

#### Applicable Documents:

- A. These Specifications and the requirements hereafter will govern this project during the installation, guarantee and maintenance period.

#### Scope of Work:

- A. The work specified by the Section of the Specifications and on the Plans consists of furnishing all labor, machinery, tools, apparatus, means of transportation supplies, equipment, materials, services and incidentals necessary to complete the work as indicated on the Plans and in the Specifications, as well as all other related responsibilities, including all cleanup and repairs incident thereto.
- B. The work shall include, but not be limited to, furnishing material, root pruning where required, layout, protection to the public, excavation, installation, backfilling, grading, fertilizing, watering, staking and guying where required, watering, pruning where required, sod installation, weeding, cleanup, maintenance and guarantee.
- C. Quantities and Location: The Landscape Architect reserves the right to adjust the numbers and locations of the designated trees and species to be used at any of the locations shown in order to provide for any modifications which might be necessary.

- D. Investigation of Subsurface Condition: The Contractor shall be responsible for making site subsurface investigations and shall advise the Owner of the results of the investigation. The contractor shall be responsible for the existing material and the construction conditions under which the work is to be performed. These subsurface investigations and examinations shall be included in the bid. The Contractor shall not receive separate additional compensation for this.

- E. The Landscape Contractor shall be paid for only those units that are installed at the time of request for payment. The contractor will price each unit to be installed. The final amount of payment may or may not be the total sum of the contract depending on the number of units installed.

- F. Ten percent (10%) of the total contract price will be held as retention for 60 days after final written acceptance.
- G. The Landscape Architect will coordinate his work with all other trades at the Job site.

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#### Protection:

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#### Completion and Final Acceptance:

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- (4) A mixture of good organic fertilizer and planting soil shall be used to refill the trench.

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#### Quality Assurance:

- A. The Landscape Architect may inspect trees, shrubs, and groundcover either at the place of growth or at the site before planting for compliance with the requirements for name, variety, size and quality. The Landscape Architect retains the right to further inspect trees and shrubs for size and condition of balls and root system, insects, injuries, and latent defects, and try to reject unsatisfactory or defective material at any time during the progress of work. The Landscape Contractor shall remove rejected trees or shrubs within 1 day from the project site.

#### B. Responsibility for Assuring Quality:

- (1) The Contractor's Superintendent shall speak English and be well versed in Florida plant material, planting operations, Plans and Specification interpretation, coordination with other contractors or service in the project area and coordination between the nursery and the project.

- (2) All employees shall be competent and highly skilled in their particular job in order to properly perform the work assigned to them. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining the quality of the material on the project.

- (3) The Contractor will comply with applicable Federal, State, County and local regulations governing landscape materials and work.

#### C. Grade Standards:

- (1) Plant material shall be Florida "A" better as set forth in the latest edition of the Florida Department of Agriculture's Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants.

- (2) All plant material will be subject to the approval of the Landscape Architect for quality, size and color. Plants lacking the completeness or proper proportions, stems which are weak or thin, and plants which do not close planting in nursery rows will not be accepted. Plant materials which have been cut back from larger grades to meet certain specification requirements will be rejected.

- (3) Plant material shall have normal, well developed branches and shall be vigorous plants, free of insect damage, decay, defects, burn, disfiguring roots, sun-scorch, injury, abrasion of the bark, plant diseases, insect feet, eggs, borers, and all forms of infestations or objectionable differentials.

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- A. All plant material, unless indicated otherwise, shall be installed with a planting soil composed of sandy loam (50% sand, and 50% loam) typical of the locality. The soil shall be taken from ground that has never been stripped with a single acid reaction (pH 5.5 to 6.5) and without an excess of organic oil not affect the guarantee or represent an additional cost to the owner.

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#### Submittals & Approvals:

- A. Written request for approval to substitute a plant species or a plants designation (FBI, BEHS, CG, etc.) type, grade, quality, size, quantity, etc. due to the non-availability of the material specified. Approval will be given by the Landscape Architect before the material is delivered and installed on the project. The Contractor must provide written proof that the specified plant material is available.

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- C. Submit three prints of shop drawings for any special conditions not covered in the details indicated. This shall be for approval by the Landscape Architect before they are implemented in the project.

- D. If requested by the Owner or Landscape Architect, submit a schedule of all specimen plant material and collected plant material indicating the source or supplier of these materials and their locations (or approval by the Landscape Architect) before they are delivered and installed on the project. Also, two color photographs of each different item, taken from the side and from the top, shall be submitted with the schedule. Additional color photographs shall be submitted, if requested.

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