

Piggyback Purchasing Agreement

This Agreement for Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair Services (“Agreement”) is made as of the _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the **Town of Loxahatchee Groves**, 155 F Road, Loxahatchee Groves, Florida 33470, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, (“TOWN”), and **Hinterland Group, Inc.**, 2051 West Blue Heron Boulevard, Riviera Beach, Florida 33404, a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, (“CONTRACTOR”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the TOWN is in need of a contractor to perform stormwater infrastructure maintenance and repair services (“SERVICES”) for the TOWN; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Beach Gardens, through its competitive selection process, awarded Agreement No. ITB2021-127CS for Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance and Repair Services (“CONTRACT”) to the CONTRACTOR for substantially the same services sought by the TOWN; 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; and

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

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 as fully as if set forth at length herein. All references to the governmental entity in the CONTRACT shall be construed as referencing the TOWN. 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.
3. Agreement. In accordance with the terms and conditions in the CONTRACT and pricing therein, the CONTRACTOR shall perform as requested by the TOWN.
4. 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;
- C. The CONTRACT.

5. Compensation to Contractor.

- 5.1 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), as set forth under the CONTRACT, and more particularly specified in the Exhibits to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR waives consequential or incidental damages for claims, disputes or other matters in question arising out of or relating to this Agreement. 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.
- 5.2 The TOWN shall pay the CONTRACTOR the lump sum, not to exceed amount(s) set forth in an approved work order. The CONTRACTOR expressly acknowledges and agrees that the total cost to complete all services as set forth in an approved work order shall be a lump sum, not to exceed price, and no additional costs shall be authorized or paid by the TOWN unless approved by written amendment to the work order by the TOWN. In no case shall the CONTRACTOR bill the TOWN for any amount not stated in an approved work order or written amendment thereto.
- 5.3 The Public Works Director shall have authority to approve work orders in an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). The Town Manager shall have authority to approve work orders in an amount not to exceed twenty four thousand, nine hundred and ninety nine dollars and ninety nine cents (\$24,999.99). Work orders in greater amounts must be approved by the Town Council. These authorization amounts are intended to be not to exceed amounts for the total amount of any approved work order including any amendments thereto and do not apply to work orders and amendments separately.

6. Effective date, term and renewal. The effective date of this Agreement is the date the Agreement is approved by the TOWN Council. The term of this Agreement shall be for a term to mirror the CONTRACT which shall expire on **March 31, 2026**, or until the CONTRACTOR has completed all maintenance and/or repair work that was commenced prior to March 31, 2026, and the work has

been reviewed, inspected, and accepted by the TOWN, inclusive of all warranty periods, whichever is later.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- 7.1 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 The Project Manager for the TOWN is Craig Lower at 561-807-6671 The Project Manager for the CONTRACTOR is JACOB CROWJE at 803-309-7487
- 7.3 Headings and References & 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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. 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.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction: 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 part 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.

- 7.8 Third Party Beneficiary rights: This Agreement shall create no rights or claims whatsoever in any person other than a party herein.
- 7.9 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.
- 7.10 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.

- 7.11 Preparation: This Agreement shall not be construed more strongly against either party regardless of who was more responsible for its preparation.
- 7.12 PALM BEACH COUNTY IG: 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.
- 7.13 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.
- 7.14 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.
- 7.15 Scrutinized Companies:
- (a) CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List and is not engaged in the boycott of Israel. Pursuant to section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the TOWN may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the CONTRACTOR is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of this Agreement.
 - (b) If this Agreement is for one million dollars or more, the CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the 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 the CONTRACTOR is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or is or has been engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of this Agreement.
 - (c) The CONTRACTOR agrees that the certifications in this section shall be effective and relied upon by the TOWN for the term of this Agreement, including any and all renewals.

(d) As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), Florida Statutes, if federal law ceases to authorize the above-stated contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

7.16 Public Entity Crimes: CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted CONTRACTOR list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a CONTRACTOR, supplier or sub-CONTRACTOR under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted CONTRACTOR list. CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the convicted vendor list and have not been for at least 36 months prior to entering into this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will advise the TOWN immediately if it becomes aware of any violation of this statute.

7.17 Enforcement Costs: All parties shall be responsible for their own attorneys' fees, court costs and expenses if any legal action or other proceeding is brought for any dispute, disagreement, or issue of construction or interpretation arising hereunder whether relating to the Agreement's execution, validity, the obligations provided therein, or performance of this Agreement, or because of an alleged breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Agreement.

7.18 Waiver of Trial by Jury: TO ENCOURAGE PROMPT AND EQUITABLE RESOLUTION OF ANY LITIGATION, EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES ITS RIGHTS TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT.

7.19 The CONTRACTOR, by signing this Agreement, attests that the CONTRACTOR does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes.

7.20 Any SERVICES authorized under this Agreement paid for in whole or in part by state funds administered by the TOWN, shall be required to utilize iron or steel that is produced in the United States for any iron or steel products permanently incorporated into the work, subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in Section 255.0993, Florida Statutes.

8. Indemnity.

8.1 The parties recognize that the CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor. The CONTRACTOR agrees to 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, in connection with any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, and

suits in equity of whatever kind or nature, including claims for personal injury, property damage, equitable relief, or loss of use, to the extent caused by the 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.
- 8.3 It is the specific intent of the parties hereto that the foregoing indemnification complies with Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, as amended. CONTRACTOR expressly agrees that it will not claim, and waives any claim, that this indemnification violates Section 725.06, Florida Statutes. Nothing contained in the foregoing indemnification shall be construed as a waiver of any immunity or limitation of liability the TOWN may have under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. The parties agree that the monetary limits of Section 768.28(5), Florida Statutes, apply to claims against the TOWN based in tort or contract regardless of whether such limits would apply in the absence of this clause.

9. Insurance.

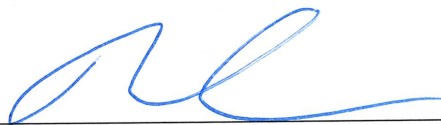
- 9.1 CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain and shall cause any subcontractor of CONTRACTOR to procure and maintain, the minimum insurance coverages listed below throughout the term of this Agreement. Such coverages shall be procured and maintained with forms and insurers acceptable to TOWN. In the case of any claims-made policy, the necessary retroactive dates and extended reporting periods shall be procured to maintain such continuous coverage.
- 9.2 Worker's compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by applicable law for any employee engaged in the performance of work under this Agreement, and Employer's Liability insurance with minimum limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury each accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury by disease – policy limit, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) bodily injury by disease – each employee. Worker's compensation coverage in “monopolistic” states is administered by the individual state and coverage is not provided by private insurers. Individual states operate a state administered fund of workers compensation insurance which set coverage limits and rates.
- 9.3 Commercial general liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) general aggregate. The policy shall be applicable to all premises and operations. The policy shall include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage, personal injury (including coverage for contractual and employee acts), blanket contractual, independent contractors, and products. The policy shall contain a severability of interest provision and shall be endorsed to include TOWN and TOWN's officers, employees, and consultants as additional insureds.
- 9.4 Automobile Liability: If performance of this Agreement requires use of motor vehicles licensed for highway use, Automobile Liability Coverage is required that shall cover all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.
- 9.5 The “Town of Loxahatchee Groves, its elected officials, officers, employees, and attorneys” shall be named as an additional insured on CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage.
- 9.6 Prior to commencement of Services, CONTRACTOR shall submit certificates of insurance acceptable to TOWN.
- 9.8 Except for Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation, all policies shall contribute as primary. All policies provided by CONTRACTOR shall include a waiver of subrogation.

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

- 10.1 Register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired 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' newly hired employees;
- 10.2 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 unauthorized aliens;
- 10.3 Maintain copies of all subcontractor affidavits for the duration of the Agreement;
- 10.4 Comply fully, and ensure all of its subcontractors comply fully, with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes;
- 10.5 Be aware that a violation of Section 448.09, Florida Statutes (Unauthorized aliens; employment prohibited) shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement; and
- 10.6 Be aware that if TOWN terminates this Agreement under Section 448.095(5)(e), 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.

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

CONTRACTOR: HINTERLAND GROUP, INC., a Florida corporation

By: 
 Daniel A. Duke, III, President



STATE OF FLORIDA)
 COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization this 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024 by Daniel A. Duke, III as President of Hinterland Group, Inc., a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and 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 Hinterland Group, Inc., to the same.

Notary Public

Lori Guild
Print Name: LORI GUILD
My commission expires: 8/9/2026



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,
FLORIDA**

By: _____
Anita Kane, Mayor

ATTEST

Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Office of the Town Attorney