Section 00100

#### Invitation to Bidders

The FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will receive sealed BIDs from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing the:

**COUNTY-WIDE DUNE VEGETATION PROJECT**

St. George Island, Alligator Point, Bald Point

Franklin County, Florida

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK**: The project consists of the installation of approximately 212,710 native dune species within the following three segments of Franklin County beaches:

* Four miles of beach between R-73 and R-94 in St. George Island,
* Five miles of beach between R-195 and R-222 in Alligator Point, and
* One mile of beach between R-229 and R-235 in Bald Point.

The dune vegetation shall only be installed on those properties labeled as “Approved” on the Construction Drawings. The CONTRACTOR will be required to accurately identify the approved properties as depicted on the Plans and install the dune vegetation within the approximate limits of the oceanfront parcel boundaries. The vegetation shall be installed seaward of any existing dune crest yet as landward as possible without encroaching into areas of dense dune vegetation.

BIDs will be received until **4:00 p.m., ET** (local time), on **Monday, February 3, 2025**, at the **Franklin County Office of the Clerk of Court, 33 Market Street, Suite 203, Apalachicola, Florida 32320**. BIDs will be opened and read aloud at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission Meeting Room, 34 Forbes Street, Courthouse Annex, on the following day, **Tuesday, February 4, 2025,** starting at 09:00 a.m., ET. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with **YOUR COMPANY NAME, ADDRESS, and “BID – County-Wide Dune Vegetation Project”** on the outside of your envelope and include the original bid plus 0 copies.

All bids shall remain firm for a period of 60 days after the opening. All Bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Bid security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid must be submitted with the bid. The bid security may be either a certified check or a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Bid security shall be made payable to Franklin County. The successful bidder must be able to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Labor and Materials Payment Bond and shall begin execution of this contract within five calendar days following the date of the Notice to Proceed. The completion date for this project will be a total of 75 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful Bidder. Plant installation will not commence until after February 28, 2025 and will be substantially complete within 75 calendar days after the date of the Notice to Proceed or July 31, 2025 whichever comes first. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project within the specified 75-days will be set at $100.00 per day.

**A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 2 p.m. ET**. Potential Bidders may attend virtually or via phone call. Call-in information will be provided to all plan holders upon request from MRD Associates, Inc, at **dnestler@coastalprotectioneng.com**.

Any questions must be submitted to Erin Griffith at **erin@franklincountyflorida.com**by **Friday, January 24, 2025,** at **4:00 p.m. ET (local time)**. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Franklin County.

Digital BIDDING DOCUMENTS can be obtained at no charge from Erin Griffith at

**erin@franklincountyflorida.com**or from MRD Associates, Inc, at **dnestler@coastalprotectioneng.com****.**