

**TERM CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS
OF THE WEKIVA GOLF CLUB
(SS-604246-21/PCD)**

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the ____ day of _____ 20____, by and between **SSS DOWN TO EARTH OPCO II LLC D/B/A DOWN TO EARTH**, duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, whose address is 7887 Safeguard Circle, Valley View, Ohio 44125, in this Agreement referred to as “CONTRACTOR”, and **SEMINOLE COUNTY**, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is Seminole County Services Building, 1101 E. 1st Street, Sanford, Florida 32771, in this Agreement referred to as “COUNTY”.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to  retain the services of a competent and qualified contractor to provide management and operations services for Wekiva Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has requested and received expressions of interest for the retention of services of contractors; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is competent and qualified to provide services to COUNTY, and desires to provide services according to the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual understandings and covenants set forth in this Agreement, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

Section 1. Services. COUNTY hereby retains CONTRACTOR to provide services as further described in the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Agreement.

Required services will be specifically enumerated, described, and depicted in the Purchase Orders authorizing purchase of specific services. This Agreement standing alone does not authorize the purchase of services or require COUNTY to place any orders for work.

Section 2. Term. This Agreement takes effect on the date of its execution by COUNTY and continues for a period of five (5) years. CONTRACTOR's services under this Agreement will commence as described in Section 3 below. At the sole option of COUNTY, this Agreement may be renewed for two (2) successive periods not to exceed five (5) years each. Expiration of the term of this Agreement will have no effect upon Purchase Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement and prior to the expiration date. Obligations entered by both parties under such Purchase Orders will remain in effect until delivery and acceptance of the materials authorized by the respective Purchase Order. The first three (3) months of the initial term are considered probationary. During the probationary period, COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon written notice to CONTRACTOR.


Section 3. Authorization for Services. Authorization for provision of services by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement must be in the form of written Purchase Orders issued and executed by COUNTY. A sample Purchase Order is attached as Exhibit B. Each Purchase Order will describe the services required, state the dates for delivery of services, and establish the amount and method of payment based on the Contract Pricing document attached to this Agreement as Exhibit C. The Purchase Orders must be issued under and incorporate the terms of this Agreement. COUNTY makes no covenant or promise as to the number of available Purchase Orders or that CONTRACTOR will perform any Purchase Order for COUNTY during the life of this Agreement.

COUNTY reserves the right to contract with other parties for the services contemplated by this Agreement when it is determined by COUNTY to be in the best interest of COUNTY to do so.

Section 4. Time for Completion. The services to be provided by CONTRACTOR will be delivered, as specified in such Purchase Orders as may be issued under this Agreement, within the time specified in the Purchase Order.

Section 5. Compensation. COUNTY shall compensate CONTRACTOR for the services provided for under this Agreement on a Fixed Fee and a shared revenue basis as set forth in the Contract Pricing document attached to this Agreement as Exhibit C.

Section 6. Payment and Billing.

(a) CONTRACTOR shall supply all services required by the Purchase Order, but in no event will CONTRACTOR be paid more than the negotiated Fixed Fee and shared revenue amounts stated within each Purchase Order. 

(b) COUNTY shall make payments to CONTRACTOR when requested as services are provided, but not more than once monthly. Each Purchase Order will be invoiced separately. At the close of each calendar month, CONTRACTOR shall render to COUNTY an itemized invoice, properly dated, describing any services provided, the cost of the services provided, the name and address of CONTRACTOR, Purchase Order Number, Contract Number, and any other information required by this Agreement.

(d) Submittal instructions for invoices are as follows:

- (1) The original invoice must be emailed to:
AP@SeminoleClerk.org
- (2) The original invoice may also be mailed or delivered to:
Director of County Comptroller's Office

Seminole County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 8080
Sanford, FL 32772-8080

(3) A copy of the invoice must be sent to:

Seminole County Parks and Recreation Division
100 E. First Street
Sanford, FL 32771

(d) Upon review and approval of CONTRACTOR's invoice, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR the approved amount in accordance with the terms as set forth in Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes.

Section 7. General Terms of Payment and Billing.

(a) Upon satisfactory delivery of services required under this Agreement and upon acceptance of the services by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR may invoice COUNTY for the full amount of compensation provided for under the terms of this Agreement less any compensation amount already paid by COUNTY.



(b) COUNTY may perform or have performed an audit of the records of CONTRACTOR at any time during the term of this Agreement and after final payment to support final payment under this Agreement. Audits may be performed at a time mutually agreeable to CONTRACTOR and COUNTY. Total compensation to CONTRACTOR may be determined subsequent to an audit as provided for in this Section and the total compensation so determined will be used to calculate final payment to CONTRACTOR. Performance of this audit will not delay final payment as provided by subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) CONTRACTOR shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to services provided under this Agreement in such a manner as will

readily conform to the terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall make such materials available at CONTRACTOR's office at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years from the date of final payment under the contract for audit or inspection as provided for in subsection (b) of this Section.

(d) In the event any audit or inspection conducted after final payment but within the period provided in paragraph (c) of this Section reveals any overpayment by COUNTY under the terms of the Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall refund such overpayment to COUNTY within thirty (30) days of notice by COUNTY.

Section 8. No Waiver by Forbearance. COUNTY's review of, approval and acceptance of, or payment for the materials or services required under this Agreement does not operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement, or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR is and will always remain liable to COUNTY in accordance with applicable law for any and all damages to COUNTY to the extent caused by CONTRACTOR's negligent or wrongful provision of any of the materials or services provided under this Agreement.

Section 9. Termination.

(a) COUNTY may, by written notice to CONTRACTOR, terminate this Agreement or any Purchase Order issued under this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, either for COUNTY's convenience or because of the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall immediately discontinue all services affected, unless the notice directs otherwise, and deliver to COUNTY all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and any and all such other

information and materials of whatever type or nature as may have been accumulated by CONTRACTOR in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process.

(b) If the termination is for the convenience of COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will be paid compensation for services performed to the date of termination.

(c) If the termination is due to the failure of CONTRACTOR to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, COUNTY may take over the work and carry it to completion by other agreements or otherwise. In such case, CONTRACTOR will be liable to COUNTY for all reasonable additional costs associated with CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

(d) CONTRACTOR will not be liable for such additional costs if the failure to perform the Agreement arises without any fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR, but CONTRACTOR will be responsible and liable for the negligent or intentional actions or omissions by its subcontractors, agents, employees, persons, and entities of a similar type or nature. Matters beyond the fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR include acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of COUNTY in its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather, but in every case the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR.

(e) If after notice of termination for CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement it is determined that CONTRACTOR had not so failed, the termination will be conclusively deemed to have been effected for the convenience of COUNTY. In such event, adjustment in the Agreement price will be made as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

(f) The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided for in this Section are in addition and supplemental to any and all other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

(g) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, CONTRACTOR may terminate this Agreement at any time during the term of this Agreement with or without cause upon 6 months' prior written notice to COUNTY, upon which the parties will have no further obligations to each other except that CONTRACTOR will be entitled to any compensation due to it or otherwise accrued at the time of such termination.

Section 10. Conflict with Contract Documents. Wherever the terms of this Agreement conflict with any Purchase Order issued pursuant to it or any other contract documents, including proposals submitted by CONTRACTOR, this Agreement will prevail.

Section 11. Equal Opportunity Employment. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment for work under this Agreement because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. CONTRACTOR shall take steps to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin. This provision includes, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.

Section 12. No Contingent Fees. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any

person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, COUNTY will have the right to terminate the Agreement at its sole discretion without liability and to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

Section 13. Conflict of Interest.

(a) CONTRACTOR shall not engage in any action that would create a conflict of interest in the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement with COUNTY or violate or cause others to violate the provisions of Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, relating to ethics in government.

(b) CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of COUNTY has any material interest (as defined in Section 112.312(15), Florida Statutes, as over 5%), either directly or indirectly, in the business of CONTRACTOR to be conducted under this Agreement and that no such person will have any such interest at any time during the term of this Agreement.

Section 14. Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any interest in it may be assigned, transferred, or otherwise encumbered under any circumstances by either party without prior written consent of the other party and in such cases only by a document of equal dignity with this Agreement.

Section 15. Subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall first secure the prior written approval of COUNTY before engaging or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this

Agreement. CONTRACTOR will remain fully responsible to COUNTY for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement.

Section 16. Indemnification of COUNTY. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, release, and indemnify COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, losses, damages, costs, attorney fees, and lawsuits for damages to the extent arising from or related to CONTRACTOR's provision of materials or services under this Agreement caused by CONTRACTOR's negligent or intentional act or omission in the performance of this Agreement. However, this obligation for CONTRACTOR to indemnify COUNTY does not include any indemnification by CONTRACTOR for any negligent or intentional act or omission by COUNTY.


Section 17. Insurance.

(a) General. CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain insurance required under this Section at CONTRACTOR's own cost.

(1) CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with a Certificate of Insurance on a current ACORD Form signed by an authorized representative of the insurer evidencing the insurance required by this Section. **The Certificate must have the Agreement number for this Agreement clearly marked on its face.** COUNTY, its officials, officers, and employees must be named additional insureds under the Commercial General Liability, Umbrella Liability, Business Auto Liability, Pollution Liability, Liquor Liability, and Cyber Liability policies. If the policy provides for a blanket additional insured coverage, CONTRACTOR shall provide a copy of the section of the policy along with the Certificate of Insurance. If the coverage does not exist, the policy must be endorsed to include the named additional insureds as described in this subsection.

The Certificate of Insurance must provide that COUNTY will be provided, by policy endorsement, not less than thirty (30) days written notice prior to the cancellation or non-renewal, or by a method acceptable to COUNTY. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required to be maintained by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with a renewal or replacement Certificate of Insurance before expiration or replacement of the insurance for which a previous Certificate of Insurance has been provided.

(2) In addition to providing the Certificate of Insurance on a current ACORD Form, upon request as required by COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with a certified copy of each of the policies of insurance providing the coverage required by this Section within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request. Certified copies of policies may only be provided by the insurer, not the agent or broker.

(3) Neither approval by COUNTY  nor failure to disapprove the insurance provided by CONTRACTOR will relieve CONTRACTOR of its full responsibility for performance of any obligation, including its indemnification of COUNTY, under this Agreement.


(4) The insurer's cost of defense, including attorney's fees and attorney's fees on appeal, must not be included within the policy limits, but must remain the responsibility of the insurer for all General Liability, Auto Liability, Employers' Liability, and Umbrella Liability coverages.

(b) Insurance Company Requirements. Insurance companies providing the insurance under this Agreement must meet the following requirements:

(1) Companies issuing policies must be authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida and prove such authorization by maintaining Certificates of Authority or Letters

of Eligibility issued to the companies by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation. Alternatively, policies required by this Agreement for Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability, may be those authorized as a group self-insurer by Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes.

(2) In addition, such companies must have and maintain, at a minimum, a Best's Rating of "A-" and a minimum Financial Size Category of "VII" according to A.M. Best Company.

(3) If, during the period that an insurance company is providing the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, an insurance company (i) loses its Certificate of Authority, or (ii) fails to maintain the requisite Best's Rating and Financial Size Category, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify COUNTY as soon as CONTRACTOR has knowledge of any such circumstance and immediately replace the insurance coverage provided by the insurance company with a different insurance company meeting the requirements of this Agreement.  Until such time as CONTRACTOR has replaced the unacceptable insurer with an insurer acceptable to COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will be deemed to be in default of this Agreement.

(c) Specifications. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liability of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall procure, maintain, and keep in force amounts and types of insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth in this subsection, at CONTRACTOR's sole expense. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, the insurance will become effective upon execution of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR and must be maintained in force until the expiration of this Agreement's term or the expiration of all Orders issued under this Agreement, whichever comes last. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain this required insurance coverage within the stated period will constitute a material breach of this

Agreement, for which COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement. The amounts and types of insurance must conform to the following minimum requirements:

(1) Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors of every tier for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy (NCCI Form WC 00 00 00 A), as filed for use in Florida by the National Council on Compensation Insurance. In addition to coverage for the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, where appropriate, coverage is to be included for the United States Longshoremen and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Federal Employers' Liability Act and any other applicable federal or state law.

(B) Subject to the restrictions of coverage found in the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy, there must be no maximum limit on the amount of coverage for liability imposed by the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, and if applicable, the United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act or any other coverage customarily insured under Part One of the standard Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Policy.

(C) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.


(D) If CONTRACTOR asserts an exemption to the provisions of Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, Workers' Compensation (2020), as this statute may be amended from time to time, CONTRACTOR shall provide notification to COUNTY's Risk Manager with the Resource Management Department and shall complete the COUNTY's Workers'

Compensation Waiver Request. Approval of exemption is subject to COUNTY's sole discretion. If approved, the named individuals listed in COUNTY'S approved exemption will be the only individuals authorized to perform work under this Agreement.

(E) Any vendor or contractor, including CONTRACTOR, using an employee leasing company must complete the COUNTY'S Leased Employee Affidavit.

(2) Commercial General Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (ISO Form CG 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office. Such coverage must not contain any endorsements excluding or limiting Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Separation of Insureds.

(B) The minimum  limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(C) ISO Endorsement CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 and CG 20 37 or their equivalent must be used to provide such Additional Insured status.

(D) Coverage must not exclude sexual abuse.

(3) Business Auto Policy.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR for those sources of liability which would be covered by Section II of the latest edition of the standard Business Auto Policy (ISO Form CA 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office. Coverage must include owned, non-owned, and hired autos or any auto. In the event CONTRACTOR does not own automobiles, CONTRACTOR shall maintain coverage for

hired and non-owned auto liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy. If the contract involves operations governed by Sections 29 or 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, endorsement MCS-90 is required.

(B) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(4) Excess/Umbrella Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must follow form above the Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, Employer's Liability, and Liquor Liability policies.

(B) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.



(5) Pollution Liability.

(A) CONTRACTOR's insurance must cover CONTRACTOR for all of the following:

1. Bodily injury, sickness, disease, mental anguish, or shock sustained by any person, including death.

2. Property damage including physical injury to or destruction of tangible property including the resulting loss of use of such property, cleanup costs, and the loss of use of tangible property that has not been physically injured or destroyed.

3. Defense costs including costs, charges, and expenses incurred in the investigation, adjustment, or defense of claims for such compensatory damages.

(B) If CONTRACTOR is operating a hazardous or non-hazardous treatment, storage, or disposal facility, coverage for losses that arise from the insured facility that is accepting the waste.

(C) Coverage must apply to sudden and non-sudden pollution conditions including the discharge, dispersal, release or escape of smoke, vapors, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, toxic chemicals, liquids or gases, waste materials or other irritants, contaminants or pollutants into or upon land, the atmosphere or any watercourse or body of water, which results in Bodily Injury or Property Damage.

(D) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONTRACTOR are as specified in Exhibit D.

(6) Cyber Liability Insurance.

(A) Information Security/Cyber Liability Insurance must include: Internet Media Liability including cloud computing and mobile devices, for protection of private or confidential information whether electronic or non-electronic, network security and privacy; privacy against liability for system attacks, digital asset loss, denial or loss of service, introduction, implantation or spread of malicious software code, security breach, unauthorized access and use; including regulatory action expenses; and notification and credit monitoring expenses with at least the minimum limits as specified in Exhibit D. Coverage must be maintained in effect during the period of the Agreement and for no less than two (2) years after termination or completion of the Agreement.

(B) Information Security/Cyber Liability Insurance must be written on a “claims-made” basis covering CONTRACTOR, its employees, subcontractors and agents for

expenses, claims and losses resulting from wrongful acts committed in the performance of, or failure to perform, all services under this Agreement, including, without limitation, claims, demand and any other payments related to electronic or physical security, breaches of confidentiality and invasion of or breaches of privacy.

(7) Employee Dishonesty Liability. CONTRACTOR shall maintain Commercial Crime Coverage (Employee Dishonesty) protecting the interests of COUNTY subject to this Agreement from fraudulent acts of their employees. Coverage must include ISO Form CR 04 01, Client's Property endorsement, or comparable form. Coverage limits must not be less than the amount specified in Exhibit D. The policy must include as loss payee Seminole County, Florida.

(8) Professional Liability Insurance. CONTRACTOR shall carry Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than the amount specified in Exhibit D.

(9) Liquor Liability. CONTRACTOR shall carry Liquor Liability insurance providing coverage for any and all liability pursuant to the distribution and use of alcohol on the subject property with coverage limits not less than the amount specified in Exhibit D.


(d) Coverage. The insurance provided by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement must apply on a primary and non-contributory basis, and any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by COUNTY or COUNTY's officials, officers, or employees must be in excess of and not contributing to the insurance provided by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR.

(e) Occurrence Basis. The Workers' Compensation policy, the Commercial General Liability, and the Umbrella policy required by this Agreement must be provided on an occurrence rather than a claims-made basis. The Professional Liability insurance policy may be on an

occurrence basis or claims-made basis. If a claims-made basis, the coverage must respond to all claims reported within three (3) years following the period for which coverage is required and which would have been covered had the coverage been on an occurrence basis.

(f) Obligations. Compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements will not relieve CONTRACTOR, its employees, or its agents of liability from any obligation under this Section or any other Section of this Agreement.

Section 18. Dispute Resolution.

(a) In the event of a dispute related to any performance or payment obligation arising under this Agreement, the parties shall exhaust COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures prior to filing a lawsuit or otherwise pursuing legal remedies. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for proper invoice and payment disputes are set forth in Section 22.15, “Prompt Payment Procedures,”  Seminole County Administrative Code. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for contract claims related to this Agreement, other than for proper invoice and payment disputes, are set forth in Section 3.5541, “Contract Claims,” Seminole County Administrative Code.

(b) In any lawsuit or legal proceeding arising under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR hereby waives any claim or defense based on facts or evidentiary materials that were not presented for consideration in COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures set forth in subsection (a) above of which CONTRACTOR had knowledge and failed to present during COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures.

(c) In the event that COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures are exhausted and a lawsuit or legal proceeding is filed, the parties shall exercise best efforts to resolve

disputes through voluntary mediation and to select a mutually acceptable mediator. The parties participating in the voluntary mediation shall share the costs of mediation equally.

Section 19. Representatives of COUNTY and CONTRACTOR.

(a) It is recognized that questions in the day to day conduct of performance pursuant to this Agreement may arise. Upon request by CONTRACTOR, COUNTY shall designate and advise CONTRACTOR in writing of one or more of its employees to whom to address all communications pertaining to the day to day conduct of this Agreement. The designated representative will have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and interpret and define COUNTY's policy and decisions pertinent to the work covered by this Agreement.

(b) At all times during the normal work week, CONTRACTOR shall designate or appoint one or more representatives who are authorized to act on behalf of CONTRACTOR and bind CONTRACTOR regarding all matters involving the conduct of the performance pursuant to this Agreement, and who will keep COUNTY continually and effectively advised of such designation.

Section 20. All Prior Agreements Superseded. This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained in this Agreement and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained or referred to in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms of this Agreement may be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

Section 21. Modifications, Amendments, or Alterations. No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained in this Agreement will be effective unless contained in a written amendment executed with the same formality and of equal dignity with this Agreement.

Section 22. Independent Contractor. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or may be construed as in any manner creating or establishing a relationship of co-partners between the parties, or as constituting CONTRACTOR (including its officers, employees, and agents) as an agent, representative, or employee of COUNTY for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. CONTRACTOR is and will remain forever an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under this Agreement.

Section 23. Employee Status. Persons employed by CONTRACTOR in the performance of services and functions pursuant to this Agreement have no claim to pension, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, civil service, or other employee rights or privileges granted to COUNTY's officers and employees, either by operation of law or by COUNTY.

Section 24. Services Not Provided For. No claim for services provided by CONTRACTOR not specifically provided for in this Agreement will be honored by COUNTY.

Section 25. Public Records Law.

(a) CONTRACTOR acknowledges COUNTY's obligations under Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to release public records to members of the public upon request. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that COUNTY is required to comply with Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement and this statute controls over the terms of this

Agreement. Upon COUNTY's request, CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with all requested public records in CONTRACTOR's possession, or shall allow COUNTY to inspect or copy the requested records within a reasonable time and at a cost that does not exceed costs as provided under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

(b) CONTRACTOR specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records and shall perform the following:

(1) CONTRACTOR shall keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by COUNTY in order to perform the services required under this Agreement,

(2) CONTRACTOR shall provide COUNTY with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that COUNTY would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.

(3) CONTRACTOR shall ensure public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law.

(c) Upon termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall transfer, at no cost to COUNTY, all public records in possession of CONTRACTOR, or keep and maintain public records required by COUNTY under this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR transfers all public records to COUNTY upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains the public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.

All records stored electronically must be provided to COUNTY, upon request of COUNTY, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY.

(d) Failure to comply with this Section will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement for which COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR may also be subject to statutory penalties as set forth in Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

(e) **IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR MAY CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, THE SEMINOLE COUNTY PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS MANAGER, AT 407-665-7116, PURCH@SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DIVISION, 1301 E. SECOND STREET, SANFORD, FL 32771.**

Section 26. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue. The laws of the State of Florida govern the validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Agreement. The sole jurisdiction and venue for any legal action in connection with this Agreement will be in the courts of Seminole County, Florida.

Section 27. Compliance with Laws and Regulations. In providing all services pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall abide by all statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations pertaining to or regulating the provision of such services, including those now in effect and

subsequently adopted. Any violation of these statutes, ordinances, rules, or regulations will constitute a material breach of this Agreement and will entitle COUNTY to terminate this Agreement immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to CONTRACTOR.

Section 28. Patents and Royalties. Unless otherwise provided, CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for obtaining the right to use any patented or copyrighted materials in the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless COUNTY and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or supplied by CONTRACTOR. In the event of any claim against COUNTY of copyright or patent infringement, COUNTY shall promptly provide written notification to CONTRACTOR. If such a claim is made, CONTRACTOR shall use its best efforts to promptly purchase for COUNTY the legitimate version of any infringing products or services or procure a license from the patent or copyright holder at no cost to COUNTY that will allow continued use of the service or product. If none of these alternatives are reasonably available, COUNTY shall return the article on request to CONTRACTOR and receive reimbursement, if any, as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 29. Notices. Whenever either party desires to give notice to the other, it must be given by written notice, sent by registered or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified. The place for giving of notice will remain such until it has been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this Section. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

For COUNTY:

Seminole County Parks and Recreation Division
100 E. First Street
Sanford, FL 32771


With a copy to:

Seminole County Purchasing & Contracts Division
1301 E. Second Street
Sanford, FL 32771

For CONTRACTOR:

SSS Down to Earth OPCO II LLC d/b/a Down to Earth
7887 Safeguard Circle
Valley View, OH 44125

Section 30. Rights At Law Retained. The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided for under this Agreement are in addition and supplemental to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

Section 31. Headings and Captions.  All headings and captions contained in this Agreement are provided for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement, and may not be used to define, describe, interpret or construe any provision of this Agreement.

Section 32. E-Verify System Registration.

(a) CONTRACTOR must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees prior to entering into this Agreement with COUNTY. If COUNTY provides written approval to CONTRACTOR for engaging with or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR must require certification from the subcontractor that at the time of certification, the subcontractor does not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. CONTRACTOR must maintain a copy of the foregoing certification from the subcontractor for the duration of the agreement with the subcontractor.

(b) If COUNTY has a good faith belief that CONTRACTOR has knowingly violated this Section, COUNTY shall terminate this Agreement. If COUNTY terminates this Agreement with CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which this Agreement is terminated. If COUNTY has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated this Section, but CONTRACTOR otherwise complied with this Section, COUNTY must promptly notify CONTRACTOR and order CONTRACTOR to immediately terminate its agreement with the subcontractor.

(c) CONTRACTOR shall execute and return the Affidavit of E-Verify Requirements Compliance, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit E, to COUNTY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have made and executed this Agreement for the purposes stated above.



SSS DOWN TO EARTH OPCO II LLC
d/b/a DOWN TO EARTH

Witness

By: _____

Print Name

Print Name: _____

Witness

Title: _____

Print Name

Date: _____

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SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Witness

Print Name

Witness

Print Name

By: _____
MARKLY JEAN-CHARLES,
Purchasing and Contracts Division Manager

Date: _____

For the use and reliance of
Seminole County only.

As authorized for execution by the Board of
County Commissioners at its _____,
20____, regular meeting.

Approved as to form and
legal sufficiency.

County Attorney

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Attachments:

- Exhibit A - Scope of Services
- Exhibit B - Sample Purchase Order
- Exhibit C - Contract Pricing
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