRACTOR has completed all maintenance work that was commenced prior to April 7, 2026 and the work has been reviewed, inspected, and accepted by the TOWN, inclusive of all warranty periods, or upon the expiration date of any approved renewals, whichever is later. The Agreement may be renewed at the option of the TOWN for four (4) additional one-year renewal terms upon written notice to CONTRACTOR.

4. Services. In accordance with the terms and conditions in the CONTRACT and pricing herein, the CONTRACTOR shall perform SERVICES as requested by the TOWN, as more fully set forth in Exhibit 1 ("Bid Tabulation") and Exhibit 2 ("ITB#20259") to this Agreement.

5. Contract Documents and Conflict of Terms and Conditions. The Contract Documents for this Agreement are comprised of the following:

- A. All written modifications and amendments hereto;
- B. This Agreement;
- C. CONTRACT (including the Bid, Contractors Proposal, Bid Tabulation, Award, and any Amendments, Renewals, and Extensions).

The Contract Documents of this Agreement are intended to be complementary and interpreted in harmony so as to avoid conflict with the words and phrases interpreted in a manner consistent with construction and design industry standards. In the event of any inconsistency, conflict or ambiguity between or among the Contract Documents of this Agreement, the Contract Documents of this Agreement shall take precedence in the following order:

- A. All written modifications and amendments hereto;
- B. This Agreement; and
- C. The CONTRACT.

6. Compensation to Contractor. Payments by the TOWN to the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount of compensation, on the unit basis for each item (where an item is specified), consistent with the CONTRACT as more particularly set forth in Exhibit 1 ("Bid Tabulation") and Exhibit 2 ("ITB#20259"), CONTRACTOR waives special, consequential and incidental damages for claims, disputes or any other matters in question arising out of or relating to this Agreement whether or not caused by the TOWN's negligence even if the parties have been advised of the possibility of such damages. **The TOWN will not expend more than**

the amount in the approved Budget as it may be adopted each year for the SERVICES over the term of this Agreement.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions.

7.1 Successors and Assigns: The TOWN and CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its partners, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect of all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

7.2 Headings, References, and Exhibits: The headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be a part or control or affect the meaning hereof. All references herein to exhibits are to the exhibits hereto, each of which shall be incorporated into and deemed to be a part of this Agreement.

7.3 Counterparts: This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall be deemed to be an original, but each of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

7.4 Entire Agreement; Amendment and Waiver: This Agreement (together with the Exhibits hereto) supersedes any and all prior negotiations and oral or written agreements heretofore made relating to the subject matter hereof and, except for written agreements, if any, executed and delivered simultaneously with or subsequent to the date of this Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as otherwise authorized in the Agreement, this Agreement may not be altered or amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto. No waiver of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and executed by the party to be changed therewith. No waiver of any condition or of the breach of any term, covenant, representation, warranty or other provision hereof shall be deemed to be construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such condition or breach or a waiver of any other condition or of any breach of any other term, covenant, representation, warranty or other provision contained in this Agreement.

7.5 Successors and Assigns: This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

7.6 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction; Remedies; Enforcement Costs: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Each of the parties hereto (a) irrevocably submit itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida for state actions and jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Palm Beach Division, for the purposes of any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement; (b) waives and agrees not to assert against any party hereto, by way of motion, as a defense of otherwise, in any suit, action or other proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts for any reason whatsoever; and (ii) to the extent permitted by applicable law, any claim that such suit, action or proceeding by any party hereto is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or

proceeding is improper or that this Agreement or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such courts. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof. If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of the Agreement, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree that each party shall be responsible for its own attorneys' fees. This attorneys' fees provision shall not apply to the CONTRACTOR's responsibilities under the Indemnity provision set forth in this Agreement.

7.7 Third Party Beneficiary Rights: This Agreement shall create no rights or claims whatsoever in any person other than a party herein.

7.8 Severability: If any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

7.9 Public Records: Public Records: CONTRACTOR shall comply with Florida's Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and specifically agrees to:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the TOWN to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the TOWN's custodian of public records or designee, provide the TOWN with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) 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 the duration of this Contract and following completion of this Agreement if the CONTRACTOR does not transfer the records to the TOWN.
- (d) Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the TOWN all public records in possession of the CONTRACTOR or keep and maintain public records required by the TOWN to perform the service. If the CONTRACTOR transfers all public records to the TOWN upon completion of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the TOWN, upon request from the TOWN's custodian of public records or designee, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the TOWN.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS OR DESIGNEE AT 561-793-2418, TOWNCLERK@LOXAHATCHEEGROVESFL.GOV, OR BY MAIL AT TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, 155 F ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FL 33470.

7.10 Preparation: This Agreement shall not be construed more strongly against either party regardless of who was more responsible for its preparation.

7.11 Palm Beach County IG; Public Entity Crimes: In accordance with Palm Beach County ordinance number 2011-009, the CONTRACTOR acknowledges that this Agreement may be subject to investigation and/or audit by the Palm Beach County Inspector General. The CONTRACTOR has reviewed Palm Beach County ordinance number 2011-009 and is aware of its rights and/or obligations under such ordinance. As provided in sections 287.132-133, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, by entering into this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its affiliates who will perform hereunder have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the date hereof.

7.12 Notices: All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and sent to the addresses appearing on the first page of this Agreement.

7.13 Taxes: The TOWN is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Tax. The CONTRACTOR shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fill contractual obligations with the TOWN, nor is the CONTRACTOR authorized to use the TOWN's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

7.14 Scrutinized Companies: CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List and are not engaged in a boycott of Israel. Pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the TOWN may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors, are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or are engaged in a boycott of Israel during the term of this Agreement.

If this Agreement is for one million dollars or more, CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 287.135, the TOWN may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if CONTRACTOR, or any of its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or has been placed on a list created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida

Statutes, relating to scrutinized active business operations in Iran, or are or have been engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of this Agreement.

8. Indemnity:

8.1 The parties recognize that the CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor. The CONTRACTOR shall assume liability for and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the TOWN, its council members, mayor, officers, employees, agents, and attorneys of, from, and against all liability and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees (through all trials and appeals), in connection with any and all claims, demands, damages, liens, fines, penalties, fees, judgments, losses, actions, causes of action, and suits in equity of whatever kind or nature, whether or not a lawsuit is filed, including but not limited to claims for personal injury (including death), property damage, equitable relief, or loss of use, to the extent caused, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by the acts, omissions, negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONTRACTOR, its agents, officers, Contractors, subcontractors, employees, or anyone else utilized by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR's liability hereunder shall include all attorney's fees and costs incurred by the TOWN in the enforcement of this indemnification provision. This includes claims made by the employees of the CONTRACTOR against the TOWN and the CONTRACTOR hereby waives its entitlement, if any, to immunity under Section 440.11, Florida Statutes. The obligations contained in this provision shall survive termination of this Agreement and shall not be limited by the amount of any insurance required to be obtained or maintained under this Agreement.

8.2 Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, CONTRACTOR shall assume control of the defense of any claim asserted by a third party against the TOWN and, in connection with such defense, shall appoint lead counsel, in each case at the CONTRACTOR's expense. The TOWN shall have the right, at its option, to participate in the defense of any third-party claim, without relieving CONTRACTOR of any of its obligations hereunder. If the CONTRACTOR assumes control of the defense of any third-party claim in accordance with this paragraph, the CONTRACTOR shall obtain the prior written consent of the TOWN before entering into any settlement of such claim. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, the CONTRACTOR shall not assume or maintain control of the defense of any third party claim, but shall pay the fees of counsel retained by the TOWN and all expenses, including experts' fees, if (i) an adverse determination with respect to the third party claim would, in the good faith judgment of the TOWN, be detrimental in any material respect to the TOWN's reputation; (ii) the third party claim seeks an injunction or equitable relief against the TOWN; or (iii) the CONTRACTOR has failed or is failing to prosecute or defend vigorously the third party claim. Each party shall cooperate, and cause its agents to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any third party claim and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records and information, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials, or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.

9. Insurance:

9.1 The CONTRACTOR, shall, at its own expense, procure and maintain throughout the term of this Agreement, with insurers acceptable to the TOWN, the types and amounts of

insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth below. The CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Agreement until the required insurance is in force and evidence of insurance acceptable to the TOWN has been provided to, and approved by, the TOWN. An appropriate Certification of Insurance shall be satisfactory evidence of insurance. Until such insurance is no longer required by this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the TOWN with renewal or replacement evidence of insurance at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration or termination of such insurance.

A. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain, during the life of this Agreement, commercial general liability, including contractual liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, to protect the CONTRACTOR from claims for damages for bodily and personal injury, including wrongful death, as well as from claims of property damages which may arise from any operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by the CONTRACTOR or by anyone directly employed by or contracting with the CONTRACTOR.

B. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain, during the life of this Agreement, comprehensive automobile liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damages liability to protect the CONTRACTOR from claims for damages for bodily and personal injury, including death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from the ownership, use, or maintenance of owned and non-owned automobiles, including rented automobiles whether such operations be by the CONTRACTOR or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the CONTRACTOR.

C. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain, during the life of this Agreement, Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for all employees as required by Florida Statutes.

9.2 The insurance provided by the CONTRACTOR shall specifically include the "Town of Loxahatchee Groves, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives" as an "Additional Insured" and include a waiver of subrogation. All insurance, other than Worker's Compensation, to be maintained by the CONTRACTOR shall apply on a primary and non-contributory basis. Any insurance, or self-insurance, maintained by the TOWN shall be in excess of, and shall not contribute to, the insurance provided by the CONTRACTOR. Except as otherwise specified, no deductible or self-insured retention is permitted.

9.3 Compliance with these insurance requirements shall not limit the liability of the CONTRACTOR. Any remedy provided to the TOWN by the insurance provided by the TOWN shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedy (including, but not limited to, as an indemnitee of the CONTRACTOR) available to the TOWN under this Agreement or otherwise.

9.4 Neither approval nor failure to disapprove insurance furnished by the CONTRACTOR shall relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility to provide insurance as required by this Agreement.

9.5 The CONTRACTOR's failure to obtain, pay for, or maintain any required insurance shall constitute a material breach upon which the TOWN may immediately terminate or suspend this

Agreement. In the event of any termination or suspension, the TOWN may use the services of another contractor without the TOWN incurring any liability to the CONTRACTOR.

9.6 At its sole discretion, the TOWN may obtain or renew the CONTRACTOR's insurance, and the TOWN may pay all or part of the premiums. Upon demand, the CONTRACTOR shall repay the TOWN all monies paid to obtain or renew the insurance. The TOWN may offset the cost of the premium against any monies due to the CONTRACTOR from the TOWN.

10. E-Verify. Pursuant to Section 448.095(5), Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall:

- a. Register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees and require all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Agreement) to register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all the subcontractors' new employees;
- b. Secure an affidavit from all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Agreement) stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an "unauthorized alien";
- c. Maintain copies of all subcontractor affidavits for the duration of this Agreement and provide the same to TOWN upon request;
- d. Comply fully, and ensure all of its subcontractors comply fully, with Sections 448.09(1) and 448.095, Florida Statutes;
- e. Be aware that a violation of Section 448.09 or 448.095, Florida Statutes, shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement; and
- f. Be aware that if TOWN terminates this Agreement under Section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR may not be awarded a contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which this Agreement is terminated and will be liable for any additional costs incurred by TOWN as a result of termination of this Agreement.

11. Human Trafficking. CONTRACTOR, by signing this Agreement as set forth below, attests that the CONTRACTOR does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

**[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank.
Signature page follows.]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the TOWN and CONTRACTOR have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year shown above.

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

By: _____
Anita Kane, Mayor

ATTEST

Valerie Oaks, Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Office of the Town Attorney

CONTRACTOR:
GVI Garden Center, Inc., a corporation
authorized to do business in the State of
Florida

[Corporate Seal]

By: Ashley Wilkinson
Print Name: Ashley Wilkinson
Title: VP

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Palm Beach

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this 12 day of May, 2025 by Ashley Wilkinson [individual's name] as VP [title] of GVI Garden Center, Inc., a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and 1 who is personally known to me or who has produced the following _____ as identification, and who did take an oath that the facts stated with regard to section 787.06, Florida Statutes, are true and correct, and that he or she is duly authorized to execute the foregoing instrument and bind GVI Garden Center, Inc. to the same.

Notary Public



Tara O. Gibb
Print Name: Tara O. Gibb
My commission expires: 10/25/26

EXHIBIT 1

Bid Tabulation (inclusive of this cover page, a total of 3 pages)

EXHIBIT 2

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(inclusive of this cover page, a total of 33 pages)