7	**AGENDA ITEM** **ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
	Deadline for Submission - Wednesday 9 a.m. – Thirteen Days Prior to BCC Meeting

11/17/2026

BCC MEETING DATE

TO: **Joy Andrews, County Administrator** **DATE:** **September 30, 2026**

FROM: **Jaime Locklear, Director, Purchasing** **PHONE:** **904 209-0158**

SUBJECT OR TITLE: **Award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2835; Design, Permitting, and Construction Administration of FEMA Category G Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project**

AGENDA TYPE: **Bid Award, Consent Agenda, Contract, Resolution**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SJC Purchasing issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued in accordance with the County Purchasing Policy and Florida Statute §287.055. Four (4) responses were received and evaluated based upon qualifications and shortlisted proposals by the evaluation committee. First Line Coastal, LLC. was determined to be the highest ranked Respondent. County staff entered into negotiations with First Line Coastal, LLC. and came to an agreement on scope, fees, and terms and conditions for completion of the services. Staff recommends Board approval to award RFQ 2835 and execute the negotiated contract, as attached hereto, with First Line Coastal, LLC. in the amount of $3,624,521.62 for completion of the Project. Due to the size of the Exhibits and Attachments, they are available upon request from Jaime Locklear.

1. IS FUNDING REQUIRED? Yes **2. IF YES, INDICATE IF BUDGETED.** Yes

IF FUNDING IS REQUIRED, MANDATORY OMB REVIEW IS REQUIRED:

INDICATE FUNDING SOURCE: Funds in the amount of $3,624,521.62 are available in the approved FY27 budget in the FEMA Emergency Events Fund 1347:FEMA Emergency Events Center 1348: Other Maintenance Spending Category 54603: Ponte Vedra Cat G Project PRJ_00034

SUGGESTED MOTION/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026 – _____, authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to award RFQ No: 2835; Design, Permitting, and Construction Administration of FEMA Category G Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project to First Line Coastal, LLC., as the top ranked Respondent, and to execute a contract in substantially the same form and format as attached in the amount of $3,624,521.62 to perform the required services in accordance with the negotiated contract.

For Administration Use Only:
Legal: Jalisa Ferguson 11/9/2026 **OMB: CB 11/9/2026** **Admin: Brad Bradley 11/10/2026**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 -_____

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO AWARD RFQ NO: 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT TO FIRST LINE COASTAL, LLC AS THE TOP RANKED FIRM AND TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORK.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, On May 05, 2026, SJC Purchasing posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Design, Permitting, and Construction Administration of FEMA Category G Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project, in accordance with the County Purchasing Policy and Florida Statute §287.055.; and

WHEREAS, Four (4) responses were received and evaluated based upon qualifications and shortlisted proposals, First Line Coastal, LLC was identified as the highest ranked firm; and

WHEREAS, the County finds that issuing a contract for this work serves a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the project will be funded by SJC Disaster Recovery department and FEMA grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as finds of fact.

Section 2. The County Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to award RFQ 2835; Design, Permitting, and Construction Administration for FEMA Category G Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project to First Line Coastal, LLC as the top ranked firm based upon evaluation of qualifications.

Section 3. Additionally, upon approval by the Board, County Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to issue and execute a contract, in substantially the same form and format as attached, with First Line Coastal, LLC for completion of the Services, as negotiated for a not-to-exceed amount of $3,624,521.62.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, on this _____day of_____, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty,
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: _____
Chair

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ST. JOHNS COUNTY AND CONSULTANT

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This Professional Services Agreement (hereafter "Agreement") is made this date of _____, 2026 (the "Effective Date") by and between **ST. JOHNS COUNTY** ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose principal offices are located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084; and **First Line Coastal, LLC** ("Consultant"), a company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, with its principal offices located at: 8586 Potter Park Drive, Sarasota, Florida 34238, Phone: 941-320-0241, and E-mail: sriffey@firstlinecoastal.com, for **RFQ 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT**, hereinafter referred to as the "Project".

In consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1.1 The Contract Documents

1.1.1 The Contract Documents are the documents that shall govern the performance of the Services by the Consultant, and consist of the following documents which are incorporated herein by reference:

a) Fully Executed Change Orders and/or Amendments to this Agreement;
b) This fully executed Professional Services Agreement and all Exhibits and/or Attachments hereto:
   i. Exhibit A – Scope of Services
   ii. Exhibit B – Fee Schedule
   iii. Exhibit C– Local Agency Program Federal-Aid Terms for Professional Services Contracts
   iv. Exhibit D – Appendix II to Part 200, Title 2
   v. Exhibit E – FDEP Permit No. 0377843-001-Jc
   vi. Exhibit F – USACE Permit No. Saj-2020-03812 (SP-TMM)
   vii. Exhibit G – Subgrant Agreement No. Z4524 For Hurricane Milton Dr4834
c) Request for Qualifications and all issued Addenda RFQ No. 2835
d) Insurance furnished by Consultant meeting the requirements of Article XII

1.1.2 Documents not enumerated above are not Contract Documents and do not form part of this Agreement. In interpreting the Agreement and resolving any conflicts, inconsistencies or ambiguities, the main body of this Agreement takes precedence over any of the Exhibits provided above unless expressly stated to the contrary. Fully executed documents take precedence over any unsigned drafts, and signed/sealed hard-copy documents shall take precedence over any electronic versions of documents.

1.1.3 Any and all Contract Documents shall remain the property of the County. Consultant is granted a limited license to use and reproduce applicable portions of the Contract Documents issued by the County appropriate to, and for use in, execution of the Services. Consultant shall have the right to keep one record set weather in hard and/or electronic copy of the Contract Documents upon completion of the Services; provided, however, that in no event shall the Consultant, or the Consultant's Sub-Contractors use, or permit to be used, any or all of such Contract Documents on other projects without the specific written consent of the County.

1.1.4 Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals ("Submittals") are not Contract Documents. The County will review and take action upon Submittals but only for the limited purpose of checking for conformance with information given and the design concept expressed in the Contract Documents. Review of Submittals is not conducted for the purpose of determining accuracy and completeness of other details, such as dimensions and quantities, nor for substantiating instructions for installation or performance of equipment or systems, all of which remain the responsibility of the Consultant.

1.1.5 All Submittals, documents, drawings, specifications, reports, data, and other materials (in hard copy or electronic form) prepared by or on behalf of the Consultant in the performance of the Services ("Submittals") shall be the property of the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Consultant shall retain all rights to its pre-existing and proprietary intellectual property, methodologies, and software incorporated into the Submittals ("Consultant IP"). The Consultant hereby grants the County a perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use,

reproduce, display, distribute, and create derivative works of the Submittals and any Consultant IP contained therein, solely for the County's governmental purposes, including but not limited to planning, permitting, tendering, procurement, installation, operation, repair, maintenance, modification, reconstruction, replacement, and/or upgrade of any equipment, systems, facilities, or improvements related to the Services. This license includes the right to assign or sublicense the County's rights, in whole or in part, to contractors, consultants, and third parties performing work on behalf of the County. The Consultant shall not be liable for any use or modification of the Submittals by the County or third parties for purposes other than the specific project or use contemplated under the Contract Documents.

1.1.6 Consultant shall perform no portion of the Services at any time without adequate Contract Documents. If Consultant performs any portion of the Services where Consultant knows or should know such Services involve a recognized error, inconsistency, or omission in the Contract Documents without notice to the Project Manager and the County, Consultant shall bear responsibility for such performance and shall bear the cost of correction. Consultant shall have a continuing duty to read, carefully study and compare each of the Contract Documents and the Submittals, to identify any inconsistency, ambiguity, error or omission which Consultant may discover with respect to these documents before proceeding with the affected Services. Consultant is solely responsible for requesting instructions, interpretations, or clarifications to the Contract Documents and is solely liable for any cost and/or expenses arising from its failure to do so. Any dispute relating to the Contract Documents shall be resolved through good faith efforts upon the part of the Consultant and the County. Should the Consultant have any questions concerning interpretation or clarification of the Contract Documents, Consultant shall submit to the Project Manager in writing a request for clarification that clearly and concisely sets forth the issues for which such request is sought. Such request shall be submitted to the Project Manager by the Consultant within three (3) business days of receipt of the Contract Documents, or the direction, interpretation, or clarification thereof provided by the County. The County's Project Manager will render a determination concerning such interpretation or clarification, which determination shall be considered final and conclusive unless Consultant files a written protest to the Project Manager's rendered determination within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt thereof. Consultant's protest shall be submitted to the Purchasing Director and shall state clearly and in detail the basis thereof The County Administrator will consider the Consultant's protest and render its decision thereon, in writing, within ten (10) calendar days. If Consultant does not agree with the County Administrator's decision, Consultant shall deliver written notice to that effect to the County within three (3) business days of receipt of the County Administrator's decision.

1.1.7 Unless otherwise directed in writing, Consultant shall at all times carry on with the Services and maintain its progress schedule in accordance with the requirements of the Contract and the determination of the County, pending resolution of any Contract Document Dispute. In no event will a dispute, the filing of a protest, claim or appeal, or the resolution or litigation thereof, relieve Consultant from its obligations to timely perform the Services required by the Contract and to maintain the progress schedule in accordance with the Contract.

ARTICLE II AGREEMENT TERM

2.1 Term

This Agreement shall become effective upon the date of execution by all parties, on the Effective Date shown above, and shall remain in effect through and until February 28, 2029, ("Agreement Term"). Consultant shall perform the Services within the time periods specified in the project schedule, as may be adjusted and accepted by the County. Consultant's Services shall commence upon receipt of a written Notice to Proceed from the County. This Agreement may only be extended in whole or in part upon written Amendment signed by both Parties.

2.2 Schedule

2.2.1 Consultant shall perform the Services within the time periods specified. Consultant's Services for shall commence upon receipt of a written Notice to Proceed from the County.

2.2.2 The Consultant is not responsible for damage or delay in performance caused by events beyond the reasonable control of Consultant. In the event Consultant's services are suspended, delayed or interrupted for the convenience of the County or delays occur beyond the reasonable control of Consultant, an equitable adjustment in Consultant's time of performance and cost of Consultant's personnel and subcontractors may be made

2.2.3 If Services are scheduled to end due to the expiration of this Agreement, at the request of the County, Consultant agrees to continue to provide Services for an extension period defined by the County, upon the same terms

and conditions as contained in this Agreement. The County will issue an Amendment or Change Order prior to the expiration of this Agreement authorizing any such extension period. Consultant shall be compensated for such Services at the rate in effect when the extension is invoked by the County

ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS

3.1 Definitions

Terms used within this Agreement shall have the meaning as set forth in the SJC Purchasing Policy, or as provided herein. Terms defined herein for specific application to this Agreement shall govern over definitions of terms provided in the SJC Purchasing Policy:

3.1.1 Acceptance of Work: Written acceptance of the Services performed by Consultant by the County' Project Manager.

3.1.2 Amendment: A document providing the written modification to a previously issued Contract, adding, revising, replacing, or removing terms and conditions or provisions of the Contract.

3.1.3 Applicable Laws: All local, state, and federal laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations in effect at the time Services are performed under this Agreement.

3.1.4 Change Order: A document providing the written modification to a previously issued Contract, adjusting contract price, scope of work or completion time.

3.1.5 Claim: Any claim, liability, loss, demand, demand for arbitration, damage, lien, cause of action of any kind, obligation, responsibility, cost, expense, royalty, fee, assessment, penalty, fine, judgment, interest or award, pending or threatened, whether arising by law, contract, tort, voluntary settlement or otherwise.

3.1.6 Compensation Method:

3.1.6.1 Lump Sum. Compensation may be determined as a lump sum amount. The lump sum amount shall constitute full payment for satisfactory performance of the Services including all direct and indirect labor, personnel related costs, taxes, expenses, costs, fees, overhead and profit, services of Subconsultants and/or subcontractors, and any other expense or cost of whatever nature incurred by Consultant as may be required and/or necessary to complete the Services and agreed to in writing by both parties to this Agreement.

3.1.6.2 Hourly Rate. Compensation may be determined as a Not-To-Exceed (NTE) amount. It is mutually understood and agreed that such compensation for Services satisfactorily performed will be made on the following hourly rate basis:

3.1.6.2(A) Actual Hours. Actual hours necessary, required, and expended by the Consultant's and/or Subconsultant's professional and technical personnel, shall be multiplied by the applicable hourly rates for each classification or position as set forth in Exhibit B (Fee Schedule). The hourly rates shall constitute full payment for satisfactory performance of the Services including but not limited to all payroll costs and taxes, insurances, fees, overhead and profit, and any and all other costs or expenses of whatever nature incurred by Consultant except for Expenses approved in writing by the County pursuant to paragraph 3.1.6.2(B) below.

3.1.6.2(B) Reimbursable Expenses. In addition to the hourly rates, the Consultant shall also be reimbursed for travel and travel-related expenses, or other direct non-salary expenses directly attributable to the Services ("Expenses") provided such Expenses incurred by Consultant are approved in writing, in advance. Unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing in advance, any and all such Expenses shall comply with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. The County shall not be liable for any such Expenses that have not been approved in writing in advance by the County. All requests for payment of such Expenses shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices, or other documentation acceptable the County. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that failure to furnish the required documentation may result in the County's denying all or part of the Expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Reimbursable Subcontractor expenses must also comply with the requirements of this section.

3.1.7 Consultant: The Supplier with which the County is contracting to perform the Services in accordance with the Contract Documents.

3.1.8 Contract Price: The sums set forth herein under Article V, shall constitute the Contract Price, as may be amended by Change Order. Unless otherwise approved by the County in writing, the Contract Price includes all taxes, including without limitation, income and withholding tax of any kind and sales tax imposed by the State or by the County and paid by the Consultant or any Sub-Contractor with respect to sales of goods purchased for the performance of the Services.

3.1.9 Contract Term: The number of calendar days between the Effective Date and completion of all Services, established in Article II of this Agreement, as may be amended by Change Order.

3.1.10 Force Majeure Events: Those events that are not reasonably foreseeable and are beyond the control of both the Contractor and the County, including acts of war, terrorist attacks, labor strikes, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, pandemics, riots, adverse weather conditions, and other acts of God.

3.1.11 Product Data: Illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams and other information furnished by the Consultant to illustrate materials or equipment for some portions of the Project.

3.1.12 Project Manager: The County's representative assigned to the Project, or any part thereof, to observe the Services and perform certain other obligations of the County as defined in this Agreement.

3.1.13 Services: The work described in the Contract Documents or a subsequently issued Change Order including engineering services, architectural services and other professional services as applicable for the Project and procured under this Agreement.

3.1.14 Shop Drawings: Drawings, diagrams, schedules, and other data specifically issued for the Project by Consultant or a Sub-Contractor, to illustrate some portion of the Project.

3.1.15 Subcontractor: Any entity or individual engaged by Consultant to provide Services to the County for which Consultant is contractually obligated, responsible, and liable to provide and perform under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV SERVICES

4.1 Scope of Services

4.1.1 Consultant shall provide all Services as set forth in Exhibit A, including all necessary, incidental, and related activities required for full and complete performance of this Agreement (the "Services"). The intent of the Project is to place 805,000 cy of sand somewhere between R25-R46.2. The locations within this range and design will be determined by the engineering firm and the County.

4.1.2 Services provided by the Consultant shall be under the general direction of the St. Johns County Coastal Management Department, or the St. Johns County Purchasing Department, who shall act as the County's representative during the performance of Services under this Agreement.

4.1.3 The Consultant shall provide and perform all Services pursuant to this Agreement with the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by, and consistent with the standards of, competent professional engineers practicing in the same or similar locality, under the same or similar circumstances at the time Services are performed. The Consultant shall perform the Services in a manner consistent with the County's stated Project intent, intended use, operational needs, budgetary considerations, schedule requirements, and performance objectives. Consultant shall perform all Services in accordance with all Applicable Laws, applicable codes, regulations, permitting requirements, and the requirements of any applicable grant agreements.

4.1.4 The Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical adequacy and accuracy, timely completion, and the coordination of all data, studies, reports, memoranda, other documents and other services, and materials performed, provided, or furnished by the Consultant. The Consultant shall, at its sole cost and without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions, or other deficiencies in such data, studies, and other services, and materials resulting from the Consultant's failure to meet the standard of care set forth in Section 4.1.3

above, as well as negligent acts, errors, omissions, or intentional misconduct of the Consultant, including but not limited to design deficiencies, calculation errors, conflicts between drawings and specifications, code compliance failures, and gaps in scope necessary for the Project to be constructed as intended. In addition to making corrections, Consultant shall reimburse the County for any increased construction costs, including but not limited to Change Order costs or delay costs incurred by the County as a direct result of errors, omissions, or ambiguities in the data, studies, reports memoranda or other documents attributable to Consultant's failure to meet the standard of care.

4.1.5 Prior to each submission of any Work Product, as defined in Article VI herein, Consultant shall perform and document an internal quality assurance/quality control ("QA/QC") review, including interdisciplinary coordination review, and shall certify in writing that such review has been completed. County's acceptance of any Work Product is expressly conditioned upon receipt of this certification.

4.1.6 Review, approval, or acceptance by the County of data, studies, reports, memoranda, and incidental professional services, and materials furnished by the Consultant under this Agreement shall not relieve the Consultant of responsibility for the adequacy, completeness, and accuracy of its Services and materials. Neither the County's review, approval, or acceptance of, nor payment for, any part of the Consultant's Services, and materials shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any of the County's rights under this Agreement, or any cause of action it may have arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

4.1.6.1 County reserves the right, at its own expense, to retain an independent engineer to review the Work Product submitted by Consultant at any phase of design. Consultant shall cooperate with such review and shall address, in writing, any and all comments generated by such independent reviewer. Consultant shall be compensated for all additional work directed by the County, including responses to external reviews, unless such responses are related to a failure by Consultant to meet the standard of care as provided in Section 4.1.3 above. Such independent review shall not relieve Consultant of any obligation or liability under this Contract. Such independent review shall not obligate the Consultant to complete redesign or re-work of work products found to meet a the standard of care as provided in Section 4.1.3 above.

ARTICLE V COMPENSATION

5.1 Contract Price

5.1.1 As full and complete compensation for satisfactory performance of the Services by Consultant, the County shall pay to Consultant compensation in accordance with the pricing set forth in Exhibit B a not to exceed amount of three million six hundred twenty-four thousand five hundred twenty-one dollars and sixty-two cents ($3,624,521.62), (hereinafter the "Contract Price"). Subject to the availability of lawfully appropriated funds and the scope of services performed under this agreement.

5.1.2 Unit prices included in the Contract Price are "all-inclusive", including labor, material, supervision, tools, equipment, insurance, taxes, fringe benefits, coordination, engineering, overhead, profit, and all other items incidental to or necessary for the completion of the Services. Unit prices are fixed for the duration of the Contract and are not subject to escalation for any cause.

5.1.3 The Contract Price shall remain firm throughout the Contract Term.

5.2 Progress Payments

5.2.1 Prior to Consultant's submittal of the initial Application for Payment, Consultant shall have delivered Insurance Certificate(s) evidencing coverages in accordance with Article XII. The County will not make any payment to Consultant until Consultant has complied with this requirement.

5.2.2 On or before the tenth (10th) day of each calendar month, Consultant shall submit an Application for Payment to the County Representative in such form and manner, and with such supporting data and content, as the County Representative may require. Such Application for Payment shall be based on the amount of Services completed during the payment period which is defined as the first day of the preceding calendar month through the last day of the preceding calendar month. The County Representative will review the Application for Payment to determine whether the quantity and quality of the Services is as represented in the Application for Payment and thereafter

confirm to the County the amount properly owing to Consultant. Upon receipt by the County of the County Representative's recommendation for payment, payments will be made in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Sections 218.70-218.80 of the Florida Statutes) less such amounts, if any, otherwise owing by Consultant to the County or which the County shall have the right to withhold. Any Application for Payment determined by the County not to be suitable for payment shall be modified and processed in accordance with the County's assessment.

5.2.3 In the event any dispute with respect to any payment or Application for Payment cannot be resolved between Consultant and the County Representative, Consultant may demand in writing a meeting with and review by the County's Director of Purchasing and Contracts. Such meeting and review shall occur within ten (10) business days of receipt by the County of Consultant's written demand. The Director of Purchasing and Contracts shall issue a written decision on the dispute within ten (10) business days of such meeting. This decision shall be deemed the County's final decision for the purpose of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

5.3 Application for Payment

5.3.1 Consultant may make Application for Payment, at intervals of not more than once a month for Work satisfactorily completed. Each Application for Payment shall clearly include:

a) The Contract Number.
b) A unique Application for Payment number.
c) Consultant's legal name and address.
d) Taxpayer identification number (Consultant's federal employer identification number).
e) Brief description of the completed Services, in accordance with Consultant's Schedule of Values.
f) The original Contract Price including approved Change Order amounts; and,
g) Preferred remittance address, if different from the mailing address.

5.3.2 The County may require any other information from Consultant that the County deems necessary to verify Consultant's Application for Payment. No later than ten (10) days after execution of this Contract or Notice to Proceed has been issued, the County will identify in a separate written notice the submittal requirements for Consultant's payment requests.

5.3.3 Each Application for Payment shall be signed by Consultant and shall constitute Consultant's representation that the Services have been performed for which payment is requested, that the Services has been properly installed or performed in full accordance with this Contract, and that Consultant knows of no reason why payment should not be made as requested. Consultant's final Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by a full and complete release and/or waiver of all liens complying with Section 713.20 of the Florida Statutes.

5.3.4 Consultant must remit undisputed payment due for labor, services, or materials furnished by Sub-Contractor and suppliers hired by Consultant, within ten (10) days after receipt of each progress payment from the County pursuant to Section 218.735 of the Florida Statutes. If necessary for the protection of the County, the County shall have the right, at its sole option, to make payment by joint check or by direct check to Consultant's Sub-Contractor or suppliers without advance notice to or consent of Consultant. If joint checks are issued following claims by Consultant's Sub-Contractor or suppliers, the County shall be entitled to an administrative fee of $50.00 per check for the expense of processing each joint check. Any amounts paid directly to a Sub-Contractor or supplier will be deducted from payments made to, or amounts due or that may become due to, Consultant. The issuance of a joint check shall create no rights in favor of any person or entity beyond the right of the named payees to payment of the check and shall not be deemed to commit the County to repeat the procedure in the future.

5.3.5 No progress payment shall be interpreted to constitute approval or acceptance of any Services under this Contract, nor be considered a waiver by Consultant of any of the terms of this Contract.

5.3.6 The County's performance and obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon an appropriation of lawfully available funds by the Board of County Commissioners. The County shall promptly notify Consultant if the necessary appropriation is not made.

5.4 Withheld Payment

5.4.1 The County may decline to make payment, may withhold funds otherwise payable and, if necessary, may demand the return of some or all of the amounts previously paid to Consultant, if:

a) Any Claims are made against Consultant by the County or third parties, or if reasonable evidence indicates the probability of the making of any such Claim.
b) Any Claims are made against the County, the County's property or any other party indemnified hereunder which is or might be covered by Consultants Indemnification obligations under Section 11.2 below.
c) Consultant fails to pay Sub-Contractor or others in full and on-time.
d) Consultant fails to submit schedules, reports, or other information required under the Contract.
e) Consultant fails to diligently prosecute the Work and maintain progress to assure completion within the Contract Time.
f) Consultant persistently fails to fully and timely perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
g) Defective or nonconforming Work is not remedied; or
h) Consultant is in default of any other representation, warranty, covenant or performance obligation of this Contract.

5.4.2 If Claims or liens filed against Consultant or property of the County connected with performance under this Contract are not promptly removed by Consultant after receipt of written notice from the County to do so, the County may remove such Claims or liens and all costs in connection with such removal shall be deducted from withheld payments or other monies due, or which may become due, to Consultant. If the amount of such withheld payments or other monies due Consultant under the Contract is insufficient to meet such cost, or if any Claim or lien against Consultant is discharged by the County after final payment is made, Consultant and its surety or sureties shall promptly pay the County all costs (including attorney's fees) incurred thereby regardless of when such Claim or lien arose.

5.5 Final Payment

Before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, the Consultant shall deliver to the County all Work Product (as defined in Paragraph 6.1 below) prepared by and for the County under this Agreement. The Consultant shall clearly state "Final Invoice" on the Consultant's final/last billing to the County. This shall constitute Consultant's certification that all Services have been properly performed and all charges, costs and Expenses have been invoiced to the County. Any other charges, costs or Expenses not properly included on this Final Invoice are waived by Consultant.

5.6 Availability of Funds

The County's obligations under this Agreement are subject to the availability of lawfully appropriated County funds. While the County will make all reasonable efforts, in order to provide funds needed to perform under this Agreement, the County makes no express commitment to provide such funds in any given County Fiscal Year. Moreover, it is expressly noted that the Consultant cannot demand that the County provide any such funds in any given County Fiscal Year.

ARTICLE VI OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT AND CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 Ownership of Work Product

6.1.1 All concepts, products, processes (patentable or otherwise) and copyrightable material (including but not limited to documents, specifications, calculations, maps, sketches, notes, reports, studies, proposals, data, models, samples, surveys, drawings, designs, electronic software, and any other results of the Work), first developed, produced or reduced to practice by Consultant or Subcontractor, or purchased under this Agreement, or at the County's expense ("Work Product"), shall be and remains the County's property upon creation. At the County's request, Consultant shall provide the County with copies of supporting computations, analyses, sketches, or similar items pertaining to the Consultant's Work Product.

6.1.2 The Consultant may not reuse Work Product developed by Consultant for the County without the express written permission of the County. The County may, at its option, reproduce and reuse Work Product (in whole or in part) and Consultant agrees to such reuse in accordance with this provision. Any plans which the Consultant provides

under this Agreement shall contain a statement that they are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of Section 287.055(10), Florida Statutes.

6.1.3 All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to, any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

6.2 Confidentiality

Subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Law), Consultant shall keep all information not in the public domain or not previously known, and all information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the County, or at its expense, confidential. Such information shall not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the County's prior written consent, unless required by a lawful order.

ARTICLE VII AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND PERSONNEL

7.1 Authorized Representative

7.1.1 Prior to commencing Services, Consultant shall designate in writing a competent, authorized representative(s) acceptable to the County to represent and act for Consultant ("Authorized Representative"). Such Authorized Representative shall be authorized to receive and accept any and all communications from the County. All communications given to the Authorized Representative shall be binding upon Consultant. An Authorized Representative may be added, removed or changed upon prior written notice given in the manner provided in this Agreement.

7.2 Personnel

7.2.1 The Consultant represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the Services as described in the Contract Documents. It is expressly understood that such personnel shall not be employees of, or have any contractual relationship with, the County. All of the Services required hereunder shall be performed by the Consultant, or under its supervision.

7.2.2 In the event Consultant wishes to substitute personnel for the key personnel identified in Consultant's proposal and selection presentation, the Consultant shall notify the County in writing and request written approval for the substitution at least ten (10) business days prior to effecting such substitution.

7.3 Project Manager Responsibilities

7.3.1 The County shall designate as its representative a Project Manager who shall be fully acquainted with the Project. The Project Manager shall be the County's representative from the Effective Date of this Contract until final payment has been made. The Project Manager shall be authorized to act on behalf of the County only to the extent provided in this Article VII.

7.3.2 The County and Consultant shall communicate with each other in the first instance through the Project Manager.

7.3.3 The Project Manager shall be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Drawings and Specifications and the judge of the performance there under by Consultant. The Project Manager shall render written or graphic interpretations necessary for the proper execution or progress of the Work with reasonable promptness on request of Consultant.

7.3.4 The Project Manager shall review Consultant's Applications for Payment and shall confirm to the County for payment to Consultant, those amounts then due to Consultant as provided in this Contract.

7.3.5 The Project Manager shall have authority to reject Work, which is defective or does not conform to the requirements of this Contract. If the Project Manager deems it necessary or advisable, the Project Manager shall have authority to require additional inspection or testing of the Work for compliance with Contract requirements at Consultant's expense.

7.3.6 The Project Manager shall review and accept, or take other appropriate action as necessary, concerning Consultant's submittals including but not limited to Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples. Such review, acceptance or other action shall be for the sole purpose of determining conformance with the design concept and information given through the Contract Documents.

7.3.7 The Project Manager shall, upon written request from Consultant, conduct inspections to determine the date of Final Completion, shall receive and forward to the County for the County's review and records, and related documents required by this Contract and shall issue a Final Certificate for Payment upon compliance with the requirements of this Contract.

7.3.8 The Project Manager's decision in matters relating to aesthetic effect shall be final if consistent with the intent of this Contract.

ARTICLE VIII SUB-CONTRACTORS

8.1 Sub-Contractors

8.1.1 Consultant may obtain the assistance of other design professionals ("Sub-Contractors") by subcontract for the performance of a portion of these Services, provided that any such Sub-Contractor shall perform its services to the standards set forth herein for Consultant's Services, and that Consultant obtains written approval of Sub-Contractor(s) from the County. The Consultant is encouraged to seek minority and women business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities. The County hereby approves those Sub-Contractors specifically named by Consultant in Consultant's proposal.

8.1.2 The County reserves the right to disqualify any Sub-Contractor based upon unsatisfactory performance. If a Sub-Contractor fails to satisfactorily perform in accordance with the Contract Documents, and it is necessary to replace the Sub-Contractor to complete the Services in a timely fashion, the Consultant shall promptly do so, subject to approval by the County.

8.1.3 The use of any such Sub-Contractor shall not relieve the Consultant from any liability or responsibility assumed under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX CHANGES IN THE SERVICES

9.1 Changes in the Services

9.1.1 The County reserves the right to make changes to the Services, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the Consultant of the County's notification of a contemplated change, the Consultant shall: (1) if requested by the County, provide an estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change; (2) notify the County of any estimated change in the completion date; and (3) advise the County in writing if the contemplated change shall effect the Consultant's ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Agreement. If the County instructs in writing, the Consultant shall suspend work on that portion of the Project, pending the County's decision to proceed with the change. If the County elects to make the change, the County shall issue a Change Order. The Consultant shall not commence work on any such change until such Change Order has been issued and signed by each of the parties.

9.1.2 Consultant's written acceptance of a Change Order shall constitute a final and binding contract to the provisions thereof and a waiver of all claims in connection therewith, whether direct, indirect, or consequential in nature.

ARTICLE X DISPUTES AND TERMINATION

10.1 Disputes

10.1.1 If any dispute between the County and Consultant arises under this Contract and such dispute cannot be resolved by good faith negotiations at the field level between the Project Managers of the Consultant and County, such dispute shall be promptly escalated to the Senior Representatives of the Parties, upon request of either party, who shall meet as soon as conveniently possible, but in no case later than fourteen (14) calendar days after such a

request is made, to attempt to resolve such dispute or disagreement. Five (5) calendar days prior to any meetings between the Senior Representatives of the Consultant and County, the parties will exchange relevant information that will assist the parties in resolving the dispute or disagreement.

10.1.1.1 The Senior Representative for the County shall be the Director, or designee, of the County's Emergency Management Department.

10.1.1.2 The Senior Representative for the Consultant shall be the supervisor of the Project Manager, or a principal of the Consultant.

10.1.2 If after meeting, the Senior Representatives determine that the dispute or disagreement cannot be resolved on terms satisfactory to both parties, the Consultant shall submit a Contract Claim as provided herein.

10.1.3 Prior to filing a Contract Claim, Consultant shall first exhaust all remedies set forth in the Contract Documents. Claims arising from this Contract shall be filed with the Purchasing Director within five (5) business days of exhausting all remedies set forth above. Pending final resolution of a dispute or claim, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties, the Consultant is required to proceed with performance of the Work and maintain effective progress to complete the Work within the Contract Time set forth herein. The Contract Claim shall include, at a minimum, the following:

a) The name and address of the Consultant and any legal counsel; and
b) The Consultant address to which the County's rendered decisions shall be sent; and
c) Identification, and a copy, of the final adverse decision or document that is the subject of the Contract Claim and any exhibits, evidence or documents which the Contractor deems applicable to the issues raised in the Claim; and
d) Identification of the administrative remedies provided for in the Contract that were pursued prior to the Claim and the outcome; and
e) A statement of the grounds for each issue raised in the Contract Claim to be reviewed and the applicable provisions of the Contract, as well as any applicable Laws, or other legal authorities which the Contractor deems applicable to the Claim.

10.1.4 During the Purchasing Director's review of the Contract Claim, the Purchasing Director may request additional information from the project team of both parties. The parties must provide the requested information within the time period set forth in the request. Failure of either party to timely comply may result in resolution of the Claim without consideration of the requested information.

10.1.5 The Purchasing Director shall render a decision on the Contract Claim within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the deadline for receipt of all requested information. The written decision of the Purchasing Director shall be sent to the Consultant at the address provided in the Contract Claim, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.

10.1.6 The decision for any Contract Claim by the Purchasing Director may be appealed by the Consultant to the County Administrator. Consultant must submit their appeal to the County Administrator, including any and all information, documentation, backup data, or other supplemental facts or figures within five (5) business days of receipt of the Purchasing Director's decision. Failure by the Contractor to submit an appeal within the prescribed timeframe shall be a waiver of a right to appeal the rendered decision. The appeal shall include any and all information, documentation, and data relative to the Contract Claim and subsequent appeal. The County Administrator shall render a decision within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of all information. The County Administrator's decision shall be considered final, unless Consultant takes legal action in Circuit Court.

10.2 Termination

10.2.1 The County may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for its convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Consultant. In such event, Consultant will be entitled to compensation for Services previously authorized and satisfactorily performed up through the date of termination identified in the County's notice, including any partially completed by the Consultant or its Sub-Contractors. Consultant shall not be entitled to compensation or profit for Services not performed.

10.2.2 Consultant may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon sixty (60) calendar days written notice, provided that any outstanding authorized Services are completed by Consultant. Consultant further agrees to cooperate and provide assistance to the County upon request in order to complete any Service or Project. In such event, the County shall compensate Consultant at its hourly rates set forth in Exhibit B for Services provided after termination.

10.2.3 The County may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for cause or default. In the event of the Consultant's default, the County shall issue a Notice of Default to the Consultant, articulating the items which the County finds to be in default of the Contract Documents. Consultant shall have ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of Notice of Default to remedy deficiencies, or submit, in writing, an acceptable plan for remedying the deficiencies identified in said notice. If Consultant fails to remedy such deficiencies, or to submit an acceptable plan for remedying such deficiencies, to the satisfaction of the County within the stated time period, the County shall issue a Notice of Termination, stating the date this Agreement shall be terminated for cause, and the County may take over and prosecute the Services to completion. In such case, Consultant shall be liable to the County for reasonable additional costs incurred by the County in completing the Services.

10.2.4 Upon receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed by the County in writing, the Consultant shall:

(1) Stop Services work on the date and to the extent specified in the notice of termination;
(2) Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated Services;
(3) Transfer all Work Product, including work in process, and any other materials related to the terminated Services to the County; and
(4) Continue and complete all parts of the Services that have not been terminated.

10.2.5 In the event Consultant changes names, merges with another company, becomes a subsidiary, or makes any other substantial change in structure or in principals, the County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement subject to the terms described above.

10.2.6 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Article X are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI WARRANTY, INDEMNITY, AND INFRINGEMENT

11.1 Warranty of Performance

11.1.1 The Consultant hereby represents and warrants that it is fully experienced and properly qualified, licensed, and financed to perform the Services under this Agreement and that it shall continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business and that it shall conduct its business activities in a reputable manner at all times.

11.1.2 Consultant represents and warrants that it possesses the knowledge, skill, experience, and financial capability required to perform and provide all required and optional Services under this Agreement in accordance with the standard of care, and that each person and entity that will provide Services is duly qualified to perform such Services by all appropriate governmental authorities, where required, and is sufficiently experienced and skilled in the area(s) for which such person or entity will render such Services. Consultant represents and warrants that the Services shall be performed in a skillful and respectful manner, and that the quality of all such Services shall equal or exceed prevailing industry standards for the provision of such Services.

11.1.3 The Consultant represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the Services as noted in the Contract Documents. It is expressly understood that such personnel shall not be employees of, or have any contractual relationship with, the County. All of the Services required hereunder shall be performed by the Consultant, or under its supervision. All personnel engaged in performing the Services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under federal, state and local law to perform such Services.

11.1.4 Consultant warrants that the Work Product, as defined in Article VI herein, will be sufficiently complete, coordinated, and consistent to allow construction of the Project as described in Consultant's scope of services, without the need for Change Orders arising from incomplete or missing design information not attributable to County-directed

changes, differing site conditions, or matters outside Consultant's control. Any Change Order required to complete the design intent as originally scoped shall be performed by Consultant at no additional cost to the County.

11.2 Indemnity

11.2.1 Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers and employees ("Indemnified Party"), from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, errors, omissions, or intentionally wrongful conduct of Consultant or other persons employed or utilized by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

11.2.2 To the extent permitted by, and in accordance with Section 725.08 of the Florida Statutes, Consultant further agrees that "damages, losses and costs", includes fines, citations, court judgments, insurance claims, restoration costs or other liability, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, errors, omissions, or intentionally wrongful conduct of Consultant and persons employed or utilized by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

11.2.3 To the extent permitted by, and in accordance with Section 725.08 of the Florida Statutes, for purposes of indemnity, the "persons employed or utilized by Contractor" shall be construed to include, but not be limited to, Consultant, its staff, employees, subcontractors, all deliverers, suppliers, furnishers of materials or services or anyone acting for, on behalf of, or at the request of Consultant.

11.2.4 This indemnification will not be valid in the instance where the loss is caused by the gross negligence, or willful, wanton or intentional misconduct of any Indemnified Party.

11.2.5 If any provision(s), or portion(s) of a provision(s) of this Section, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provision(s), or part of the provision(s), shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby; and shall be interpreted to the fullest extent possible to be enforceable and to give effect to the intent manifested by the provision(s), or portion(s) thereof, held invalid, illegal or unenforceable.

11.3 Infringement

Consultant shall not infringe upon any patents, trademarks or copyrights ("Intellectual Property") in performance of the Services. In the event that Consultant is alleged to have infringed upon such Intellectual Property, in addition to Consultant's obligations under the Indemnity provisions in Section 11.2 above, Consultant shall, at the sole discretion of County and at Consultant's sole expense: (i) procure for County the right to continue using the infringing subject matter; (ii) replace or modify the infringing subject matter so that it becomes non-infringing but still complies with the requirements of the Contract; or (iii) reimburse County for all payments made to Consultant relating to or impacted by the infringing material and all costs incurred by County resulting from such infringement.

ARTICLE XII INSURANCE

12.1 Consultant's Insurance Requirements

12.1.1 Consultant shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain the minimum insurance coverages stated herein. All insurance policies shall be satisfactory to the County and be issued by companies authorized and duly licensed to transact business in the State of Florida. Consultant shall furnish proof of insurance to the County prior to performance of Services. No Services shall commence until Consultant has obtained all insurance coverages required under this section. The County will not make any payment to Consultant until Consultant has complied with the requirements of this Article XII. Certificates of insurance shall clearly indicate Consultant has obtained insurance of the type, amount, and classification as required by this Agreement. Required insurance coverage shall be maintained in force, including coverage for Additional Insureds, for the duration of the Agreement and until all performance required by Consultant has been completed, as determined by the County. Consultant shall maintain insurance coverage against Claims relating to any act or omission by Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees, or Subconsultants in connection with this Agreement.

12.1.2 No less than ten (10) days written notice shall be provided to the County prior to cancellation, non-renewal or any material change of required insurance policies. Yearly renewal certificates shall be provided to the County within thirty (30) days of expiration of the current policy.

12.1.3 The types and amounts of insurance required under this Agreement do not in any way limit the liability of Consultant including under any warranty or indemnity provision of this Agreement or any other obligation whatsoever Consultant may have to the County or others. Nothing in this Agreement limits Consultant to the minimum required insurance coverages found in this Article XII.

12.2 Additional Insured Endorsements and Certificate Holder

The term "Additional Insured", as used in this Agreement, shall mean St. John's County, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents and representatives. Certificates of insurance shall specifically name each Additional Insured for all policies of insurance except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability. A copy of the endorsement showing the required coverages must accompany the certificate of insurance**.**

Certificate Holder Address: St. Johns County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida
4040 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Attn: Purchasing

12.3 Workers Compensation

Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement, adequate Workers' Compensation Insurance in at least such amounts as is required by law for all of its employees per Chapter 440, FS. In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this Paragraph by an employee of the Consultant, a Subconsultant, any one directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Paragraph shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Consultant or a Subconsultant under workers' compensation acts, disability benefits acts or other employee benefit acts.

12.4 Commercial General Liability

Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement, Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with minimum limits of $1,000,000 per occurrence, $2,000,000 aggregate, including bodily injury (including wrongful death), property damage, products, personal & advertising injury, and completed operations. This insurance must provide coverage for all Claims that may arise from the Services and/or operations completed under this Agreement, whether such Services or operations are by Consultant or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them. Such insurance(s) shall also be primary and non-contributory with regard to insurance carried by the Additional Insureds.

12.5 Automobile Liability

Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with minimum limits of $1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability and insuring liability arising out of or in any way related directly or indirectly to the ownership, maintenance or use of any owned, non-owned or rented/hired automobiles.

12.6 Professional Liability

12.6.1 Consultant shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Agreement, Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions Insurance with minimum limits of $1,000,000 with 4-year tail coverage starting upon completion of all Services, as determined by the County. Consultant's professional liability policy should not have an exclusion for environmental compliance management or construction management professionals.

12.6.2 In the event that Consultant employs professional engineering or land surveyor services for performing field engineering or preparing design calculations, plans, and specifications, Consultant shall require the retained engineers and land surveyors to carry professional liability insurance with limits not less than $1,000,000 each claim with respect to negligent acts, errors, or omissions in connection with professional services to be provided under this Contract.

12.7 Other Requirements

12.7.1 The required insurance limits identified in Sections 12.4 and 12.5, above may be satisfied by a combination of a primary policy and/or Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance policy with a minimum limit of $1,000,000.00 per

occurrence. Consultant shall require each lower-tier subconsultant to comply with all insurance requirements appropriate for its scope of Services, and any deficiency shall not relieve Consultant of its responsibility herein. Upon written request, Consultant shall provide County with copies of lower-tier subconsultant certificates of insurance.

12.7.2 Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of Consultant. County has no obligation or duty to advise Consultant of any non-compliance with the insurance requirements contained in this Section. If Consultant fails to obtain and maintain all of the insurance coverages required herein, Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Additional Insureds from and against any and all Claims that would have been covered by such insurance had Consultant complied with its obligations herein.

12.7.3 County reserves the right to adjust the above minimum insurance requirements or require additional insurance coverages to address other insurable hazards. Consultant shall be reimbursed for additional costs, without markup or profit, related to any such adjustments.

ARTICLE XIII GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Independent Contractor

Consultant shall act as an independent consultant and not as an employee, agent or servant of the County in performing all Services and activities under this Agreement. Consultant shall at all times and in all places maintain complete control over its employees and all of its Subconsultants. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any contractual relationship between any such Subconsultant and the County. Consultant shall perform all Services in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and in accordance with its own means and methods subject to compliance with this Agreement. The Consultant does not have the power or authority to bind the County in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement.

13.2 Taxes

13.2.1 Consultant shall pay and be solely responsible for any and all taxes, levies, duties and assessments of every nature which may be applicable to any Services performed under this Agreement, including, without limitation, any tax that Consultant is required to deduct or withhold from any amount payable under this Agreement and shall make all payroll deductions and withholdings required by law. Consultant herein indemnifies and holds the County harmless from any liability on account of any and all such taxes, levies, duties and assessments. The indemnity provision of this Paragraph 11.2 shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement. Consultant may not use County's tax-exempt status unless specifically authorized in writing in advance.

13.2.2 Foreign Entity Tax Withholding. Amounts due to certain foreign persons or entities may be subject to backup withholding taxes under federal law. If Consultant is a foreign person or entity that is required to complete Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form W-8ECI, Consultant shall provide County a copy of Consultant's current Form W-8ECI prior to issuance of any invoice or payment under this Agreement. If Consultant fails to timely provide a completed, current Form W-8ECI, County will withhold all backup withholding taxes from the amounts due Consultant, remit such sums to the IRS, and pay Consultant only the remainder. County makes no representation regarding the tax treatment of amounts due to Consultant, and Consultant releases and holds County harmless from any claims or damages in any way relating to or arising from any tax withholding by County pursuant to this section.

13.3 Publicity and Advertising

13.3.1 Consultant shall not make any announcement or release any information or publish any photographs concerning this Agreement, or the Services or any part thereof, to any member of the public, press or any official body, unless prior written consent is obtained from the County.

13.3.2 Use of the County Seal or County Logo is strictly prohibited. In accordance with, County Ordinance 92-2 and County Administrative Policy 101.3, Consultant may not manufacture, use, display, or otherwise use any facsimile or reproduction of the County Seal or Logo without express written approval of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

13.4 Examination of Consultant's Records

The County or its authorized representative shall, for a minimum of five (5) years after expiration or termination of

this Agreement (or until resolution of any audit findings, whichever is longer), have access to, and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers and records of Consultant involving transactions relating to this Agreement, and to make copies, excerpts and transcriptions thereof. If any such examination reveals that Consultant has overstated any component price, Task Order, Change Order, Claim, or any other County payment obligation arising out of this Agreement, then Consultant shall, at the election of the County, either immediately reimburse to the County or offset against payments otherwise due Consultant, the overstated amount plus interest. The foregoing remedy shall be in addition to any other rights or remedies the County may have.

13.5 Governing Law & Venue

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any administrative and/or legal action arising under the Agreement shall be St. Johns County, Florida.

13.6 Arbitration

The County shall not be obligated to arbitrate or permit any arbitration binding on the County under any of the Contract Documents or in connection with this Agreement in any manner whatsoever.

13.7 Assignment and Arrears

13.7.1 Neither the County nor the Consultant shall assign, transfer, or encumber its interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other Party. Any assignment, transfer, encumbrance or subcontract in violation of this section shall be void and ineffective, constitute a breach of this Agreement, and permit the non-assigning Party to immediately terminate this Agreement, in addition to any other remedies available to the non-assigning Party at law or in equity. County reserves the right to condition its approval of any assignment, transfer, encumbrance, or subcontract upon further due diligence and an additional fee paid to the County to reasonably compensate it for the performance of any such due diligence.

13.7.2 The Consultant shall not pledge the County's credit, or make it a guarantor of payment, or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The Consultant further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

13.8 Severability

If a court deems any provision of the Agreement void, invalid or unenforceable, that provision shall be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

13.9 Section Headings

The heading preceding the articles and sections herein are solely for convenience of reference and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement, or affect its meaning, construction or effect.

13.10 Disclaimer of Third-Party Beneficiaries

Both the County and the Consultant explicitly agree, and this Agreement explicitly states that no third-party beneficiary status or interest is conferred to, or inferred to, any other person or entity.

13.11 No Waiver; Course of Dealing

The delay or failure by the County to exercise or enforce any of its rights or remedies under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the County's right thereafter to enforce those rights or remedies, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy. The conduct of the parties to this Agreement after the Effective Date shall not be deemed a waiver or modification of this Agreement. In any action brought by either party for the enforcement of the obligations of the other party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees.

13.12 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any agency or political subdivision to which sovereign immunity may be applicable or of any rights or limits to liability existing under Section 768.28, Florida

Statutes. This section shall survive the termination of all performance and obligations under this Agreement and shall be fully binding until such time as any proceeding brought on account of this Agreement is barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

13.13 Conflict of Interest

The Consultant represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of Services required hereunder. The Consultant further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

The Consultant shall promptly notify the County in writing by certified mail of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance, which may influence or appear to influence the Consultant's judgment or quality of Services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Consultant may undertake and request an opinion of the County, whether such association, interest, or circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest if entered into by the Consultant.

The County agrees to notify the Consultant of its opinion by certified mail within 30 days of receipt of notification by the Consultant. If, in the opinion of the County, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the Consultant, the County shall so state in the notification and the Consultant shall, at his/her option enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to Services provided to the County by the Consultant under the terms of this Agreement.

13.14 Execution in Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original document, and all of which together shall constitute a single instrument. The parties may deliver executed counterparts by e-mail transmission, which shall be binding. In the event this Agreement is executed through a County-approved electronic signature or online digital signature service (such as DocuSign), such execution shall be valid, effective and binding upon the party so executing. Execution and delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement and/or a signature page of this Agreement by electronic image scan transmission (such as a "pdf" file) or through a County approved electronic signature service will be valid and effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

13.15 Entire Agreement

This Agreement, together with the Contract Documents for the Services, constitutes the entire Agreement between County and Consultant relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous Contracts, negotiations, discussions and understandings, oral or written.

13.16 Modifications, Amendments, Waivers and Extensions

This Agreement may not be modified, amended, changed or supplemented, nor may any obligations hereunder be waived or extensions of time for performance granted, except by written instrument signed by Authorized Representatives of both parties. No waiver of any default or breach of any agreement or provision herein contained shall be deemed a waiver of any preceding or succeeding default or breach thereof or of any other agreement or provision herein contained. No extension of time for performance of any obligations or acts shall be deemed an extension of the time for performance of any other obligations or acts.

13.17 Survival

The provisions of the Contract Documents which by their nature survive termination of this Contract, including without limitation all warranties, indemnities, insurance, taxes, enforcement costs, payment obligations, and the County's right to audit Consultant’s books and records, shall in all cases survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement. The obligations set forth in Sections 4.1 and 12.1 herein shall survive completion of Services, termination of this Contract, and final payment, and shall remain in effect for the duration of the applicable statute of repose or statute of limitations under Applicable Laws.

13.18 Convicted and Discriminatory Vendor Lists

Consultant warrants that neither it nor any Subconsultant is currently on the convicted vendor list or the

discriminatory vendor list maintained pursuant to Sections 287.133 and 287.134 of the Florida Statutes, or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government. Consultant shall immediately notify the County in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of this Agreement.

13.19 Scrutinized Companies Lists

Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes prohibits agencies from contracting with companies for goods or services that are on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or with companies that are engaged in a boycott of Israel, and from contracting with companies for goods or services of $1,000,000 or more that are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or are engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The lists are created pursuant to §215.473 and §215.4725, F.S. By execution of this Agreement, Consultant certifies that it is not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and is not engaged in a boycott of Israel or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and understands that pursuant to §287.135, F.S., the submission of a false certification may subject Consultant to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs. In accordance with §287.135, F.S., the County may terminate this Agreement if a false certification has been made, or the Consultant is subsequently placed on any of these lists, or engages in a boycott of Israel or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

13.20 Anti-Bribery

Consultant and its Subcontractors shall at all times during the term of this Agreement comply with all anti-bribery and corruption laws that are applicable to the performance of this Agreement. Consultant represents that it has not, directly or indirectly, taken any action which would cause it to be in violation of Chapter 838 of the Florida Statutes. Consultant shall immediately notify the County of any violation (or alleged violation) of this provision.

13.21 Compliance with Florida Statute 287.138

Pursuant to 287.138 F.S., effective July 1, 2023, the County may not enter into contracts which grants the Consultant access to personal identifiable information if: 1) the Consultant is owned by the government of a Foreign Country of Concern (as defined by the statute: (b) the government of a Foreign Country of Concern has a controlling interest in the entity; or (c) the Consultant is organized under the law of or has its principal place of business in a Foreign Country of Concern. The County shall be entitled to immediately terminate this Agreement with liability to ensure the County's continued compliance with the statute.

Pursuant to 287.138 F.S., effective January 1, 2024, if Consultant may access, receive, transmit, or maintain personal identifiable information under this Agreement, Consultant must submit a Foreign Entity Affidavit to the County. Additionally, effective July 1, 2025, Consultant shall submit a Foreign Entity Affidavit to the County prior to any renewals of this Agreement. Failure or refusal to submit a Foreign Entity Affidavit shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement by the County.

13.22 Employment Eligibility and Mandatory Use of E-Verify

As a condition precedent to entering into the awarded Contract, and in accordance with section Florida Statute § 448.095, Florida Statutes, Contractor and all subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all employees hired on or after July 1, 2023.

1. Contractor shall require each subcontractor to provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the awarded Contract.

2. The County, Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Florida Statute § 448.09(1), or these provisions regarding employment eligibility shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.

3. The County, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated these provisions regarding employment eligibility, but Contractor otherwise complied, shall promptly notify Contractor and Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.

4. Contractor acknowledges that, in the event that the County terminates the awarded Contract for Contractor's breach of these provisions regarding employment eligibility, then Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after such termination. Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the County's termination of the awarded Contract for breach of these provisions regarding employment eligibility.

13.23 Nondiscrimination

The Consultant warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, political affiliation, disability, age, or sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) pregnancy, marital status or national origin (including limited English proficiency). Consultant shall include the foregoing or similar language in its contracts with any Subconsultants.

13.24 Drug Free Workplace

To the extent required under the Drug-Free Workplace Act (Chapter 112, Florida State Statutes), Consultant certifies that it has and will maintain a drug-free workplace program for the duration of this Agreement.

13.25 Public Records

13.25.1 To the extent Consultant is acting on behalf of the County, Consultant shall comply and shall require all of its subcontractors to comply with the State of Florida's Public Records Statute (Chapter 119), specifically to:

(1) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the Services;

(2) Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County 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 as provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by Applicable Law;

(3) Ensure that public records related to this Agreement that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by Applicable Law for the duration of this Agreement and following expiration of this Agreement, or earlier termination thereof, if Consultant does not transfer the records to the County; and

(4) Upon completion of this Agreement, or earlier termination thereof, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of Consultant or keep and maintain for inspection and copying all public records required by the County to perform the Services.

13.25.2 If Consultant, upon expiration of this Agreement or earlier termination thereof:
i) transfers all public records to the County, Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements; and ii) keeps and maintains public records, Consultant shall meet all Applicable Law and requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the County's information technology systems.

13.25.3 Failure by Consultant to comply with the requirements of this section shall be grounds for immediate, unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County.

IF CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: (904) 209-0805, PUBLICRECORDS@SJCFL.US, 500 SAN SEBASTIAN VIEW, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32084

13.26 Enforcement Costs

If any legal proceeding, lawsuit, or action is instituted in connection with any dispute, breach, default, misrepresentation or controversy arising out of this Agreement or the enforcement of any right hereunder, the prevailing party will be entitled to recover, in addition to actual costs, such sums as the court may adjudge reasonable as attorney fees, including fees on any appeal.

13.27 Contingency Fee

The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant 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 the Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Failure by Consultant to comply with the requirements of this section shall be grounds for immediate, unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County.

13.28 Written Notice

Any and all notices, requests, consents, approvals, demands, determinations, instructions, and other forms of written communication ("Notices") under this Agreement shall be validly given when delivered as follows:

i. Hand delivered to Consultant's Authorized Representative or hand delivered during normal business hours and addressed as shown below, or

ii. Delivered by U.S. Mail, commercial express carrier (postage prepaid, delivery receipt requested), or electronic mail to the following addresses:

St. Johns County
4040 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Attn: Purchasing Director
Email Address: SJCPurchasing@sjcfl.us

First Line Coastal
8586 Potter Park Drive
Sarasota, FL 34238
Attn: Shelby Riffey
Email Address: sriffey@firstlinecoastal.com

With a copy to:

St. Johns County
Office of the County Attorney
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Email Address: jferguson@sjcfl.us

Notices shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery to the email address listed above without regard to actual receipt by the named addressee. Both parties may revise the information for notices above upon written notice to the other party.

13.29 Non-Exclusive Right

Consultant has no exclusive right to provide the Services required within this Agreement. The County may at its sole discretion contract with others to perform the same duties or any part of the Services.

13.30 Truth-In-Negotiation Representation

By execution of this Agreement, Consultant hereby certifies that, in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 287.055(5)(a), the wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation under this Agreement are accurate, complete and current as of the date of entering into this Agreement. The Parties agree that the County may adjust the original Agreement price and any additions thereto to exclude any significant sums by which the County determines the Agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs.

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The authorized representatives hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the Effective Date. Consultant's authorized representative executing this Agreement represents that he or she is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of Consultant.

County	**Consultant**
St. Johns County (Seal) (Typed Name)	**First Line Coastal, LLC** (Seal) (Typed Name)
By: _____ (Signature of Authorized Representative)	By: _____ (Signature of Authorized Representative)
Jaime Locklear (Printed Name)	_____ (Printed Name)
Purchasing Director (Title)	_____ (Title)
_____ (Date of Execution)	_____ (Date of Execution)

Legally Sufficient:

_____
(Office of County Attorney)

_____
(Date of Execution)

CONSULTANT'S FINAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIEN

Owner: St. Johns County (hereafter "County")	**County Department/Division:**
Agreement No.:	**Consultant Name:**
Project:	**Consultant Address:**
Project Address:	**Consultant License No.:**
Payment Amount:	**Amount of Disputed Claims:**

The undersigned has been paid in full for all Services provided to the Project or to the County and does hereby waive and release any notice of lien, any right to mechanic's lien, any bond right, any claim for payment and any rights under any similar ordinance, rule or statute related to a claim or payment rights the undersigned has on the above described Project, except for the payment of Disputed Claims, if any, described below.

The undersigned warrants that he or she either has already paid or will use the monies received from this final payment to promptly pay in full all of its Subconsultants or anyone else acting for, on behalf of, or at the request of Subconsultant for all Services provided for or to the above referenced Project.

Before any recipient of this document relies on it, the recipient should verify evidence of payment to the undersigned.

Disputed Claims: The following invoices, pay applications, retention, or extra Services are reserved by undersigned from this final payment (if there are no Disputed Claims enter **"None"**):

_____

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Signed this __day of _____, 20__

_____
Consultant Name

By: _____
~~Signature~~

_____
Printed Name

_____
Title

NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT WAIVES RIGHTS UNCONDITIONALLY AND STATES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PAID FOR GIVING UP THOSE RIGHTS. THIS DOCUMENT IS ENFORCEABLE AGAINST YOU IF YOU SIGN IT TO THE EXTENT OF THE PAYMENT AMOUNT OR THE AMOUNT RECEIVED.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

June 17, 2026

RFQ No: 2835; Design, Permitting, and Construction Administration of FEMA Category G Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project

St. Johns County hereby issues this Notice of Intent to Award a contract, upon successful negotiations, with First Line Coastal, LLC, the highest ranked firm, based upon evaluation of submitted Qualifications and Shortlisted Proposals, under RFQ 2835.

Any actual Bidder, Proposer or Supplier who is aggrieved in connection with the Notice of Intent to Award a Contract, where such grievance is asserted to be the result of a violation of the requirements of the St. Johns County Purchasing Policy and associated procedures, or any applicable provision of law by the officers, agents, or employees of the County, may file a Protest to the Director of Purchasing & Contracts. The Protest must be made in writing and filed by 4:00PM on the fifth business day following the date of the posting of the Notice of Intent to Award, and must be submitted in accordance with Section 13, SJC Purchasing Policy.

Should no Protest be received in response to this Notice, the County will proceed with negotiations, and upon successful negotiations, award of a Contract in accordance with SJC Purchasing Policy.

Please forward all correspondence, requests or inquiries directly to Kayla Lauro, Procurement Coordinator, via email at klauro@sjcfl.us or phone at 904-209-0164.

St. Johns County, FL
Board of County Commissioners
Purchasing Department

Date: 6/17/26

Bryan Matus, CPPO, FCCM
Purchasing Manager
bmatus@sjcfl.us
(904) 209-0148 - Direct

EVALUATION SUMMARY SHEET - PROPOSALS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT
Shortlist Evaluation

		EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR	EVALUATOR			
FIRM	Scores from Qualifications Evaluation	Sloane Stephens	Stephen Hammond	Ansley Wren-Key	Westly Woodward	Chris Gatchell	TOTAL	RANK	COMMENTS
First Line Coastal, LLC	473	47	45	48	46	45	704.00	1	Recommend Negotiations
AtkinsRealis USA Inc	465	42	45	47	48	44	691.00	2	
Foth Infrastructure & Environmental, LLC	465	35	43	48	42	47	680.00	3	

APPROVED: _____

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Posted to Demandstar: 6/17/26

NOTE:
THE RANKING SHOWN ABOVE SHALL BE FOLLOWED UNLESS SPECIAL CONDITIONS MERIT A CHANGE IN THE NEGOTIATING ORDER, IN THIS CASE, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS MUST BE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL AND ATTACHED TO THIS EVALUATION SUMMARY SHEET. ALL RECORDS SHALL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AND COPYING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 119, F.S.

ANY ACTUAL BIDDER, PROPOSER, SUPPLIER, OR RESPONDENT WHO IS AGGRIEVED IN CONNECTION WITH A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT, WHERE SUCH GRIEVANCE IS ASSERTED TO BE THE RESULT OF A VIOLATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY AND ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES, OR ANY APPLICABLE PROVISION OF LAW BY THE OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY, MAY FILE A PROTEST WITH THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 13 OF THE SJC PURCHASING POLICY.

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RFQ 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT

FIRM	EVALUATOR Sloane Stephens	EVALUATOR Stephen Hammond	EVALUATOR Ansley Wren-Key	EVALUATOR Westly Woodward	EVALUATOR Chris Gatchell	TOTAL	RANK	COMMENTS
First Line Coastal, LLC	95	91	96	95	96	473.00	1	SHORTLIST
AtkinsRealis USA Inc	90	90	94	98	93	465.00	2	SHORTLIST
Foth Infrastructure & Environmental, LLC	93	91	96	95	90	465.00	2	SHORTLIST
Taylor Engineering, Inc	93	84	95	97	92	461.00	4	

APPROVED: Stephen Hammond 6/4/26

APPROVED: Bryan Matus 6/4/26

Posted to Demandstar: 06/04/26

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT

RFQ NO. 2835

SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 28, 2026
SUBMISSION TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PREPARED FOR

St. Johns County Purchasing Division
4040 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, FL 32084

PREPARED BY

First Line Coastal
8586 Potter Park Drive
Sarasota, FL 34238
Phone: 941-320-0241

FIRST LINE COASTAL



South Ponte Vedra Dune Restoration 2022 - Drone Photo by S. Hammond

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL
500 SAN SEBASTIAN VIEW
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32084

FULL LEGAL NAME OF RESPONDENT: First Line Coastal, LLC

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS REGISTRATION#: L19000031824

MAILING ADDRESS: 8586 Potter Park Dr, Sarasota, FL 34238

FEIN #: 83-3492076

POINT OF CONTACT FOR RFQ:

NAME & TITLE: Jake Pierson, Vice President

EMAIL ADDRESS: jpierson@firstlinecoastal.com

POINT OF CONTACT FOR INVITATION TO PAYMENTWORKS:

NAME & TITLE: Shelby Riffey, Vice President

EMAIL ADDRESS: sriffey@firstlinecoastal.com

DATE: 5/28/2026

SECTION 1

QUALIFICATIONS COVER PAGE AND COVER LETTER

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Sand Key, Upham Beach, Long Key Nourishment 2025 - Photo by T. Patschorke

FIRST LINE COASTAL

8586 Potter Park Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34238
(941) 320-0241

FirstLineCoastal.com

May 28, 2026

Kayla Lauro, Procurement Coordinator
St. Johns County Purchasing Department
4040 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, FL 32084

RE: Request for Qualifications, RFQ # 2835
Design, Permitting, & Construction Administration of
FEMA Category G – Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project

Dear Selection Committee Members:

First Line Coastal, LLC welcomes the opportunity to submit our credentials and enclosed response to provide the requested services on the FEMA Category G Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project. First Line Coastal is a certified Small Business (SBE), Disadvantaged (DBE), and Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) specializing in coastal engineering. We have been in business since 2019 and are designated as an LLC partnership. We are industry leaders in our field and are particularly well known for our creative designs on projects which serve to maintain navigation, build beaches, and restore aquatic habitats. The scope of services you seek are our specialty.

Our team includes four trusted and long-term partner firms. **APTIM** brings top tier borrow area development capabilities, while adding to our core coastal engineering skillsets, and providing specialty services to address any needs for marine archeology or MEC identification / removal. **Oceanside Solutions** is a long-time partner with whom we have entrusted our bathymetric and topographic survey needs for years. **Coastal Conservation Group** will provide depth to our agency coordination efforts while leading our environmental monitoring efforts. Lastly, **Willdan Financial Services** brings specific expertise in developing special tax-unit solutions.

St. Johns County is very familiar with our work. The team we have assembled includes the same core members who are delivering on the upcoming South Ponte Vedra (SPV) Beach Nourishment project. The scope of services requested in the subject RFQ is nearly identical to what we are already providing you with excellent results. Our core members also delivered a successful beach restoration project at South Ponte Vedra in 2022.

During the construction of the 2022 SPV event, one of your staff made a comment that stopped us dead in our tracks. We wrote it down right away, and the direct quote is: “This project has been like a dream.” We are 100% sure that we have elevated the bar for the 2026 SPV project and are ready to elevate Ponte Vedra Beach in a similar fashion. We are available to begin immediately upon award and are excited to continue designing the best beach projects in Florida, together with the St. Johns County Coastal Team.

In our RFQ response, we have provided details on our team qualifications and related experience. We have provided you with a multitude of project examples to demonstrate our deep breadth of experience in this space. During your review of the package, we hope you will identify the following key messages:

1. **Specialized Experience**. Our team has built a lot of beaches. We have provided your requested services all over Florida with all construction methods. The final design and construction phase is our sweet-spot, and our depth of experience is uniquely First Line.
2. **Capacity**. We are in a fortuitous position to immediately dedicate a significant amount of horsepower to this project. The completion of South Ponte Vedra offers opportunity for cost savings and immediate integration.
3. **Proven Team.** You know our team members and our quality of work. St. Johns County is a critical client for us, and we will always put your needs at the top of our list.

Mark Stroik will serve as project director with responsibility for the project and primary point of contact for this RFQ. **Shelby Riffey** will serve as project manager, overseeing delivery during the project. Together, we are committing to St. Johns County that our team will respond immediately and with priority. We will complete every task within our agreed-upon budget and will always strive for an early delivery. We will actively seek ways to increase value in your projects and will deliver the highest-quality work in the business. As an employee-owned firm, we take these commitments seriously – your business means something personal to us.

On behalf of ourselves and our project team, we want to extend a personal Thank You for taking the time to review our qualifications. Just as soon as we finalize our work plan with your team, we are off to the races. Your continuous journey to mitigate coastal erosion is a large endeavor that requires skilled and dedicated attention from a trustworthy partner. We will be right by your side the entire way, fully committed to providing you with the professional services, expertise, and staff to maintain and build upon the trust you continue to place in us.

As Vice President at First Line Coastal, I affirm my position as an officer of the company and am duly authorized to enter into agreements on its behalf. I further attest that neither First Line, or any of our project partners, have any known conflict of interest relating to the RFQ. You may contact Mark any time via phone at (941) 320-0214 or by email at MStroik@FirstLineCoastal.com

Sincerely,

Mark Stroik
Project Director, VP

Shelby Riffey
Project Manager, VP

FIRST LINE COASTAL, LLC Limited Liability Company SEAL EST. 2019 FLORIDA

List of Corporate Officers and Authorized Personnel				
Mark Stroik	Partner, Project Director, VP	Sarasota, FL	MStroik@FirstLineCoastal.com	(941) 320-0241
Shelby Riffey	Partner, Project Manager, VP	Jacksonville, FL	SRiffey@FirstLineCoastal.com	(817) 240-6502
Renee Stroik	Partner, Lead Biologist, VP	Sarasota, FL	RStroik@FirstLineCoastal.com	(941) 412-7228
Jake Pierson	Partner, Coastal Engineer, VP	Melbourne, FL	JPierson@FirstLineCoastal.com	(717) 658-9277

SECTION 2

TEAM QUALIFICATIONS

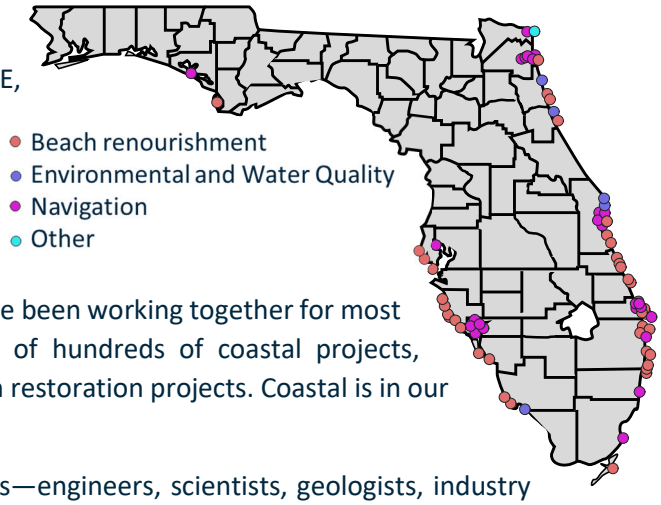
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Gulfside Road Beach Nourishment 2025 - Photo by J. Pierson

Company and Team Qualifications

About the Firm



First Line Coastal is a certified WBE, SBE, DBE and employee-owned, engineering firm whose members have deep roots in Florida's coastal community. First Line has been providing services in the coastal engineering market since 2019 and re-aligned our focus with our new name in 2022. The majority of staff at First Line have been working together for most of our careers, honing our skillsets through delivery of hundreds of coastal projects, including significant participation in more than 50 beach restoration projects. Coastal is in our name, because it is the core of our business focus.

Our team is a dynamic blend of seasoned professionals—engineers, scientists, geologists, industry managers, and agency veterans—united by a shared passion for coastal excellence. We are built with diversity in thought and background, acknowledging the power of varied perspectives in reshaping traditional approaches. First Line's culture thrives on innovation, assigning each team member with a personal responsibility to "Make it Better". Our belief is that this combination promotes ability to move design beyond academic theory and generate enhanced value for our clients. As we navigate the always-changing world of coastal engineering, our promise is simple: we are here to provide top-notch solutions that set new standards in the industry.

To help us achieve the best outcomes at Ponte Vedra Beach, we engaged several of our long-time partners to tap into their specialty services. It is our belief that our project partners have unmatched experience in their designated roles, and we are confident that this combination makes our team the best choice for delivering the full range of services required. The assembled team mirrors the staff currently working on the SPV FEMA Category G project (ongoing) with similar role designations.

Project Partners

APTIM

APTIM provides unmatched experience in borrow area development and BOEM coordination. For over 40 years, their staff have provided coastal engineering projects throughout the state. APTIM will lead the contract's geotechnical, cultural, and borrow site leasing efforts, anchoring the team with "big firm" resource depth. Supplemental capabilities include a USACE-accredited sediment laboratory, alongside specialty staff for FEMA grants, MEC/UXO mitigation, and marine archaeology. Notably, APTIM recently completed a contract through BOEM, which included development of Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sand Resource inventory for the Marine Minerals Program (MMP). The MMP work is the pre-cursor for borrow area development in St. Johns Co. APTIM also helped execute the expansion plan for Borrow Site N-1 for the SPV project and will leverage that direct local experience to develop SJ-2. First Line and APTIM have collaborated on six separate nourishment projects, demonstrating a strong and productive partnership.

WILLDAN

Willdan Financial Services will provide financial consulting, as needed to support special assessment or taxing-unit establishment at PVB. Willdan has provided financial, rate, and capital planning solutions for communities like St. Johns Co. for over 30 years. Staff at First Line and Willdan have developed a great working relationship during the past three years. Most recently, our partnership completed a successful push to establish four new taxing districts for the Town of Longboat Key in support of the development of a

waterway navigation maintenance program. We envision their assistance in financial assessment strategy and public outreach efforts at Ponte Vedra Beach.

Oceanside Solutions provides advanced, cost-effective hydrographic surveying and geotechnical services. The firm offers comprehensive single beam, multibeam, sidescan, and topographic survey capabilities alongside in-house geotechnical sampling and a mobile sediment lab. Staffed by personnel trained at leading national dredging firms, Oceanside routinely collaborates on major coastal infrastructure projects. Oceanside has successfully performed these exact services at the St. Augustine, Vilano/CSRM, and South Ponte Vedra beaches and borrow sites. The company principals at First Line and Oceanside have been working together since 2012, including collaboration on four beach renourishments in the last year alone.

Coastal Conservation Group (CCG) provides comprehensive environmental monitoring, compliance and endangered species management. Ponte Vedra Beach has a complicated mix of marine turtle permit holders. CCG has a deep history with St. Johns County and local marine turtle permit holders, streamlining local, state, and federal reporting. Their specialized expertise spans marine turtle permitting, shorebird monitoring, escarpment/lighting surveys, gopher tortoise relocation, and Anastasia Island beach mouse identification. CCG is currently preparing for pre-construction sea turtle nest relocations alongside First Line on the SPV project. CCG was also onboarded during the construction phase of the 2024 Ponte Vedra Beach project to smooth out complications with environmental oversight management.

All staff required for the Ponte Vedra Beach Project, both First Line and its subconsultants, are current employees on active payroll. No existing or potential conflicts of interest have been identified by any First Line or subconsultant employees (see attachment D).

A Depth of Talent

The First Line Coastal team has been strategically assembled to provide St. Johns County with a depth of specialized resources that will facilitate the highest quality work products in coastal engineering in an accelerated fashion. Once we begin working together, it is easy to forget who works for what firm. That's because this team has been working together for quite a while. We like to get the business stuff out of the way and get busy serving our clients. As prime consultant, First Line will bear the ultimate responsibility for all work products, which means that we must trust our project partners. Trust is not established overnight, and neither was this team of professionals. We have a long history with our project partners, and the collective team offers the County a very deep pool of resources.



Right Tools for the Job

Coastal engineering happens on the water and in the sand. Our work takes a few tools to get the job done. Consequently, it is important to validate that a team has the necessary physical resources to deliver work. The graphic below presents the equipment resources and software applications we have within the team that are ready for deployment.

Equipment	Software	Applications
Hydrographic Survey Vessels - 5	Hypack	Survey and Volume Calcs
Dive & Research Platforms - 8	AutoCAD	Design and Volume Calcs
Geotechnical Sampling Rigs - 5	GIS	Mapping Data and Mangement
RTK Base Stations & Rovers - 9	SBEACH	Beach Modeling
Underwater Mapping Units - 5	MATLAB	Programming
Drones - 2	DroneLink	Autonomous Drone Flight
360 Camera - 2	Pix4D	Photogrammetry

Ready to Go

The proposed team is the same who are delivering the SPV Beach FEMA Cat G project. With design complete and construction expected to finish this fall, those resources are immediately available to support Ponte Vedra Beach. The operational overlap will provide opportunity to expedite the initial phases of work at a reduced cost.

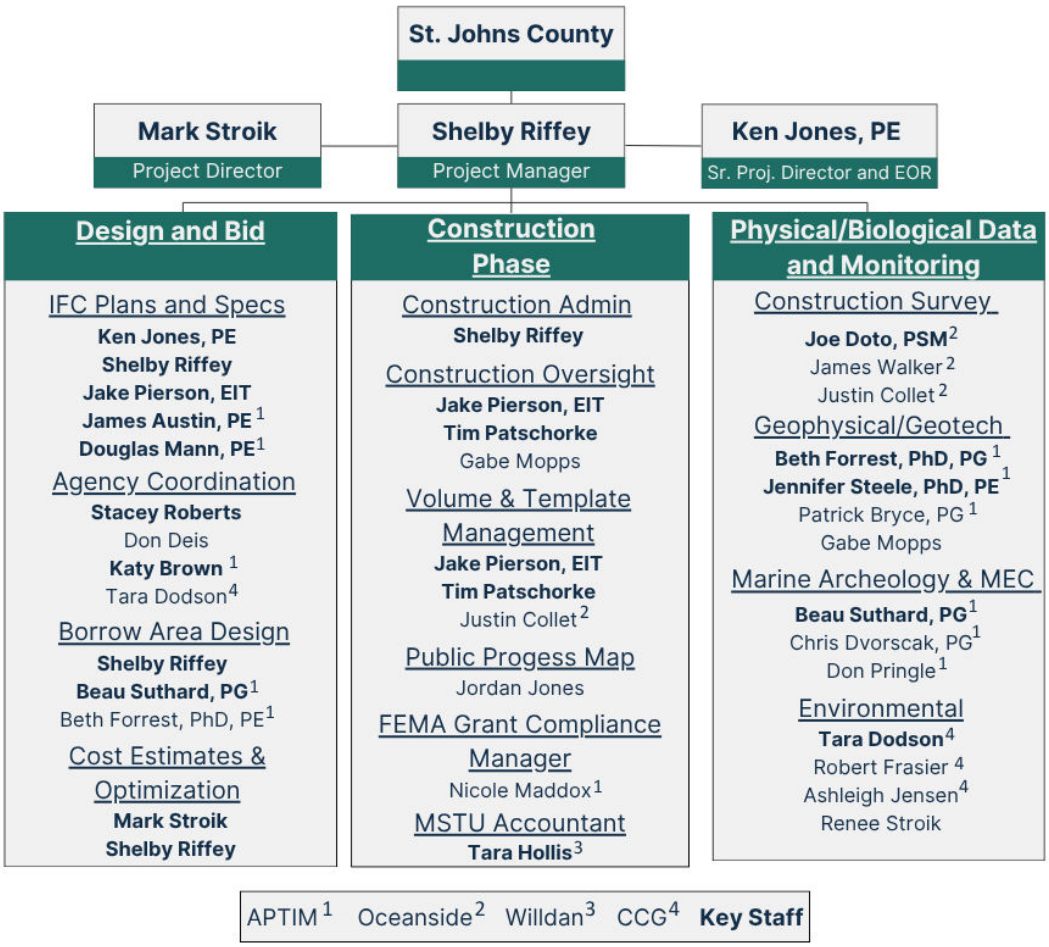
As a small firm with a focused client base, First Line Coastal remains fully committed to St. Johns County—now and for the long term. We are ready to go, and St. Johns County will continue to be our number one priority.

Meet the Team

We have provided a staff organizational chart and introductions for our key staff below. Our key team members have all been working together for most of their careers. Resumes are provided in this section for select individuals should you wish to learn more about the experience of specific key staff.

We offer a team with diverse skills, regional experience, and levels of seniority. Throughout the project, our management team will draw on this deep bench to assign the right personnel across disciplines and experience levels. Our project managers will serve as a single point of contact for County staff, streamlining communication and ensuring accountability for the timely delivery of high-quality work.





Senior Technical Specialists
Sr. Coastal Engineer - Ken Jones, PE (44 years)
Sr. Coastal Engineer - Douglas Mann, PE (38 years)
Beach Construction - Mark Stroik (20 years)
Enviornmental - Don Deis (42 Years)
Agency Coordination - Stacey Roberts (28 years)
Coastal Geology/BOEM- Beau Suthard (22 years)
MSTU/MSBU - Tara Hollis (20 years)

Scientific Dive Team (As Needed)
Sandy Brammeier - Dive Safety Officer
Gabe Mopps - Diver/Geologist
Chris Dvorscak - Archeologist/Diver
Jake Pierson - Lead Diver
Justin Koskinen - Tech Diver
Jim Joseph - Tech Diver
Katy Brown - Diver/Biologist



Mark Stroik will serve as Project Director and a primary point of contact on this contract. Mark has over 20 years of experience executing beach projects and is particularly distinguished in dredging & marine construction techniques, equipment, production, contract administration, quality control, cost estimation and value engineering. Having played key roles on **dozens of Florida beach restorations**, he has a wide variety of situational experience to anticipate and resolve unique project challenges. His experience includes all phases of planning, permitting, design, construction, physical and biological monitoring.



Shelby Riffey will serve as **Project Manager** and our local point of contact for the project. Shelby is a local resident in Duval County with 13 years of experience, specializing in waterway and coastal restoration projects as both a consultant and a contractor. Shelby is currently serving as **deputy project manager for the South Ponte Vedra FEMA Cat G Restoration Project**. Shelby also led production during the 2022 design and construction at SPV Beach.



Ken Jones, PE will serve as senior director and principal engineer on this contract. Ken has over 40 years of coastal and marine engineering experience providing project development, management, design, permitting, and construction administration services for multidisciplinary projects and studies. Ken will provide **senior leadership and oversight** to the project and is well known for providing creative solutions on complex projects.



Jake Pierson, EIT will serve as lead designer and construction oversight lead for this contract. He has extensive coastal project experience, with a focus on dredging and shoreline restoration. Jake's combined design and field experience gives him a practical perspective on both planning and implementation. His recent regional work includes serving in this **same role on the 2022 and the 2026 SPV Beach Restoration projects**.



Stacey Roberts is our agency coordination lead and has 28 years of experience. In various project phases, Stacey has performed work on **almost every reach of Florida's 825 miles of sandy beaches.** Stacey's favorite beach project is the St. Lucie Inlet Maintenance Program because of the complex ecosystem, technical challenge and her 17-year history on the project. Stacey will also serve as **project quality manager**, lending her discerning eye for detail to ensure every deliverable is thoroughly vetted before client submittal.



Katy Brown, MS, will serve as senior biologist supporting permitting and agency coordination. Ms. Brown's 14 years of experience includes the full scope of environmental and permitting services for beach projects from initial data collection to post-construction monitoring. Katy was a lead author for the **2025 Environmental Assessment** for SPV and will serve a similar role for Ponte Vedra Beach.



Beau Suthard, PG, will serve as lead geologist, directing borrow source investigation activities on the project. Beau is the Director of APTIM's Coastal and Marine Sciences group, with full authority to direct resources of the firm. He has 22 years of experience and has conducted **dozens of coastal and marine sand source investigations, mapping hundreds of millions of cubic yards of beach compatible sand** including substantial experience in the waters offshore of St. Johns County.



Doug Mann, PE, D.CE will serve as a senior coastal engineer on the project. Mr. Mann has worked as a coastal engineer with APTIM since 1987 and is experienced in all aspects of coastal engineering including beach nourishment, inlet management, coastal structure design as well as marine-related upland structures. He is experienced in FDEP joint coastal, environmental resource, and coastal construction control line permitting.



Beth Forrest, PhD, PG will serve as Senior Coastal Geologist. Dr. Forrest has over 18 years of experience performing geotechnical studies, borrow area development, permitting, and technical report preparation in support of coastal restoration projects throughout the Gulf coast and eastern United States including AL, TX, LA, FL, NY and NC.

★ Additional professional experience provided in resume below



Jennifer Steele, PhD, PG will support the geological and borrow area development effort. Dr. Steele's 20 years of experience has focused on offshore marine geology and geophysical projects to support beach restoration with experience at both the state and federal levels. Prior to joining the APTIM team in 2025, she spent **5 years at BOEM** and **13 years at FDEP** as a coastal geologist working on sand sourcing, project sediment needs and as a JCP and CCCL geologic reviewer – including during **development of the N-1 Modified BA**.



Tara Hollis, CPA, CVA will serve as our accounting specialist in charge of MSTU/MSBU funding management. Tara has 27 years of experience providing financial, economic, and capital planning services for public infrastructure programs around Florida. She has **supported $1.75 billion in project financing during her career**. Her experience includes developing defensible cost allocation methodologies and dynamic financial models to evaluate project affordability and stakeholder impacts.



James Austin, PE will serve as a coastal engineer on the project. Mr. Austin is a local resident of Ponte Vedra Beach with 7 years of experience in all aspects of beach nourishment from design through construction with recent experience on FEMA funded post-storm nourishment events throughout Florida.



Tim Patschorke, MS will serve as junior coastal engineer and construction oversight staff. During his young career, Tim has amassed an impressive variety of geographic data management, contractor communications and field experience. Tim will support the project with project design, drafting, and construction oversight.



Joe Doto, PSM is the owner and principal surveyor at Oceanside Solutions and will serve as survey director and design assistant on this project. Joe has 20+ years leading survey efforts across the country and for some of the nation's largest beach projects.



Tara Dodson will serve as Lead Biologist on the project. Tara is a co-founder of Coastal Conservation group and has been working on the **St. Johns County beaches for nearly 20** years. Ms. Dodson most notably is responsible for managing, administering, and implementing the County's USFWS Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit managing 41 miles of coastline to protect coastal habitat since 2006.

★ Additional professional experience provided in resume below

Mark Stroik

Project Director

Mr. Stroik has 20 years of experience planning, designing, and constructing coastal engineering projects. Mark began his career with a large dredging contractor where he had the opportunity to gain hands-on knowledge on dozens of major projects throughout the country. He then joined a large consulting firm in 2013 and led a substantial portion of the company's coastal portfolio which included the most recent South Ponte Vedra renourishment. Mark departed from "large corporate" in 2022 and is now leading the same services at First Line Coastal. Having contributed substantial roles on 120+ waterway and coastal restoration projects across the country, Mark has worked along nearly every stretch of coast in the Southeast – including in St. Johns County. His experience includes all phases of planning, permitting, design, construction, physical and biological monitoring in the coastal market.

Education
B.S., Ocean Engineering, Florida Institute of Technology, 2006

Certifications
USACE Construction Quality Management

Industry Safety:

- OSHA 10/30 Hr.
- USCG - STCW
- Certified Rigger
- First Aid / CPR

USCG Masters 100T Captains License

FCC Marine Radio and RADAR

Advanced Dive Certification (NAUI)

20+ year experience as professional mariner in various capacities

South Ponte Vedra Beach Nourishments (2025 & 2022) – SJC

Project Director. Mark has served the SPV project in a PM or PD role since 2021 during which he directed design, permitting, borrow area development, construction phase and public engagement. Project challenges include management of thin fill (20 cy/lf), dynamic tie-ins along private structures, and an aggressive schedule. The 2022 project successfully delivered ahead of schedule and the current project is on track for construction in the fall of 2026.

St. Lucie Inlet Federal Navigation Projects – Martin County

Dredge Design Lead. Since 2013, Mr. Stroik has worked closely with county officials in Martin Co for matters pertaining to navigation dredging and beach nourishment at St. Lucie Inlet (SLI). The project aims to maintain navigation at the inlet, whilst satisfying competing interests for beach-quality sand at nearby nourishment projects. Mr. Stroik has served the County with planning, design, permitting, construction-phase, physical and biological monitoring. A program highlight is the recent borrow area expansion and addition of alternate dredging methods, allowing substantially increased flexibility with a variety of project arrangements. Mark has helped facilitate nourishment projects which utilize sand from the inlet in 2013, 2017, 2018, 2022 and 2027 upcoming.

Additional Beach Project Experience

Palm Beach Harbor Channel Maintenance and Beach Nourishment, 2023
USACE, Jacksonville District

Town of Jupiter Island Beach Renourishment Events - 2015, 2019, 2021, 2025
Martin County, FL

Bathtub Beach Renourishment Events - 2016, 2019, 2021
Sailfish Point, FL

Longboat Key 2021 Nourishment & Groin Install
Town of Longboat Key, FL

Pinellas Co. Renourishment 2020, 2025
Pinellas County, FL

City of Boca Raton Beach Renourishment
Palm Beach County, FL

Palm Beach / Mid Town Shore Protection Proj.
USACE, Jacksonville District

Fort Pierce Beach Renourishment
USACE, Jacksonville District

Cape San Blas Beach Renourishment
Gulf County, FL

Shelby Riffey

Project Manager

Shelby Riffey has 14 years of experience specializing in dredging and coastal restoration projects. Prior to joining the consulting world, she gained hands-on experience with a large dredging and marine construction company. In the last decade she has been involved in over 50 projects along every coast of the US. Since switching to consulting, Shelby has been able to apply the knowledge she gained from her real-world experience contributing to projects with permitting, design, and construction elements with the end result being more well-rounded projects. Shelby is also knowledgeable about hydrographic survey, industry safe practices, and cost estimation.

Education
B.S., Ocean Engineering, Texas A&M University, 2013

Registrations
Engineer In Training (EIT), Texas

Certifications
OSHA 30
USACE Construction Quality Management

South Ponte Vedra Beach Nourishments (2025 & 2022) – St. Johns County, FL

Deputy project manager for multiple events of dune restoration in South Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Shelby directs work on the current phases of the project including design, permitting, borrow area selection and bid assistance. The project includes placement of approximately 850k cy of sand from an offshore borrow area for placement on 25,000 lf of beach with complicated landward tie-in and thin fill (20 cy/lf). Shelby worked in the same capacity for both the 2021 project and the current project that is underway.

St. Lucie Inlet Federal Navigation Projects – Martin County, FL

Shelby worked with Martin County for navigation dredging needs in the St. Lucie Inlet. She was involved in multiple dredge events from 2018 and continuing today, including development of the construction plans and specifications for the most recent project that sent hydraulically dredged sand to a newly permitted beach. During her involvement in the project, Shelby served as controls manager for execution of the projects and coordinated with the County and contractor for pay apps, submittals, and contract compliance. Shelby also led efforts to track material accumulation in the inlet and placement on adjacent beaches to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local permits and agreements

Longboat Key Post-Storm Dune Restoration – Longboat Key, FL

Shelby serves as Project Manager for multiple post-storm dune restoration projects supporting condominium associations along Longboat Key following impacts from the 2024 hurricane season. Responsibilities include stakeholder coordination and presentations with condominium boards, design coordination, permitting support, dune restoration planning, and native dune planting design to restore storm protection and improve long-term coastal resiliency. The projects require balancing site-specific shoreline conditions, constructability, environmental considerations, and stakeholder objectives.

Murderkill River Maintenance Dredging Project, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).

Served as the deputy project manager for design, bid, and construction oversight on a maintenance dredging project where the Murderkill River meets the Delaware Bay. Helped develop plans and specifications for construction. Aided in ushering construction documents through state review agency processes. Pivoted project plans to expedite the contractor procurement process so the state could perform an emergency dredging project when channel conditions became exceptionally deteriorated. Construction on the project was completed in September 2022.

William (Ken) K. Jones, PE

Principal Engineer and Sr. Project Director

Mr. Jones will serve as principal engineer and Sr. project director on this contract. Ken has over 40 years of civil/marine engineering experience providing project development, management, design, permitting, and construction administration services for multidisciplinary projects and studies in municipal, port, coastal and estuarine systems as well as general land development and coastal resorts. Most recently Ken has served as project director and EOR for the 2025 SPV project.

Education

M.S., Physical Oceanography, Florida State University, 1990
B.S., Civil Engineering, Ohio State University, 1980

Registrations

Professional Engineer (PE), Florida #PE39523

Certifications

OSHA 10
Project Management Professional Course
Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (Foreign Business Ethics Course)
Professional Association of Diving Instructors, PADI Divemaster

Professional affiliations

American Society of Civil Engineers
Florida Engineering Society
University of North Florida Department of Engineering - Citizens Board
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve - Citizens Advisory Committee

Beaches and Coastal Systems, Program Management Support.

Mr. Jones was the Principal in Charge for staff at a large consulting firm for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Office of Beaches and Coastal Systems Statewide Engineering contract. He managed three on-site personnel as well as multiple support staff from various Florida offices. His duties included coordination with the program manager for technical and contract issues including development of task orders, team selection, costing, sub-contracting and coordination between his firm and the FDEP contract and project managers. In addition, he provided technical support to FDEP relative to program management, permitting issues, coastal engineering, and construction and contract management.

Design Storm Grade Elevation Study

FDEP requested a review of the work conducted by the Beaches and Shores Resource Center for the establishment of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL). Mr. Jones analyzed work conducted by FDEP staff and the center to develop a report for the department, establishing the 100-year design grade for the lowest structural member of a habitable structure in the coastal zone. The joint document was used as the basis for the establishment of minimum finished floor elevations for every coastal county as part of the Standardized Florida Building Code.

Marineland Shoreline Restoration

Mr. Jones was the Engineer of Record for the Marineland Revetment project, which involved construction of a 1,000-foot-long granite revetment and another 1,100 feet of vertical sheet pile wall to replace a coquina rock revetment damaged during Hurricane Floyd. The revetment protects Marineland of Florida, a marine research and tourist facility housing the oldest dolphins in captivity as well as the roadway (A1A). This effort established 1,100 feet of significant marine turtle habitat. Mr. Jones coordinated the planning of the new parking area, decks, stairways and other appurtenances. The $6 million project was funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and managed by FDEP.

Dog Island Conservation District FDOT/FEMA Grant

Owner's Representative for development and implementation of project post Hurricane Michael for the Dog Island Conservation District. Facilitated the procurement of over $1M in funding for island restoration and debris removal. Subsequently procured an additional $500k for beach marine removal from NFWF. Dog Island is one of the few inhabited Florida barrier islands.

Jake Pierson, EIT

Coastal Engineer - Design and Oversight

Mr. Pierson will serve as design engineer and oversight staff on this contract, his 7 years of experience in the coastal industry have been primary focused on dredging and coastal restoration. He has been heavily involved on a variety of small, medium, and large-sized dredging and marine construction projects across the United States. His primary skill sets include project design and construction oversight. This pairing of experience gives Jake a distinct advantage in aiding the transitioning of a project from design to successful construction. Jake's specific project experience is provided below:

Education
B.S., Ocean Engineering, Florida Institute of Technology, 2019

Registrations
Engineer Intern (EIT), Florida

Certifications
CPR/First Aid/Oxygen Administration Certifications, American Red Cross, 2025

Open Water Diver Certification, SSI

South Ponte Vedra Beach Nourishments (2025 & 2022) – SJC

For both the current, 2025, and 2022 South Ponte Vedra Nourishment Projects, Jake has served in design and oversight roles. Primary tasks so far on the 2025 project have included development permit plans, IFC plans and assistance with public communications. As the project moves forward to construction, Jake will again serve as oversight lead. While project challenges of thin fill and dynamic tie-in's remain experience from the prior construction event provide a strong foundation for project success.

Greer Island Spit Maintenance Project 2023 – Longboat Key, FL

As a subcontractor to EOR, APTIM, FLC performed CEI services for the Greer Island Spit Maintenance Project in the summer of 2023. The project removed shoaled material from the flood shoals of Longboat Pass for placement on the adjacent downdrift beach. Jake worked as a construction inspector performing daily oversight of contractor operations, documentation, and reports. The project was complicated by construction during sea turtle nesting season, surrounding seagrass habitat and strict OFW turbidity standard. Construction was successfully completed in August of 2023.

St. Lucie Inlet Federal Navigation Projects - Martin County, FL

The St. Lucie Inlet Federal Navigation Project has included design, construction, and monitoring for SLI navigation dredging and beach renourishment. Mr. Pierson worked as lead designer and construction oversite lead for the 2022 maintenance dredge event which removed nearly 500,000 CY of material from St. Lucie Inlet for beneficially placement on the SLIPSP beach. Jake has also participated in various phases of design, permitting, construction oversite and hardbottom monitoring since 2019 including a total of 3 beach construction events.

Additional Beach Project Experience

Sand Key Beach Nourishment, 2025
USACE, Jacksonville District

Town of Jupiter Island Beach Renourishment Events - 2019, 2021, 2025
Martin County, FL

Bathtub Beach Renourishment Events - 2019, 2021
Sailfish Point, FL

Gulfside Road Nourishment, 2024
Town of Longboat Key, FL

Ocean Ridge Beach Renourishment, 2026
USACE, Jacksonville District

Private Client Dune Restorations 2025
Town of Longboat Key, FL

Murderkill River Maintenance Dredging, 2022
DNREC, DE

Stacey Roberts

Agency Coordinator

Stacey Roberts has 25+ years of experience with coastal and marine projects focused on aspects of coastal construction such as beach nourishment, inlet maintenance dredging, coastal structures, and coastal flood hazard studies. She is well versed in coastal zone management, policy, water quality, and the assessment and monitoring of coastal and marine resources. Ms. Roberts' project experience includes:

Education

M.S., Ocean Engineering, Florida Institute of Technology, 2000
B.S., Ocean Engineering, Florida Institute of Technology, 1998

Certifications

Rescue Diver Certification (PADI)
Certified First Aid and Oxygen Administration
Nitrox Certified Diver (NAUI)
Certified Research Diver (OAR - NAUI)

Professional affiliations

Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME)
American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)
Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association (FSBPA)

Appointments

Sarasota County Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) (Board Appointed)

South Ponte Vedra Nourishments (2025 & 2022) – SJC

Ms. Roberts currently serves as Agency Coordinator for the 2025 South Ponte Vedra (SPV) FEMA Category G Nourishment Project. Her primary responsibilities include coordination of federal and state permits and leases with agencies including the USACE, BOEM, and FDEP. As part of this effort, the project team successfully secured an FDEP permit authorization without RAIs. For the 2022 SPV nourishment project, Ms. Roberts served as Project Quality Manager, supporting preparation of final plans, specifications, and bid documents for the beach nourishment project.

St. Lucie Inlet Management Project, Martin County, FL

Project manager assisting Martin County in their role as local sponsor to the USACE. Responsibilities include project management and coordination with the County, Corps, State and local stakeholders to maintain safe navigation and manage sand resources consistent with the state approved Inlet Management Plan. In 2013, the team completed a feasibility study that examined inlet management alternatives, the results of which drive ongoing management activities today. Also included were support tasks for inlet maintenance including annual bathymetric surveys, inlet condition surveys, construction oversight, grant progress reports, regulatory permitting and permit compliance, and physical monitoring for the entire County coast. Ms. Roberts and the Scientific Dive Team perform annual monitoring of nearshore hardbottom resources associated with sand bypassing and regulatory reporting. Stacey has supported the County with four maintenance dredging events (2012, 2014, 2018, 2022), three with placement of dredged material on the downdraft beaches and one in an offshore area.

General Engineering Consultant, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, Statewide

From 2005 to 2009, served as the project manager for a GEC contract. Managed full- and part-time embedded staff providing program, policy, technical, and permitting support to the BBCS. Prior to managing the GEC contract, served as full time regulatory support staff in the Joint Coastal Permitting Section for five years applications for coastal construction, port, inlet and river dredging projects. Managed and reviewed applications for all coastal construction for sound design and minimization and avoidance of environmental impacts. Also charged with the management of innovative shoreline protection project applications. Projects were managed within statutory time frames including close coordination with state and federal wildlife and regulatory agencies as well as the public and other stakeholders. Ms. Roberts' unique expertise in coastal construction regulation has been an invaluable asset in her career in serving other coastal clients.

Katy Brown, MS

Senior Biologist

Katy Brown serves as the Marine Biology Lead and has been with APTIM for over 14 years. She has experience in biological and environmental science in temperate and tropical environments. Her experience includes marine habitat characterization of natural and artificial reef communities, submerged aquatic vegetation surveys, coastal wetland biological surveys, and protected species surveys. She assists with preparation of environmental documents, including NEPA documents, required to obtain state and federal permits for coastal projects. She is a project manager, coordinates with resource agencies, leads field survey operations, and analyzes and prepares data for final reports and deliverables.

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Education

MS, Marine Biology, Nova

BS, Environmental Science, Fordham University

Registrations/Certs.

Diving Safety Officer

PADI OW Instructor

AUUS Scientific Diver

Nitrox Diver

Friends of our Florida Reefs member

FSBPA member

Skills & Experience

Project Management

Environmental Assessment

Data Analysis

Environmental Permitting

NEPA Documentation

South Ponte Vedra FEMA Cat G Nourishment 2025 – St. Johns County, FL

Senior Marine Biologist. Katy led development of the Environmental Assessment (EA) required to obtain the BOEM lease for use of sands within the N-1 Modified borrow area. Serving as primary author of the document, she coordinated closely with First Line Coastal, BOEM environmental staff, and FEMA Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) personnel throughout the process to ensure the EA remained aligned with agency expectations and review requirements. Her efforts contributed to successful completion of the EA, issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and timely execution of the BOEM lease.

South Siesta Key Beach Nourishment Project – Sarasota County, FL

Senior Marine Biologist. Katy led the biological monitoring effort for the 2025 Year 2 postconstruction monitoring event, which included data collection and management, project management, agency coordination, report development and submittal of all deliverables. Ms. Brown also coordinated with the County and FDEP to obtain a permit modification to update the permit conditions to the current monitoring standards.

Gasparilla Island Beach Nourishment Project - Lee County, FL

Senior Marine Biologist. Katy led the biological hardbottom monitoring program for both the pre-construction survey effort and four post-construction monitoring events. Her responsibilities included field data collection and management, project management and scheduling, coordination with regulatory agencies, technical analysis, and preparation and submittal of all monitoring reports and deliverables. She also coordinated closely with project engineers and environmental staff to ensure compliance with permit conditions and monitoring requirements throughout the duration of the project

Beau Suthard, PG

Lead Geologist

Beau Suthard, PG, is a Program Director for APTIM and serves as APTIM's National Coastal, Ports, & Marine Director. Mr. Suthard coordinates, plans, executes, and processes APTIM's marine geohazard, sand search, and borrow area geophysical and geotechnical investigations. He has conducted dozens of marine investigations and mapped hundreds of millions of cubic yards of beach compatible sand on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico continental shelves and recently completed a large-scale sand resource inventory mapping project for the United States BOEM offshore of the Atlantic Coast of the United States from Massachusetts to Florida.

APTIM

Education

MS, Geological Oceanography, University of South Florida College of Marine Science

BS, Marine Science/ (Geology Track), Eckerd College

Registrations

Professional Geologist, Florida, No. 2615, Virginia, No. 2801001948, Delaware, No. S4-0001296

Professional Geoscientist, Texas, No. 12902, Louisiana No. 746

Highlights

19 years of experience in the identification of hundreds of millions of yards of beach compatible sand resources

Affiliations

Member, Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association

Member, American Shore and Beach Preservation Association

BOEM IDIQ, Geophysical and Geological Data Acquisition and Analysis in Onslow Bay Offshore North Carolina and Long Bay Offshore North Carolina and South Carolina

Program Director. Supports the BOEM MMP for both sand/gravel/silt for use in shore protection projects as well as critical/hard minerals. The first task order under this contract is for geophysical and geological data acquisition and analysis in Onslow Bay offshore North Carolina and Long Bay offshore of North Carolina and South Carolina to identify and map potential sand resources for use in shore protection projects. This task order is ongoing, with geophysical services completed early 2022 and geotechnical vibracores services scheduled for late-summer 2022. The second task order is ongoing and is to develop a Feasibility Assessment, Field Techniques and Best Practices for Shallow-Water Geophysical Mapping by Autonomous Underwater Vehicle(s). APTIM is currently completing two additional task orders under this IDIQ, including Geophysical and Geological Data Acquisition and Analysis on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf of Florida (including offshore St Johns County) and Critical and Hard Offshore Mineral Resource Evaluation Reference for Feasibility Assessment, Exploration, and Best Practices.

Reconnaissance Offshore Geophysical and Geotechnical Surveys for Regions 2 and 3 and the Central Coast Outer Continental Shelf

Performed two large scale, full-suite geophysical (bathymetric, sidescan sonar, sub-bottom profile, and magnetometer) sand search surveys in support of the GLO Sediment Management Plan Surveys for future shore protection activities. Region 2 and 3 (state water project from south of Corpus Christi to Freeport) project will collect 3,335 nm of geophysical data with a 1-mile spaced grid of survey lines. The OCS portion of the project will collect an additional 1,095 nm of geophysical data across federal waters offshore of the central Texas coast with one mile by 5-mile spaced survey lines.

Tara Hollis, CPA, CVA, MBA

Accounting Specialist

Tara Hollis, CPA, CVA will serve as the project's financial and funding specialist supporting MSTU/MSBU and non-ad valorem assessment development. With over 27 years of experience in utility rate studies, financial planning, and capital program development for municipal and investor-owned utilities, she provides deep expertise in cost-of-service analysis, long-term financial planning, and capital improvement funding strategies. Her experience includes more than 200 rate and cost-of-service studies, extensive stormwater utility development (including ERU methodologies and ordinance support), and financial feasibility modeling for infrastructure programs. Ms. Hollis has also performed over 250 utility valuation studies and supported more than $1.75 billion in utility debt issuance through pro forma modeling, revenue sufficiency analysis, and covenant compliance support. She brings significant experience in developing defensible assessment methodologies and stakeholder-supported funding strategies for public infrastructure programs.

Education

MBA, University of Central Florida

BSBA, University of Central Florida

Certifications

C.P.A. Florida, No. AC-0031100

Certified Valuation Analyst, No. 62585

Expertise

- Rate Studies
- Revenue bonds
- Capital & financial planning
- Impact/connection fee studies
- Valuations, acquisitions, & mergers
- Assessment programs
- Expert witness testimony
- Utility optimization services

Utility Undergrounding Program, Longboat Key, FL

Developed assessment methodologies and implementation strategies for multi-phase undergrounding projects across multiple jurisdictions. Supported public referendums and provided expert testimony during bond validation to secure financing.

Canal Navigation Maintenance Program, Longboat Key, FL

Designed a non-ad valorem assessment program to fund canal dredging and navigation maintenance. Established equitable cost allocation methods and supported assessment roll development for implementation.

Comprehensive Utility Rate & Financial Plan, Seminole County, FL

Developed integrated financial and rate models across water, wastewater, reclaimed water, and solid waste systems. Evaluated funding scenarios including septic-to-sewer initiatives and capital prioritization, and supported budget workshops and ongoing multi-year financial planning.

Comprehensive Utility Financial Advisory, Oviedo, FL

Provides ongoing financial and rate consulting for a multi-utility system. Led system-wide rate studies and supported assessment programs, billing audits, cost allocation, and capital funding strategies, serving as a long-term advisor on utility financial management.

Utility Rate Studies, South Daytona, FL

Led cost-of-service rate studies, evaluating revenue sufficiency, cost recovery, and capital needs. Implemented structural rate changes, including meter-based service charges and revised usage tiers, and developed a dynamic financial model for ongoing analysis. Facilitated Council workshops and supported adoption of multi-year rate plans; continues to advise on wholesale agreements and stormwater funding strategies.

SECTION 2

ATTACHMENTS AND REQUIRED FORMS

FIRST LINE COASTAL



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Licenses and Certifications

State of Florida
Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that FIRST LINE COASTAL, LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on January 31, 2019.

The document number of this limited liability company is L19000031824.

I further certify that said limited liability company has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2026, that its most recent annual report was filed on February 16, 2026, and that its status is active.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Sixteenth day of February, 2026

Secretary of State

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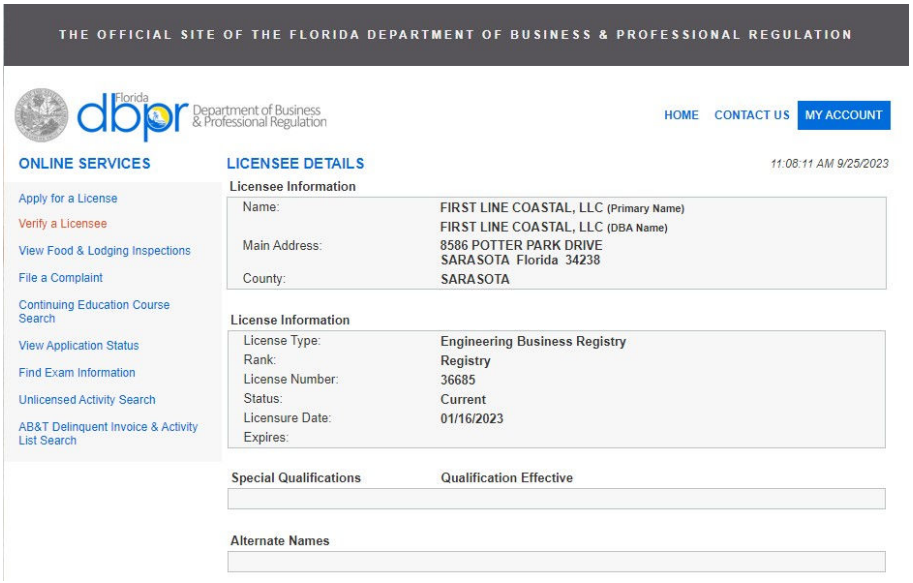
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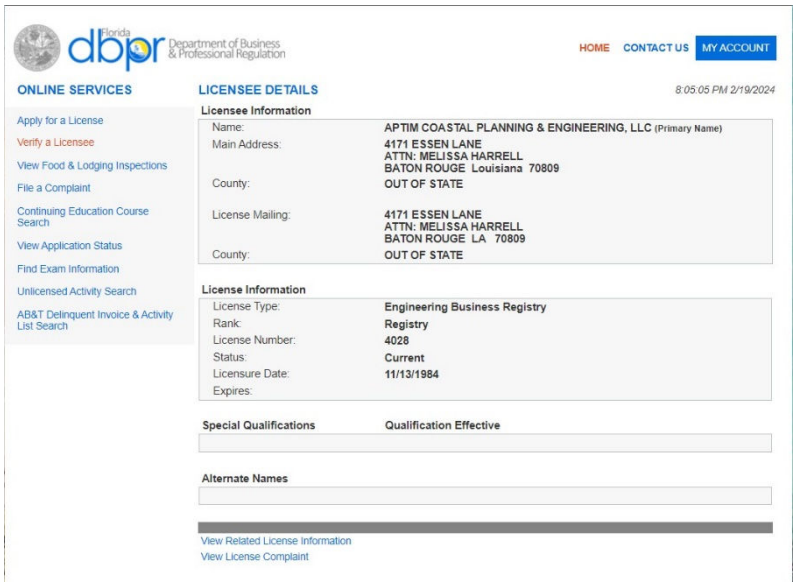
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County:	SARASOTA

License Information

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Licensee Information

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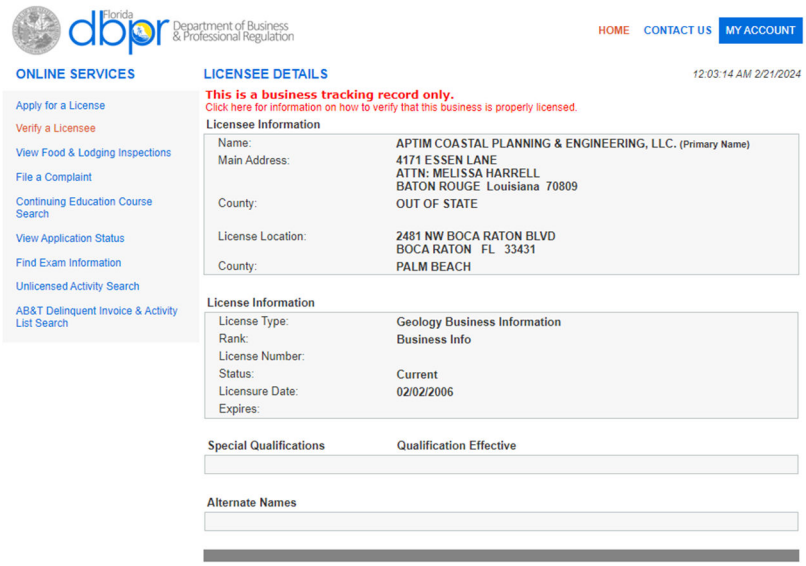
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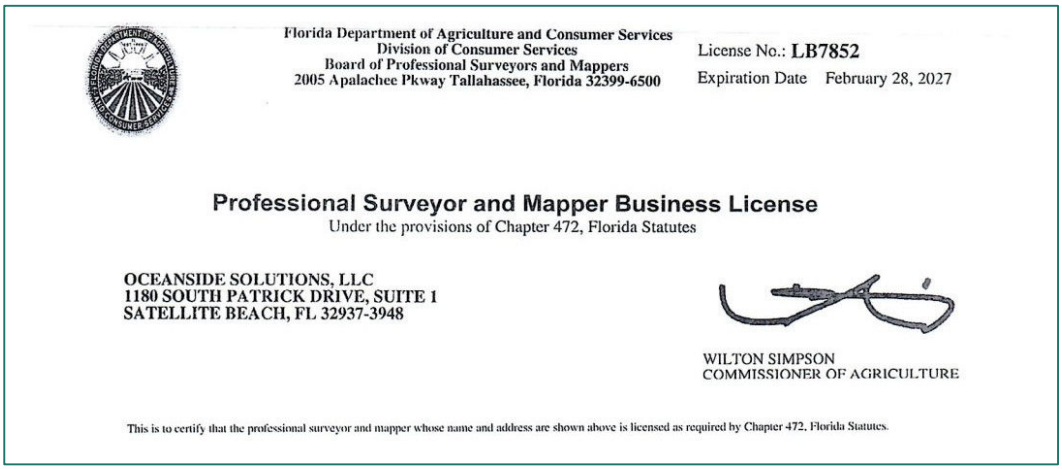
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License Location:	2481 NW BOCA RATON BLVD BOCA RATON FL 33431
County:	PALM BEACH

License Information

License Type:	Geology Business Information
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1180 SOUTH PATRICK DRIVE, SUITE 1
SATELLITE BEACH, FL 32937-3948

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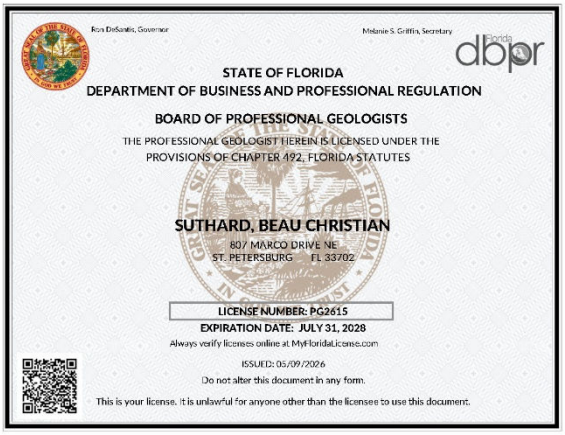
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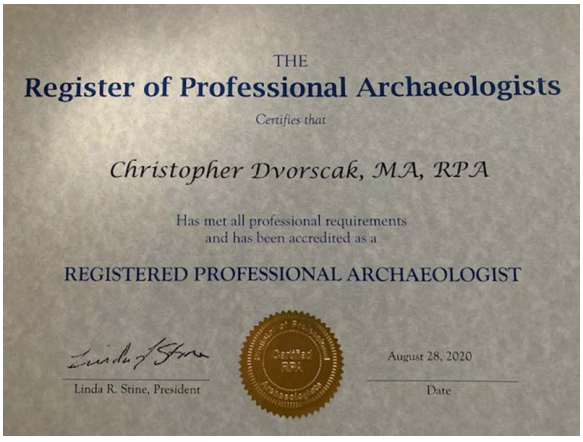
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Exclusions

First Line Coastal, LLC is registered in SAM.gov under UEI V4S3FXV695A1 and is not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participation in federal programs or procurements.

Business Tax Receipt

First Line Coastal, LLC is headquartered in Sarasota County, Florida. Sarasota County repealed its Local Business Tax requirement through Sarasota County Ordinance No. 2024-048, adopted by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners on July 9, 2024. The ordinance repealed the sections of County Code requiring Local Business Tax Receipts. As such, an up to date Business Tax Receipt has not been issued to or maintained by First Line Coastal, LLC within Sarasota County.

Should First Line Coastal be selected for award, the firm will coordinate with St. Johns County to obtain any required local business tax registration, reciprocity, or exemption documentation necessary to comply with applicable County requirements.

RFQ NO: 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT

ATTACHMENT A
QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned presents this Qualification Submittal to be considered as a Qualified Engineering Firm for RFQ NO: 2835; Design of Ponte Vedra Beach Project – FEMA Category G

A copy of the professional license(s) under which our firm is authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida is attached. Each license has been issued in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 471 or Chapter 481, Florida Statutes, and is currently valid and in force.

It is further understood that qualification, if given, shall be valid for the purpose of responding to the above solicitation, unless suspended or terminated by St. Johns County.

The Undersigned authorizes and requests any public official, engineer, architect, Surety Company, bank depository, material or equipment manufacture or distributor or any person, firm or corporation to furnish all information requested by St. Johns County, to verify statements given with this Qualification Submittal.

The Undersigned further authorizes the St. Johns County, FL designee to disclose, without any liability whatsoever, any and all information contained in the Qualification Submittal.

The Undersigned has not been disqualified by any public agency in Florida except as indicated below. (If none, insert: "N/A")

DATED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Signature of Affiant

Shelby Riffey
Printed Name of Affiant

Vice President
Printed Title of Affiant

First Line Coastal, LLC
Full Legal Name of Consultant/Contractor

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☑ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 26 day of MAY, 2026, by SHELBY RIFFEY, who is personally known to me or has produced FLORIDA DL as identification.

Notary Public State of Florida
Bryce Williams
My Commission HH 508719
Expires 3/27/2028

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 03/27/2028

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ATTACHMENT B
CLAIMS, LIENS, LITIGATION HISTORY

Respondents must complete all questions below and provide information requested as applicable. Failure to appropriately complete the questions below or provide requested information may be grounds for disqualification. Any material misrepresentation of information may also be grounds for disqualification.

1. Within the past 7 years, has your organization filed a suit or a formal claim against a project owner (as a prime or subcontractor) or been sued by or had a formal claim filed by an owner, subcontractor or supplier resulting from a contract dispute? Yes ___ No X If yes, please attach additional sheet(s) to include:

   Description of every action Captions of the Litigation or Arbitration

   Amount at issue: _____ Name (s) of the attorneys representing all parties:

   _____

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   Amount actually recovered, if any: _____

   Name(s) of the project owner(s)/manager(s) to include address and phone number:

   _____

   _____

   _____

2. List all pending litigation and or arbitration.

   No pending litigation

   _____

   _____

   _____

3. List and explain all litigation and arbitration within the past seven (7) years - pending, resolved, dismissed, etc.

   No litigation or arbitration history

   _____

   _____

   _____

4. Within the past 7 years, please list all Liens, including Federal, State and Local, which have been filed against your Company. List in detail the type of Lien, date, amount and current status of each Lien.

   No liens filed against First Line Coastal, LLC

   _____

   _____

   _____

5. Have you ever abandoned a job, been terminated or had a performance/surety bond called to complete a job?

   Yes _____ No X If yes, please explain in detail:

6. Have you been issued a Notice of Default under any contract awarded your firm within the past five (5) years? Was the default cured? Provide the supporting documentation.

   No notice of default within the fast five years

7. For all claims filed against your company within the past five (5) years, have all been resolved satisfactorily with final judgment in favor of your company within 90 days of the date the judgment became final? Yes X No___ If no, please explain why?

   N/A

8. List the status of all pending claims currently filed against your company:

   No pending claims currently filed against First Line Coastal, LLC.

Liquidated Damages

1. Has a project owner ever withheld retainage, issued liquidated damages or made a claim against any Performance and Payment Bonds? Yes _____ No X If yes, please explain in detail:

   N/A

(Use additional or supplemental pages as needed)

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ATTACHMENT D
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

The term "conflict of interest" refers to situations in which financial or other considerations may adversely affect, or have the appearance of adversely affecting a Respondent's professional judgment in completing work for the benefit of St. Johns County ("County"). The bias such conflicts could conceivably impart may inappropriately affect the goals, processes, methods of analysis or outcomes desired by the County.

Respondents are expected to safeguard their ability to make objective, fair, and impartial decisions when performing work for the benefit of the County. Respondents, therefore must avoid situations in which financial or other considerations may adversely affect, or have the appearance of adversely affecting the Respondent's professional judgement when completing work for the benefit of the County.

The mere appearance of a conflict may be as serious and potentially damaging as an actual distortion of goals, processes, and methods of analysis or outcomes. Reports of conflicts based upon appearances can undermine public trust in ways that may not be adequately restored even when the mitigating facts of a situation are brought to light. Apparent conflicts, therefore, should be disclosed and evaluated with the same vigor as actual conflicts.

It is expressly understood that failure to disclose conflicts of interest as described herein may result in immediate disqualification from evaluation or immediate termination from work for the County.

Please check the appropriate statement:

[X] I hereby attest that the undersigned Respondent has no actual or potential conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts, or property interests for completing work on the above referenced project.

[ ] The undersigned Respondent, by attachment to this form, submits information which may be a potential conflict of interest due to other clients, contracts or property interests for completing work on the above referenced project.

Legal Name of Respondent: First Line Coastal, LLC

Authorized Representative(s):

_____	Shelby Riffey, Vice President
Signature	Print Name/Title
_____	_____
Signature	Print Name/Title

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ATTACHMENT H
LIST OF PROPOSED SUB-CONTRACTORS

Respondent shall submit any and all sub-contractors proposed to perform any portion of the Services for review/approval by the County. Respondent shall attach any and all applicable licenses or certifications held by the proposed sub-contractor related to the portion of the Services for which they are proposed, as stated below. All subcontractors/suppliers are subject to the approval of the County.

Company Name	Services to be Performed	Primary Contact Name	Contact Number and Email Address	Percentage (%) of Total Services
Aptim	Geophysical invest, BA development, EA	Beau Suthard	(727) 463-1359 Beau.Suthard@ Aptim.com	20%
Oceanside Solutions	Hydrographic and topographic survey	Joe Doto	(321) 312-3343 joe@oceanside solutions.com	10%
Coastal Conservation Group	Environmental survey and coordination	Tara Dodson	(904) 814-2172 tara@coastal conservationgroup.com	5%
Willdan Financial Services	Financial consulting for MSTU	Tara Hollis	(407) 255-2928 thollis@willdan.com	<5%

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): 5/27/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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PRODUCER Herbie Wiles Insurance 400 N Ponce de Leon Blvd Saint Augustine FL 32084-3587	**CONTACT NAME:** Arielle Tillman **PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):** **FAX (A/C, No):** **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** atillman@herbiewiles.com
INSURED FIRSLIN-03 First Line Coastal LLC 8586 Potter Park Drive Sarasota FL 34238	**INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE** / **NAIC #** **INSURER A :** Southern-Owners Insurance Company — 10190 **INSURER B :** American Interstate Insurance Company of Texas — 12228 **INSURER C :** Richmond National Insurance Company — 17103 **INSURER D :** **INSURER E :** **INSURER F :**

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B	**WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY** Y / N ANYPROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? **(Mandatory in NH)** If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N / A		AVWCFL3396002025	7/21/2025	7/21/2026	X PER STATUTE OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	 $ 1,000,000 $ 1,000,000 $ 1,000,000
C	Professional Liability			RN-7-0328704-01	2/23/2026	2/23/2027	Each Claim Annual Aggregate	1,000,000 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Certificate Holder is included as Additional Insured with respect to General Liability shown above as required by written contract subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

St. Johns County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine FL 32084

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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SECTION 3

RELATED EXPERIENCE

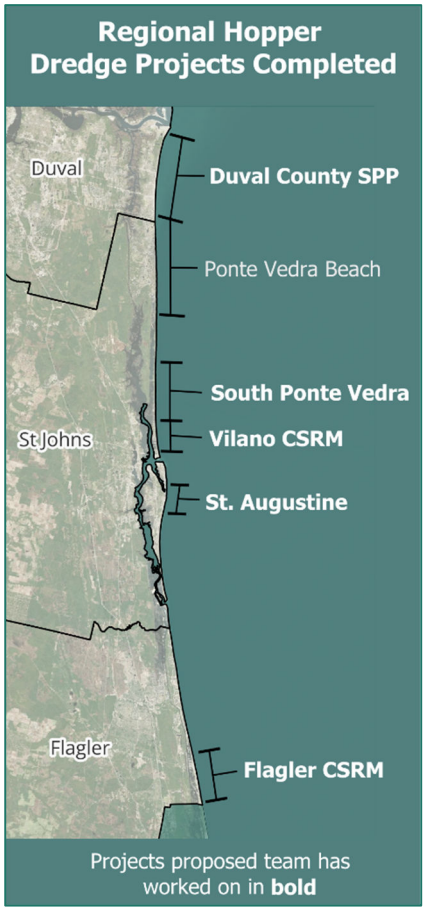
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2020 Pinellas Co. Beach Renourishment - Photo by M. Stroik

Technical Experience

The First Line Coastal team has designed, permitted, provided construction oversight, and conducted physical and biological monitoring on scores of beach renourishment projects across Florida. Our experience encompasses beach projects of all types, scopes, and sizes, bridging diverse technical disciplines. Notably, our team members have served in critical, meaningful roles across the majority of managed shorelines within the tri-county region. Our staff have been providing these services to St. Johns County with consistently positive performance since 2020.

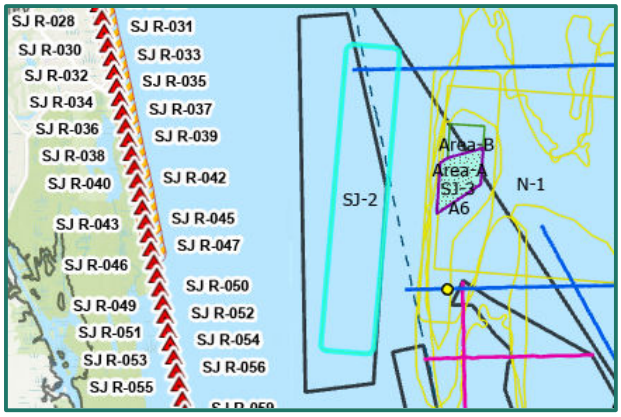


We believe strongly that true design expertise requires a wholistic understanding of project elements, including construction capabilities. Consequently, we require our staff to participate across multi-disciplinary tasks to fully understand the "real world" implications of their desktop decisions. By uniting these varied analytical skillsets with hands-on field expertise, we deliver smarter, highly optimized beach designs that maximize project value and longevity.

The table below details our team's most relevant projects completed or underway within the past five years. We have summarized our experience on the primary disciplines required for this project below and have provided detailed project examples in the following section.

Project Design – Our staff has delivered hundreds of coastal assignments, including direct participation in **over 50 beach restoration projects**. We always aim to balance funding, local needs, and performance to maximize beach renourishment lifespans. Fill templates are optimized through analysis of nearshore wave climate and sediment transport processes. To minimize costs, we deploy our proprietary **Production-Based Cost Estimating Model** managed by internal experts with heavy marine-contractor backgrounds. This rare capability isolates dredge production elements to yield significant cost savings for our clients, effectively increasing total volume placed for a fixed budget. Our favorite example is at SPV Beach, where we completed a comprehensive Value Engineering study, wave and sediment transport study, and re-design / expansion of the beach template.

Borrow Area Development – Together with our partners at APTIM, our team delivers unparalleled sand resource experience encompassing **over 100 borrow area (BA) developments**. The team provides turn-key management of geophysical/geotechnical data collection, cultural resource capabilities, sediment analysis via a USACE-accredited laboratory, and strategic federal BOEM OCS leasing coordination. Sand is our building material and a precious local resource. Preservation of this resource requires forethought during design and is a core capability at First Line.



Development of the new SJ-2 site marks a first for SJC – it will be the first offshore borrow site reaching into State waters and straddles the Federal boundary. Our teammates recently completed a contract through BOEM, which included development of the OCS Sand Resource inventory for the Marine Minerals Program —the exact precursors for borrow area development in St. Johns County. Our geologic bench includes former FDEP staff who managed Florida's official statewide sand repository database (ROSSI) and assists BOEM with management of the Marine Minerals Information System (MMIS). Our team leveraged these same resources to expand and procure a lease for Borrow Area N-1 for St. Johns Co and already have data in-hand for development at SJ-2.

Permitting – The foundation of our regulatory expertise stems from long-term consultation contracts and previous employment for some staff at FDEP and BOEM. Our staff has spent decades embedded in FDEP offices processing Environmental Resource Permits (ERP), Joint Coastal Permits (JCP), and Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) permits across the state. Understanding the exact perspectives and internal workflows of agency reviewers helps us optimize submission strategies and minimize requests for additional information (RAIs) during the authorization process. We maintain lasting professional relationships with FDEP and USACE staff, as well as key regulatory, environmental resource, and historic preservation agencies including USFWS, SHPO, FWC, and BOEM. For St. Johns County, we developed a project permitting plan for your staff to utilize as a guide for beach projects like PVB.

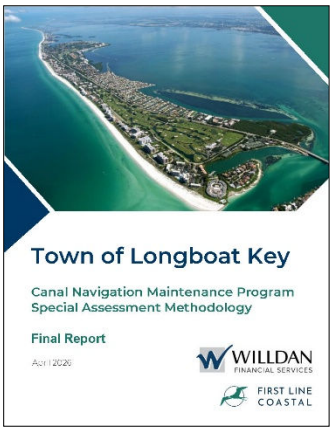
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Construction Administration – Our staff has an exceptional background in marine construction, utilizing real-world dredging experience to oversee complex field logistics. Our team regularly handles contractor submittals, executes rapid volume tracking, enforces strict safety standards, and provides site-specific guidance without delaying the dredge schedule. A core tenant at First Line is that we require our designers to be actively involved in construction administration. The same people who design the work are responsible for field oversight – this promotes the ability to quickly identify and resolve problems in the field and is how we learn and improve. The net result is a smoother project that considers nuances of variable site conditions and reduces contract risk for all parties. First Line is well known for maintaining excellent working relationships with dredging contractors, a reputation that is built on mutual respect and a long-term presence in the industry.

Post Construction Services – The proposed team offers comprehensive physical and biological survey capabilities. Our monitoring programs translate raw field data to draw conclusions that guide beach management planning. A core skillset of all our partner firms, our project team members are currently executing physical and biological monitoring programs around the state.



Community Engagement – Large-scale beach restorations cause disruption to area residents, property owners, and visitors. Most of our beach projects require production of public-facing materials to communicate project activities during construction. Access easement agreements are a common issue we deal with, and we are always available to assist with all facets of easement acquisition. Some projects (like PVB) also require advanced communication to garner support and collect feedback from the public. Regarding localized funding structures, the team brings over 30 years of capital planning, rate modeling, and special assessment taxing-unit solutions tailored specifically for Florida communities. Our team recently completed a successful effort to establish four new taxing districts for a regional waterway maintenance program for a similar community. This effort included a myriad of commissioner meetings, public outreach events, material publications, funding analyses, reporting, and legal documentation. We have been through the process many times and are ready to support MSTU/MSBU development efforts for Ponte Vedra Beach.

FEMA Requirements – Navigating federal reimbursement requires attention to detail, timely reporting, anticipation and accuracy. We bring direct FEMA Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Assistance expertise to the table, routinely participating in both Category B and Category G funding tracks. Our technical leads have served as engineers and managers for post-storm and emergency beach restorations throughout the state. FEMA Cat G is a part of every-day life for our team. Our background ensures alignment with requirements and the ability to maximize federal grant reimbursements and reduce the County's localized cost share.

Additional Services – Our team maintains a deep bench of resources for immediate regional deployment, including in-house survey vessels and geotechnical platforms. We offer a full-suite of sonar mapping capabilities. We maintain a robust scientific dive team to complete physical, environmental, and cultural diver investigations. Concurrently, our staff features a dedicated, BOEM-qualified marine archaeology and munitions (UXO/MEC) mitigation team to execute mandatory underwater historical reviews and Cultural Resource Assessment Surveys (CRAS). This comprehensive baseline tracking and archaeological capability allows us to execute rapid data turnarounds. All required services are available with the proposed team. We are happy to add team members if additional or unforeseen needs arise.

PROPOSED TEAM DATA COLLECTION CAPABILITIES

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY
- Single & Multi-Beam Hydrographic
- Topographic & Beach Profiles
- Sidescan Sonar
- Magnetometer
- Sub-bottom Profiling

GEOTECHNICAL
- Offshore Vibracore
- Native Sediment Sampling
- USACE/BOEM - Approved Geotechnical Lab

BIOLOGICAL
- Benthic Resource Surveys
- Threatened & Endangered Species Survyes & Monitoring

OTHER
- Terrestrial & Marine Archeological Investigations
- UXO & MEC Sensing & Investigation
- Scientific & Engineering Dive Team

Integrated Team Experience

First Line Coastal and our project partners bring extensive experience designing, permitting, constructing, and monitoring beach nourishment and coastal resiliency projects throughout Florida, with a proven track record of successfully working together on complex coastal initiatives. The following table highlights some of the team's most relevant collaborative project experience from the past five years, while the accompanying project descriptions further demonstrate our integrated approach, individual roles, and practical experience delivering coastal restoration projects under challenging environmental, regulatory, and construction conditions.

Staff Participation	Project	Owner / Client	Contact Information	Award - Completion	Project Cost
	2026 South Ponte Vedra Beach Nourishment Project	St. Johns County	Stephen Hammond (904) 209-0272 shammond@sjcfl.us	2024 - Ongoing	TBD
	2022 South Ponte Vedra Beach Dune Restoration Project	St. Johns County	Stephen Hammond (904) 209-0272 shammond@sjcfl.us	2020 - 2022	$12,000,000
	St Lucie Inlet Management Program	Martin County	Jessica Garland (772) 288-5795 jgarland@martin.fl.us	2009 - Ongoing	$10,300,000
	Town of Longboat Key Continuing Services Contract	Town of Longboat Key	Charlie Mopps (941) 316-1999 cmopps@longboatkey.org	2023 - Ongoing	$200,000
	Pinellas County Beach Restoration Project	Pinellas County	John Bishop (727) 464-8766 jbishop@pinellas.gov	2023 - Ongoing	$125,000,000
	Geophysical and Geological Survey of FL Atlantic OCS	BOEM	Leighann Brandt (703) 787-1570 leighann.brandt@boem.gov	2022 - 2025	$2,000,000
	Town of Jupiter Island Renourishment	Weeks Marine	Chuck Broussard (985) 875-2500 crbroussard@weeksmarine.com	2024 - 2025	$15,000,000
	Lido Key Beach Renourishment	City of Sarasota	Nikesh Patel (941) 263-6132 nikesh.patel@sarasotafl.gov	2018 - 2026	$12,680,000
	South Boca Raton Beach Renourishment 2022-2023	Town of Hillsboro Beach/City of Deerfield Beach	Claire Schubert 954-427-4011 cschubert@townofhillsborobeac	2013 - 2023	$3,000,000
	Greer Island Spit Management Project	Town of Longboat Key	Charlie Mopps (941) 316-1999 cmopps@longboatkey.org	2022 - 2023	$1,700,000
	South Siesta Key Beach Renourishment	Sarasota County	Joe Kraus (941) 313-1393 jkraus@scgov.net	2026 - Ongoing	TBD
	Sector 3 Hurricanes Ian and Nicole Dune Restoration	Indian River County	Eric Charest 772-226-1569 echarest@indianriver.gov	2023 - 2024	$11,700,000
	Ocean Ridge Beach Renourishment	Weeks Marine	Chuck Broussard (985) 875-2500 crbroussard@weeksmarine.com	2025 - Ongoing	$9,400,000
	Captiva / Sanibel Island Renourishment	Captiva Erosion Prevention District	Daniel Munt (239) 472-2472 dmunt@mycepd.com	2010 - Ongoing	$21,000,000
	Sector 3 Beach and Dune Restoration Project	Indian River County	Eric Charest 772-226-1569 echarest@indianriver.gov	2021 - 2022	$20,619,000
	G&G Data Acquisition and Analyses on the mid-Atlantic OCS	BOEM	Kerby Dobbs 703-223-4382 kerby.dobbs@boem.gov	2023 - 2025	$2,990,000
	Longboat Key Sector 3 Dune Restoration	Longboat Key Club	Josh Ladyzhensky (941) 383-0492 manager@lambiancelbk.com	2025 - Ongoing	TBD

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South Ponte Vedra Beach Nourishment Project

South Ponte Vedra Beach (SPV) encompasses approximately five miles of critically eroded shoreline in St. Johns County, north of St. Augustine Inlet. Following repeated impacts from hurricanes and northeasters, the shoreline has experienced substantial erosion threatening upland infrastructure, residential development, and storm protection features. These recurring impacts directly led to the County's current FEMA Category G beach nourishment initiative.



First Line Coastal team members have been actively involved in the SPV program since the original 2021–2022 nourishment project, where the team provided final design support, bid assistance, and construction oversight for restoration of the dune and berm system. During that effort, the team identified several value engineering opportunities that improved constructability and operational flexibility while reducing project costs by approximately $2.5 million.

That same philosophy continues to guide First Line Coastal's current work for St. Johns County — **not simply rebuilding the beach as it existed previously**, but improving long-term resiliency, constructability, sediment management, and adaptability based on lessons learned from prior storm events and construction experience.

In 2024, First Line Coastal was awarded a contract by St. Johns County to provide engineering design, permitting, and bid assistance services for the next South Ponte Vedra Beach nourishment project. The assignment closely mirrors the scope of the current RFQ and includes offshore borrow area development, sediment compatibility analyses, environmental coordination, permitting, beach fill template refinement, stakeholder coordination, and preparation of construction documents for a FEMA-supported coastal restoration project.

A major component of the effort involved evaluation and permitting of a modified offshore borrow area to support future nourishment activities. Following coordination with the County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE),

Client: St. Johns County

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Year Awarded: 2024

Year Complete: Ongoing

Fees Paid: $550k

Team Members:

Mark Stroik – Project Manager

Shelby Riffey – Deputy PM

Jake Pierson – Lead design and oversight

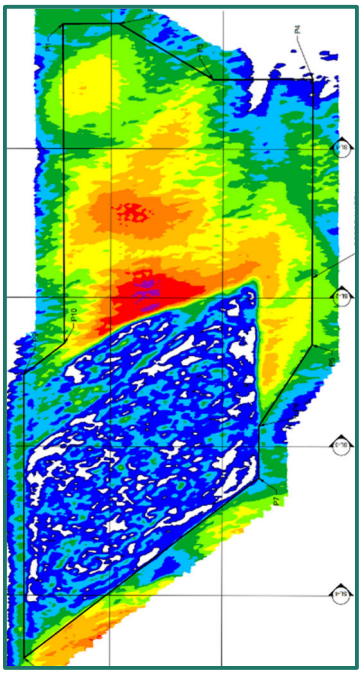
Stacey Roberts – Agency coordinator

Services provided by this team include:

- Borrow area investigation and permitting
- FEMA-supported coastal restoration
- Regulatory coordination
- Environmental assessment
- Stakeholder engagement

First Line Coastal evaluated multiple offshore sand sources, including the previously used N-3 borrow area, the nearby N-1 borrow area, and undeveloped offshore sediment resources. To support long-term regional sediment management objectives and maintain compatibility with future USACE Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) initiatives, the team advanced a modified and expanded version of the N-1 borrow area for future use.

Because portions of the original N-1 borrow area had recently been dredged, First Line Coastal performed additional geotechnical and sediment compatibility analyses to expand the dredge footprint, improve operational efficiency, increase compatible sand volumes, and allow portions of the site additional recovery time between nourishment events, if needed. This effort resulted in development of the expanded "N-1 Modified" borrow area now being advanced for the upcoming project.



The work required extensive coordination with FEMA, BOEM, USACE, and FDEP and included development of a new Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with the expanded borrow area. The EA addressed offshore environmental considerations, borrow area excavation impacts, and MEC considerations associated with dredging operations in the region. First Line Coastal coordinated closely with BOEM throughout the process to streamline review and support timely approvals.

In parallel with borrow area development, the team reevaluated the beach fill template using lessons learned from previous nourishment performance and post-storm monitoring. While some design elements remained constrained by existing seawalls and upland infrastructure, the team identified opportunities to refine berm elevations and nearshore slopes to improve constructability, sediment performance, and shoreline resiliency.

The project team prepared and submitted updated permit applications and lease documentation to BOEM, FDEP, and USACE for the modified borrow area and revised beach fill design. Notably, the FDEP permit authorization was issued within approximately 90 days and **without Requests for Additional Information (RAIs)**, reflecting the quality of the technical documentation, agency coordination, and completeness of the application package.

The project is currently advancing toward final federal authorization and anticipated construction. First Line Coastal also continues to support St. Johns County with easement coordination and public engagement efforts, including preparation of public-facing cross sections and field staking of proposed fill templates to help property owners visualize proposed construction limits and project benefits.

St. Lucie Inlet Coastal Engineering Services

Since 2009, First Line Coastal staff have supported Martin County with continuing coastal engineering, inlet management, beach nourishment, permitting, construction administration, and physical and environmental monitoring services associated with maintenance of the St. Lucie Inlet (SLI) system and adjacent critically eroded shorelines. Work has spanned many continuing services contracts, initially as prime consultant with a previous firm and currently as subconsultant under one of the County's active coastal engineering contracts.

Over the past 15 years, First Line Coastal staff have completed more than 60 task assignments for Martin County involving dredging design, borrow area management, permitting coordination, environmental compliance, CEI, and post-construction monitoring for large-scale coastal restoration and navigation maintenance projects. Typical nourishment events involve dredging and placement of approximately 450,000 CY of compatible beach-quality sand to restore beaches along environmentally sensitive shorelines.

A key component of the program has been development and permitting of multiple dredging and sand placement alternatives to address changing shoreline conditions, environmental constraints, sediment availability, and constructability challenges. Rather than simply repeating prior sand placement approaches, **First Line Coastal continuously evaluates opportunities to improve project performance, operational flexibility, and sediment management efficiency based on lessons learned from previous events and evolving site conditions.**

Client: Martin County

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Jessica Garland
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Year Complete: Ongoing

Fees Paid: $2.7M

Project Cost Estimates/Actual:

$12.0M / $10.3M

Services provided by this team include:

- Design
- Permitting
- Biological Assessment
- Bid documents
- CEI
- Permit compliance
- Alternatives analysis study
- Sediment budget

First Line Coastal is currently leading permitting efforts for development of a new sand transfer area associated with the SLI management system. The sand transfer area is being developed to improve regional sediment management and increase the duration between future dredge events. Services include engineering evaluation, sediment characterization, environmental permitting, agency coordination, and development of construction and operational strategies to maximize long-term beneficial use of the material source.

This ongoing program demonstrates First Line Coastal's extensive experience with sediment management, borrow area evaluation, environmental permitting, stakeholder coordination, construction administration, and adaptive coastal resiliency planning for large-scale nourishment projects involving federal and state agencies.

Five Ways to Nourish Beaches in Martin County

1. Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge: Nourishment at the HSNWR is accomplished on both the Atlantic and ICW sides of the island. Dune and berm construction along the 20,000 lf of beach requires special use permits within the HSNWR, and the site requires robust hardbottom and sea turtle nest monitoring programs. First Line staff led design, oversight, physical and biological monitoring for two nourishments along this reach.



2. Bathtub Beach: Placement at BTB represents the back-passing component of the project and typically coincides with nourishment activities from the inlet flood shoal. First Line staff participated in nourishment events at BTB in 2010, 2016, 2019, and 2021.

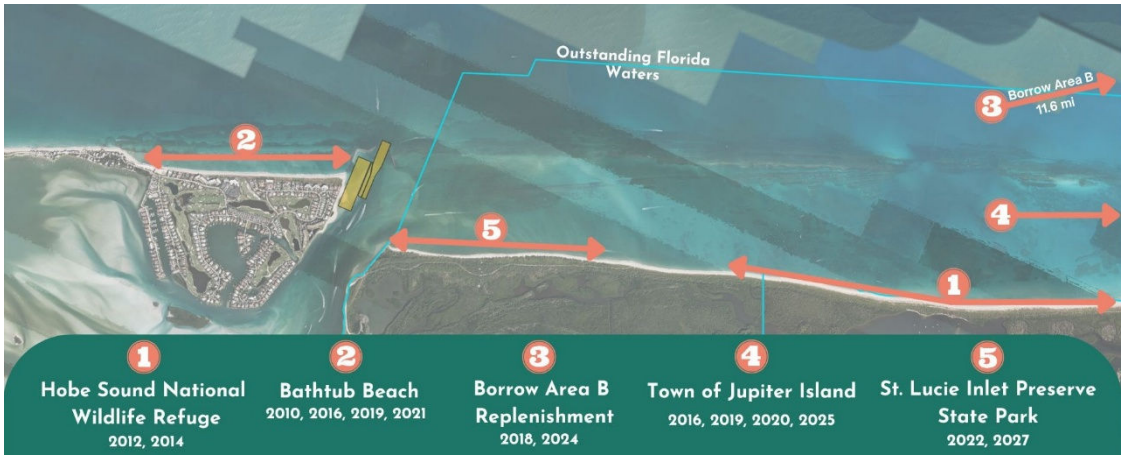
3. Borrow Area B Replenishment: When direct beach placement capacity is limited, compatible sand is transported 11.6 miles to replenish offshore Borrow Area B (BA-B), allowing work to occur during calmer summer conditions and within marine turtle nesting season. First Line staff designed and completed the initial federal BA-B replenishment project in 2018 and partnered with the USACE on a subsequent placement event in 2024.



4. Town of Jupiter Island: Through an interlocal agreement, the Town of Jupiter Island (TOJI) utilizes the sand stored at BA-B for periodic nourishment. The project includes hopper dredging and nourishment of approximately 50,000 LF of dune and berm as a separate Town project. First Line staff supported TOJI nourishment events in 2016, 2019, 2020, and 2025.



5. St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park (SLIPSP): The first SLIPSP nourishment project occurred in 2022 and restored approximately 450,000 CY of sand along 1.5 miles of critically eroded shoreline impacting sensitive habitat areas. First Line is currently updating permits in preparation for the next nourishment event planned for 2027.



Town of Longboat Key Coastal Engineering Services

Since 2021, First Line Coastal has provided ongoing coastal engineering, construction administration, environmental coordination, and resiliency planning services for the Town of Longboat Key under multiple coastal and navigation maintenance initiatives. Working alongside APTIM and other project partners, the team has supported projects involving beach nourishment, beneficial use dredging, storm recovery, environmental monitoring, stakeholder coordination, and long-term funding strategy development.

Representative efforts include the 2021 Island-Wide Beach Nourishment and North End Stabilization Project, which placed approximately 700,000 CY of compatible beach-quality sand along three shoreline reaches extending from New Pass to Longboat Pass and included construction of five terminal groins to reduce sediment losses. First Line Coastal staff provided daily water quality monitoring, construction oversight, and contractor coordination throughout the project.

First Line Coastal also provided CEI and construction administration services for the 2023 Greer Island Spit Maintenance Project, designed by APTIM. The project involved dredging approximately 20,000 CY of beach-compatible material from a sediment spit that had impaired navigation and lagoon flushing at the north end of Longboat Key, with beneficial reuse of the material for adjacent shoreline restoration. APTIM led surveying, environmental assessments, dredge design, sediment budgeting, permitting coordination, and long-term maintenance planning, while First Line supported construction oversight, contractor coordination, and environmental compliance during dredging and beach placement operations. These projects demonstrate the team's integrated experience delivering complex coastal restoration and sediment management projects under environmentally sensitive and highly coordinated conditions.



Client: Town of Longboat Key

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Charlie Mopps
Public Works Director
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Year Awarded: 2023

Year Complete: Ongoing

Fees Paid: $350k

Team Members:

Mark Stroik – Project Manager

Jake Pierson – Lead design and oversight

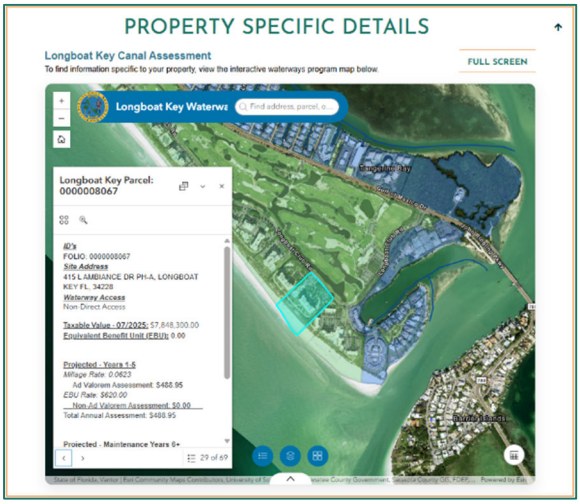
Shelby Riffey – QC Manager

Services provided by this team include:

- Community engagement
- Assessment program formulation
- FEMA-supported coastal restoration
- Regulatory coordination
- Construction administration

The Longboat Key program also demonstrates the team's approach to adaptive coastal management and continuous project improvement. Rather than simply repeating previous nourishment or dredging strategies, **First Line Coastal and project partners routinely reevaluate sediment management approaches, constructability, environmental constraints, and long-term resiliency opportunities** to improve future project performance, operational flexibility, and maintenance efficiency.

Following impacts from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, First Line Coastal provided CEI and construction administration services for the Gulfside Road Interim Beach Nourishment Project, which utilized approximately 80,000 CY of sand dredged from Longboat Pass to restore severely eroded shoreline areas in Longboat Key under emergency conditions with support from FEMA and FDEM funding sources.



Public Assessment Mapping Tool
firstlinecoastal.com/LBKWaterwaterwaysProgram

Beyond individual nourishment projects, First Line Coastal is currently leading development of the Town's broader Navigation Maintenance Program, including long-term maintenance planning, stakeholder engagement, and funding strategy implementation. As part of this effort, First Line Coastal is managing coordination with Willdan Financial Services, serving as a subconsultant to First Line, for development of assessment and funding strategies associated with future navigation and resiliency improvements. The effort includes development of assessment districts, public outreach and commissioner workshops, GIS-based communication tools, and long-term programmatic funding evaluations — experience directly applicable to the MSTU/MSBU coordination components identified in the PVB RFQ. First Line Coastal is proposing Willdan as a subconsultant for the PVB project to provide similar funding coordination and assessment support services.

As part of the Town's public engagement strategy, First Line Coastal also developed and maintains a public-facing project website designed to help residents and stakeholders better understand the Navigation Maintenance Program, including anticipated project benefits and upcoming milestones. The website includes interactive mapping tools, project updates, informational graphics, FAQs, and communication resources intended to improve transparency and facilitate informed community participation throughout project development and implementation.

BOEM Florida Outer Continental Shelf Beach Sand Investigation

In 2021, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Marine Minerals Program contracted APTIM under an IDIQ contract supporting Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Marine Minerals Stewardship and development of the National Offshore Sand Inventory (NOSI). Under this program, APTIM **supports identification, characterization, and evaluation of offshore sand resources and associated environmental, geophysical, geological, and cultural resource conditions** relevant to future marine mineral extraction and beach nourishment projects.

As part of Task Order 3 – Florida OCS Sand Resources, APTIM collected and analyzed geophysical and geological data along Florida's Atlantic Coast, including offshore areas adjacent to St. Johns County and surrounding regions where sediment demand is exceeding currently available offshore resources. The work involved extensive coordination with BOEM, federal agencies, and local stakeholders to identify data gaps, regional nourishment needs, and overlapping offshore resource demands.

The investigation included approximately 450 nautical miles of geophysical survey data collection followed by cultural resource and benthic habitat clearances and development of a Geological Sampling Plan for offshore sediment investigations. Following BOEM approval, APTIM completed collection and analysis of 60 vibracores to characterize sediment quality, compatibility, thickness, and offshore sand resource potential. Final analyses correlated geophysical and geotechnical data to delineate potential borrow areas, estimate compatible sand volumes, and identify environmental or archaeological constraints influencing future dredging feasibility.

The results of this effort directly support ongoing offshore sand sourcing initiatives along Florida's Atlantic Coast, including development and evaluation of borrow areas relevant to the current RFQ scope and the proposed SJ-2 borrow area.

APTIM

Client: US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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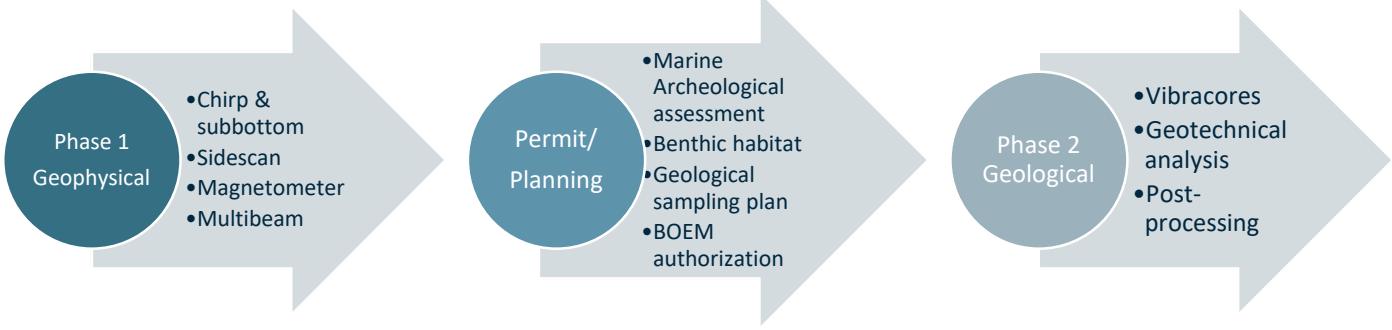
Year Awarded: 2022

Year Complete: 2025

Fees Paid: $ 2.1 M

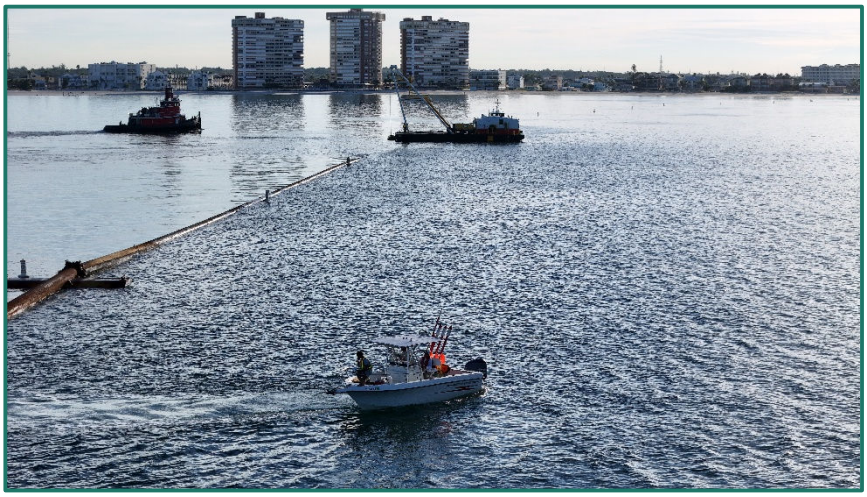
Services provided include:

- Preliminary Assessment
- Testing Laboratories
- Hydrographic Survey
- Permitting/Compliance



Pinellas County Beach Restoration Project

Following changes to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) easement policies, Pinellas County advanced a major beach nourishment effort independently to maintain and restore critically eroded Gulf shoreline reaches. After Hurricanes Helene and Milton severely impacted the County in 2024, the project rapidly transitioned into an emergency renourishment initiative involving approximately 2.2 million cubic yards of compatible sand placement along 11 miles of



shoreline across five distinct beach segments using one offshore and two nearshore borrow areas.

APTIM served as prime consultant providing overall project management, engineering design, permitting, and construction administration services, while First Line and Oceanside played a supporting role focused on constructability planning, dredge and pipeline corridor development, mapping, contractor coordination, and environmental compliance during construction. The project required extensive coordination with federal and state agencies and resulted in acquisition of four emergency USACE regulatory authorizations under a strict one-year construction deadline associated with the emergency designation.

Construction activities were complicated by environmentally sensitive hardbottom and seagrass resources, nine separate pipeline corridors, active sea turtle nesting, specialized dredging logistics associated with a 27-mile offshore sail distance, and ongoing easement coordination along developed shoreline segments. First Line Coastal also supported supplemental environmental monitoring and coordination efforts throughout construction to help maintain compliance with permit conditions and minimize impacts to sensitive coastal resources. The project was successfully completed in December 2025, approximately three months ahead of schedule.

Client: Pinellas County

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Year Complete: Ongoing

Fees Paid: $2.9M

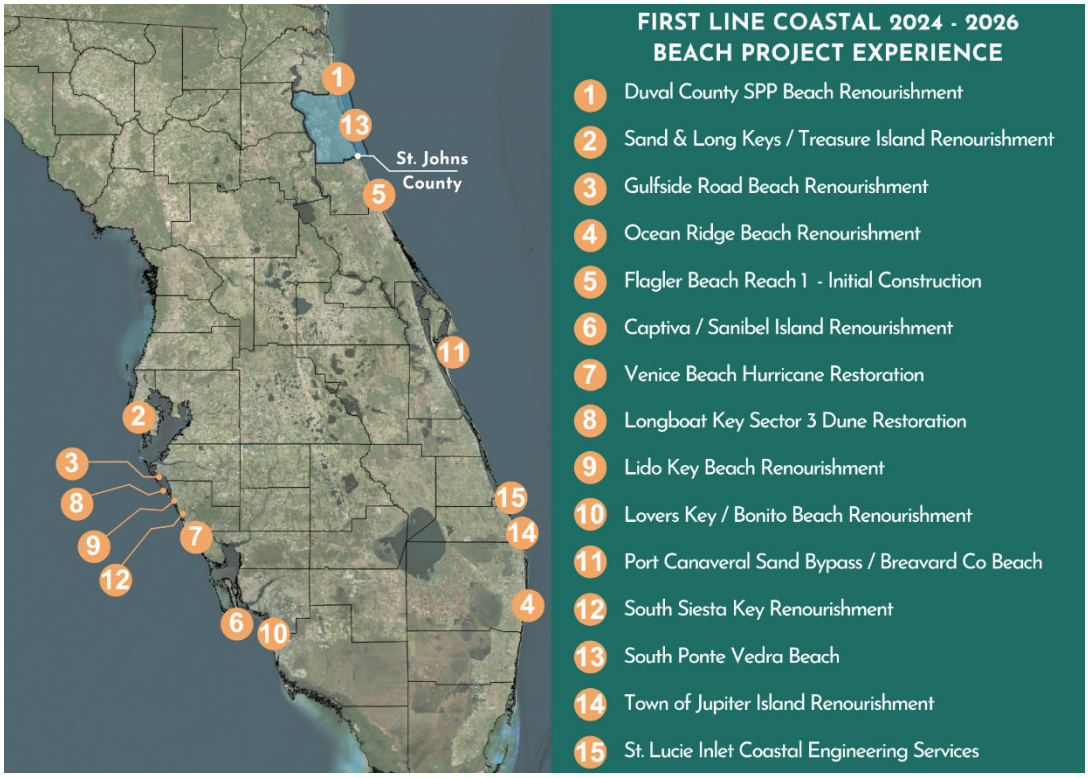
Project Cost: $120M

Services provided by this team include:

- Design
- Permitting
- Hydrographic survey
- Bid documents
- CEI
- Permit compliance
- Bid assistance
- Feasibility study
- Drone (AUV) photography
- Structure assessment /inspection

Building Beaches and Always Learning

While we have been working with the County on South Ponte Vedra, First Line and our staff have been heavily involved in a variety of beach construction events across the state. For each project we help build, lessons are learned, and we are constantly applying these toward improved designs. Our passion to continue our knowledgebase is relentless, and we can't help but find our way onto the beach. Here is where we have been honing our skills and continuously learning in the last two years.





Duval County SPP Beach Renourishment

- TSHD *Galveston Island* / April – Aug. 2024
- 1.3M cy along 8.95 mi from "BA-S" / 4 mi Sail

Highlighted the importance of appropriate solicitation sequencing and risks associated with proceeding into construction ahead of certain administrative tasks.



Sand & Long Keys / Treasure Island Renourishment

- CSD *CR McCaskill w/ Unloader* / Jun. – Dec. 2025
- 1.8M cy along 5 beaches from three BAs / 27 mi sail

Implemented creative solutions for building around holdouts and turtle nests in the fill. Pipe corridor modifications and working near extensive resources.



Gulfside Road Beach Renourishment

- CSD *Commodore* / Oct. 2024 - March 2025
- 80,000 cy along 2,000 lf from Longboat Pass

Developed strategies for pumping near vulnerables structures. Reinforced the requirement to provide adequate geotechnical information and safety specs. Extensive delays and change order claim support.



Town of Jupiter Island Beach Renourishment

- TSHD *Magdalen & RB Weeks* / Jan. – May 2025
- 1.2M cy along 2 mi from the "BA B" / 4 mi sail

Participated in one of the first Conch surveys and relocation efforts for beach renourishment. Developed a pipeline placement plan to minimize resource impacts.



Ocean Ridge Beach Renourishment

- CSD *RS Weeks* / January – May 2026
- 500k cy from offshore "BA

Reinforced protocols for working near extensive and robust and hardbottom resources. Dealt with extensive weather delays, including 65% dredge downtime for weather.



Flagler Beach Reach 1 - Initial Construction

- TSHD *Magdalen & RB Weeks* / July – Sep. 2024
- 1.2M cy along 3.31 mi from "BA 3A" / 10 mi sail

A good lesson on hopper dredge cycles and cost efficiencies associated with cycle optimization.



Captiva / Sanibel Island Renourishment

- TSHDs *Amelia & Galveston Island* / Sep. – Dec. 2025
- 1.1M cy along 2 two beaches from the BA S / 9 mi sail

A remote project with difficult access reminded us on importance of providing suitable equipment access and staging areas.

SECTION 4

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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2022 St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park - Photo by S. Riffey

RFQ NO: 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT

ATTACHMENT C
AFFIDAVIT OF SOLVENCY

PERTAINING TO THE SOLVENCY OF First Line Coastal, LLC, being of lawful age and being duly sworn I, Shelby Riffey, as Vice President/Officer *(ex: CEO, officer, president, duly authorized representative, etc.)* hereby certify under penalty of perjury that:

1. I have reviewed and am familiar with the financial status of above stated entity.

2. The above stated entity possesses adequate capital in relation to its business operations or any contemplated or undertaken transaction to timely pay its debts and liabilities (including, but not limited to, unliquidated liabilities, unmatured liabilities and contingent liabilities) as they become absolute and due.

3. The above stated entity has not, nor intends to, incur any debts and/or liabilities beyond its ability to timely pay such debts and/or liabilities as they become due.

4. I fully understand failure to make truthful disclosure of any fact or item of information contained herein may result in denial of the application, revocation of the Certificate of Public Necessity if granted and/or other action authorized by law.

The undersigned has executed this Affidavit of Solvency, in his/her capacity as a duly authorized representative of the above stated entity, and not individually,

DATED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Signature of Affiant

Shelby Riffey

Printed Name of Affiant

Vice President

Printed Title of Affiant

First Line Coastal, LLC

Full Legal Name of Consultant/Contractor

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☑ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 26 day of MAY, 2026, by SHELBY RIFFEY, who is personally known to me or has produced FLORIDA DL as identification.

Notary Public State of Florida
Bryce Williams
My Commission HH 508719
Expires 3/27/2028

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 03/27/2028

RFQ NO: 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT

ATTACHMENT E
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned firm, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that

First Line Coastal, LLC does:
Name of Firm

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.

2. Inform employees about the danger of drug abuse in the workplace, the business' policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, employee assistance programs and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

3. Give each employee engaged in providing the contractual services that are described in St. Johns County's Request for Qualification to provide bond underwriter services a copy of the statement specified in paragraph 1.

4. In the statement specified in paragraph 1, notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the contractual services described in paragraph 3, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Florida Statute 893, as amended, or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than three (3) days after such conviction or plea.

5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community by, any employee who is so convicted.

6. Consistent with applicable provisions with State or Federal law, rule, or regulation, make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1 through 5.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Signature

5/26/2026
Date

RFQ NO: 2835; DESIGN, PERMITTING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF FEMA CATEGORY G PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESTORATION PROJECT

ATTACHMENT F
E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Duval

I, Shelby Riffey (hereinafter "Affiant"), being duly authorized by and on behalf of First Line Coastal, LLC (hereinafter "Respondent") hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. Respondent understands that E-Verify, authorized by Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), is a web-based system provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security, through which employers electronically confirm the employment eligibility of their employees.

2. For the duration of RFQ No. 2835 (hereinafter "Agreement"), in accordance with section 448.095, F.S., Respondent shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Respondent and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Agreement to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor.

3. Respondent shall comply with all applicable provisions of section 448.095, F.S., and will incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with section 448.095, F.S.

4. Respondent understands and agrees that its failure to comply with all applicable provisions of section 448.095, F.S. or its failure to ensure that all employees and subcontractors performing work under the Agreement are legally authorized to work in the United States and the State of Florida constitute a breach of the Agreement for which St. Johns County may immediately terminate the Agreement without notice and without penalty. The Respondent further understands and agrees that in the event of such termination, Respondent shall be liable to the St. Johns County for any costs incurred by the St. Johns County resulting from Respondent's breach.

DATED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Signature of Affiant

Shelby Riffey, Vice President
Printed Name & Title of Affiant

First Line Coastal, LLC
Full Legal Name of Respondent

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☑ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 26 day of MAY, 2026, by {*insert name and title of Affiant*}, who is personally known to me or has produced FLORIDA DL as identification.

Notary Public State of Florida
Bryce Williams
My Commission HH 508719
Expires 3/27/2028

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 03/27/2028

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ATTACHMENT G
SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(A), FLORIDA STATUTES ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

I, Shelby Riffey ("Affiant"), being duly authorized by and on behalf of First Line Coastal, LLC ("Respondent") hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. The principal business address of Respondent is: 8586 Potter Park Dr, Sarasota, FL 34238
2. I am duly authorized as Vice President (Title) of Respondent.
3. I understand that a public entity crime as defined in Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes includes a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity in Florida or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid, proposal, reply, or contract for goods or services, any lease for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
4. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" is defined in Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes to mean a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilt or nolo contendere.
5. I understand that "affiliate" is defined in Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes to mean (1) a predecessor or successor of a person or a corporation convicted of a public entity crime, or (2) an entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime, or (3) those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate, or (4) a person or corporation who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months.
6. Neither the Respondent, nor any officer, director, executive, partner, shareholder, employee, member or agent who is active in the management of the Offeror or contractor, nor any affiliate of the Offeror or contractor has been convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. **(Draw a line through paragraph 6 if paragraph 7 below applies.)**
7. ~~There has~~ been a conviction of a public entity crime by the Respondent, or an officer, director, executive, partner, shareholder, employee, ~~member~~ or agent of the Respondent who is active in the management of the Respondent or an affiliate of the Respondent. A ~~determination has~~ been made pursuant to Section 287.133(3) by order of the Division of Administrative Hearings that it is not in the public ~~interest~~ for the name of the convicted person or affiliate to appear on the convicted vendor list. The name of the convicted person or ~~affiliate~~ is _____. A copy of the order of the Division of Administrative Hearings is ~~attached~~ to this statement. **(Draw a line through paragraph 7 if paragraph 6 above applies.)**

Signature of Affiant

Shelby Riffey, Vice President
Printed Name & Title of Affiant

First Line Coastal, LLC
Full Legal Name of Respondent

Date of Signature

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☑ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 26 day of MAY, 2026, by Affiant, who is ☐ personally known to me or ☑ has produced FLORIDA DL as identification.

03/27/2028

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ATTACHMENT I
Affidavit Regarding the Use of Coercion for Labor and Services

Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes requires all nongovernmental entities executing, renewing, or extending a contract with a governmental entity to provide an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the nongovernmental entity under penalty of perjury that the nongovernmental entity does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in that statute.

As an officer or authorized representative of Respondent, I certify that the company identified below does not, for labor or services:

- Use or threaten to use physical force against any person;
- Restrain, isolate, or confine or threaten to restrain, isolate, or confine any person without lawful authority and against her or his will;
- Use lending or other credit methods to establish a debt by any person when labor or services are pledged as a security for the debt, if the value of the labor or services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt, the length and nature of the labor or services are not respectively limited and defined;
- Destroy, conceal, remove, confiscate, withhold, or possess any actual or purported passport, visa, or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document, of any person;
- Cause or threaten to cause financial harm to any person;
- Entice or lure any person by fraud or deceit; or
- Provide a controlled substance as outlined in Schedule I or Schedule II of s. 893.03 to any person for the purpose of exploitation of that person.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare and affirm that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true and correct.

DATED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Signature of Affiant

Shelby Riffey
Printed Name of Affiant

Vice President
Printed Title of Affiant

First Line Coastal, LLC
Full Legal Name of Respondent

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ATTACHMENT J
NON-COLLUSION CERTIFICATION

St. Johns County requires, as a matter of policy, that any Respondent receiving a contract or award resulting from this Request for Qualification issued by St. Johns County shall make certification as below. Receipt of such certification, under oath, shall be a prerequisite to the award of contract and payment thereof.

I (we) hereby certify that if the contract is awarded to me, our firm, partnership or corporation, that no members of the elected governing body of St. Johns County nor any professional management, administrative official or employee of the County, nor members of his or her immediate family including spouse, parents or children, nor any person representing or purporting to represent any member or members of the elected governing body or other official, has solicited, has received or has been promised, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit including but not limited to a fee, commission, finder's fee, political contribution, goods or services in return for favorable review of any Qualifications submitted in response to this Request for Qualification or in return for execution of a contract for performance or provision of services for which Qualification are herein sought.

DATED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Signature of Affiant

Shelby Riffey, Vice President
Printed Name & Title of Affiant

First Line Coastal
Full Legal Name of Respondent

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ATTACHMENT K
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REPORT STATEMENT

The Respondent shall complete the following statement by signing this form where indicated. Failure to complete this form may be grounds for rejection of bid:

The awarded Consultant shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, as amended) prohibiting employment discrimination and shall comply with the regulations and guidelines promulgated pursuant to this Act by the Secretary of the Interior and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

During the performance of this contract, the awarded Consultant, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest ("Consultant") agrees as follows:

(1) The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Consultant will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Consultant will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The Consultant will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Consultant's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The Consultant will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The Consultant will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the Consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Consultant may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The Consultant will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that

such provisions will be binding upon each sub-Consultant or vendor. The Consultant will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-Consultant or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

DATED this 26th day of May, 2026.

Signature of Affiant

Shelby Riffey, Vice President
Printed Name & Title of Affiant

First Line Coastal, LLC
Full Legal Name of Respondent

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☑ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 26 day of MAY, 2026 by Affiant, who is ☐ personally known to me or ☑ has produced FLORIDA DL as identification.

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ATTACHMENT L
TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATION

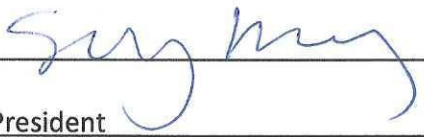
Pursuant to Section 287.055(5)(a), Florida Statutes, for any lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed fee professional services contract over the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, the Department of Transportation (Department) requires the Respondent to execute this certificate and include it with the submittal of the Technical Proposal, or as prescribed in the contract advertisement.

The Respondent hereby certifies, covenants, and warrants that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation for this project's agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting.

The Respondent further agrees that the original agreement price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Department determines the agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such agreement adjustments shall be made within (1) year following the end of the contract. For the purposes of this certificate, the end of the agreement shall be deemed to be the date of final billing or acceptance of the work by the Department, whichever is later.

Signature of Authorized Principal(s):

NAME (print): Shelby Riffey

SIGNATURE: 

TITLE: Vice President

FULL LEGAL NAME OF RESPONDENT: First Line Coastal, LLC

DATE: May 26, 2026

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ATTACHMENT M

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

The Proposer certifies that, the firm or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, and/or position involving the administration of federal funds:

1. Proposer must have no Exclusions listed in www.SAM.gov.

2. Must not be presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, as defined in 49 CFR s29.110(a), by any federal department or agency.

3. Must have not within a three-year period preceding this certification been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property

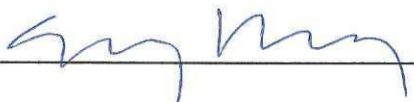
4. Must not be presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a federal, state, or local governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and

5. Must have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government public transactions terminated for cause or default.

The Proposer certifies that it shall perform a debarment verification on any subcontractor, sub-contractor, material supplier or vendor, that it proposes to contract with to perform any work under this RFQ, and shall not enter into any transaction with any sub-contractor, material supplier, or vendor who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this project by any federal agency unless authorized by St. Johns County.

Signature of Authorized Principal(s):

NAME (print): Shelby Riffey

SIGNATURE: 

TITLE: Vice President

FULL LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER: First Line Coastal, LLC

DATE: May 26, 2026

ATTACHMENT N
BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements (To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding $100,000). The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or Current as of 9-26-16 11 cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, First Line Coastal, LLC, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Authorized Principal(s):

NAME (print): Shelby Riffey

SIGNATURE: 

TITLE: Vice President

FULL LEGAL NAME OF PROPOSER: First Line Coastal, LLC

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ATTACHMENT O
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

Respondent hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda, issued by the County and incorporated into and made a part of the RFQ Documents. By acknowledging the Addenda listed below, Respondent hereby certifies that the information, clarifications, revisions, or other items included in each Addenda have been incorporated into the Respondent's Qualifications. Failure to acknowledge and incorporate issued Addenda may result in a Respondent being deemed non-responsive to the requirements of the RFQ and removed from further consideration.

ADDENDUM NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	PRINT NAME OF RESPONDENT'S AGENT	TITLE OF RESPONDENT'S AGENT	SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AGENT
01	5/20/2026	Shelby Riffey	Vice President	

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ATTACHMENT P

LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM FEDERAL-AID TERMS For PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

TERMS FOR FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS (APPENDIX I):

The following terms apply to all contracts in which it is indicated that the services involve the expenditure of federal funds:

A. It is understood and agreed that all rights of the Local Agency relating to inspection, review, approval, patents, copyrights, and audit of the work, tracing, plans, specifications, maps, data, and cost records relating to this Agreement shall also be reserved and held by authorized representatives of the United States of America.

B. All tracings, plans, specifications, maps, computer files and/or reports prepared or obtained under this Agreement, as well as all data collected, together with summaries and charts derived therefrom, will be considered works made for hire and will become the property of the Agency upon completion or termination without restriction or limitation on their use and will be made available, upon request, to the Agency at any time during the performance of such services and/or completion or termination of this Agreement. Upon delivery to the Agency of said document(s), the Agency will become the custodian thereof in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Consultant will not copyright any material and products or patent any invention developed under this agreement. The Agency will have the right to visit the site for inspection of the work and the products of the Consultant at any time.

C. It is understood and agreed that, in order to permit federal participation, no supplemental agreement of any nature may be entered into by the parties hereto with regard to the work to be performed hereunder without the approval of the U.S. Department of Transportation, anything to the contrary in this Agreement not withstanding.

D. The Consultant shall provide access by the Florida Department of Transportation (recipient), the Agency (subrecipient), the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Consultant which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

E. Compliance with Regulations: The Consultant shall comply with the Regulations: relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

F. Nondiscrimination: The Consultant, with regard to the work performed during the contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of material and leases of equipment. The Consultant shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

G. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations made by the Consultant, either by competitive bidding or negotiation for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the

Consultant of the Consultant's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status.

H. Information and Reports: The Consultant will provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Local Agency, Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of the Consultant is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Consultant shall so certify to the Local Agency, Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

I. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the Local Agency shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to,

1. withholding of payments to the Consultant under the contract until the Consultant complies and/or
2. cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

J. Incorporation or Provisions: The Consultant will include the provisions of Paragraph C through K in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment unless exempt by the Regulations, order, or instructions

issued pursuant thereto. The Consultant shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Local Agency, Florida Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event a Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subconsultant or supplier as a result of such direction, the Consultant may request the Local Agency to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the Local Agency, and, in addition, the Consultant may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

K. Compliance with Nondiscrimination Statutes and Authorities: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21; The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects); Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age); Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex); The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not); Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 -- 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38; The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits

discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex); Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations; Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

L. Interest of Members of Congress: No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States will be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising therefrom.

M. Interest of Public Officials: No member, officer, or employee of the public body or of a local public body during his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof. For purposes of this provision, public body shall include municipalities and other political subdivisions of States; and public corporations, boards, and commissions established under the laws of any State.

N. Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises: The Consultant shall agree to abide by the following statement from 49 CFR 26.13(b). This statement shall be included in all subsequent agreements between the Consultant and any subconsultant or contractor.

> "The subconsultant, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the Consultant to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in termination of this contract or other such remedy as the recipient deems appropriate."

Pursuant to 49 CFR26.11(c), the Consultant shall submit the bid opportunity list at the time of contract execution and shall enter DBE commitment and payment information in the Florida Department of Transportation Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) system. The Consultant shall request access to the EOC system using Form No. 275-021-30.

O. Prompt Payment of and Return of Retainage to Subconsultants: The Consultant will pay monies owed to subconsultants, suppliers or other parties within thirty (30) days of the Consultant receiving payment from the Local Agency. The Local Agency is prohibited from withholding retainage from consultants. To the extent the selected consultant withholds retainage from its subconsultants, it must be returned in its entirety within thirty (30) days of satisfactory completion of the subconsultant work. The Local Agency is the arbiter of what constitutes satisfactory completion. These provisions apply to all subconsultants and at all tiers of subcontracting.

P. It is mutually understood and agreed that the willful falsification, distortion or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project(s) described in this Agreement is a violation of the Federal Law. Accordingly, United States Code, Title 18, Section 1020, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

Q. It is understood and agreed that if the Consultant at any time learns that the certification it provided the Local Agency in compliance with 49 CFR, Section 26.51, was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances, the Consultant shall provide immediate written notice to the Local Agency. It is further agreed that the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" as set forth in 49

CFR, Section 29.510, shall be included by the Consultant in all lower tier covered transactions and in all aforementioned federal regulation.

R. The Local Agency hereby certifies that neither the Consultant nor the Consultant's representative has been required by the Local Agency, directly or indirectly as an express or implied condition in connection with obtaining or carrying out this contract, to

1. employ or retain, or agree to employ or retain, any firm or person, or

2. pay, or agree to pay, to any firm, person, or organization, any fee, contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind;

The Local Agency further acknowledges that this agreement will be furnished to a federal agency, in connection with this contract involving participation of Federal-Aid funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

S. The Consultant hereby certifies that it has not:

1. employed or retained for a commission, percentage, brokerage, contingent fee, or other consideration, any firm or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the above contractor) to solicit or secure this contract;

2. agreed, as an express or implied condition for obtaining this contract, to employ or retain the services of any firm or person in connection with carrying out this contract; or

3. paid, or agreed to pay, to any firm, organization or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the above contractor) any fee contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind for, or in connection with, procuring or carrying out the contract.

The Consultant further acknowledges that this agreement will be furnished to the Local Agency, the State of Florida Department of Transportation and a federal agency in connection with this contract involving participation of Federal-Aid funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

T. The Consultant shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Contract term.

U. Clean Air Act: The Consultant agrees to comply with applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C § 7401 et seq), as amended.

The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the Florida Department of Transportation (Department) and understands and agrees that the Department will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding $150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

V. Federal Water Pollution Control Act: The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended.

The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding $150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

W. Byrd Anti-Lobbying: Consultants awarded a contract of $100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non- Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency.

CERTIFICATION FOR DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES ON FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS: (Compliance with 49 CFR, Section 20.100(b))(1) The Consultant certifies that: (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Consultant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence either directly or indirectly an officer or employee of any state or Federal agency, a member of the Florida Legislature, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Agreement, the Consultant shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities". (2) This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure. (3) The Consultant also certifies by signing this contract that the Consultant shall require the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed $100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

Per 49 CFR Part 20, Appendix A, the undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

Submission of this statement is a perquisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than
$10, 000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

X. Buy America: As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this

section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award per 2 CFR part 200.322.

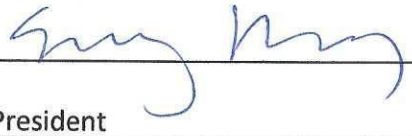
"Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

"Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Furthermore, Federal agencies providing Federal financial assistance for infrastructure projects must implement the Buy America preferences set forth in 2 CFR part 184.

Signature of Authorized Principal(s):

NAME (print): Shelby Riffey

SIGNATURE: 

TITLE: Vice President

FULL LEGAL NAME OF RESPONDENT: First Line Coastal, LLC

DATE: May 26, 2026

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ATTACHMENT Q
APPENDICES A and E

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor") agrees as follows:

(1.) **Compliance with Regulations:** The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "USDOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

(2.) **Nondiscrimination:** The Contractor, with regard to the work performed during the contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.

(3.) **Solicitations for Subcontractors, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations made by the Contractor, either by competitive bidding or negotiation for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment; each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status.

(4.) **Information and Reports:** The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the *Florida Department of Transportation,* the *Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Contractor shall so certify to the *Florida Department of Transportation*, the *Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

(5.) **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the *Florida Department of Transportation* shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the *Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

a. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or
b. cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

(6.) **Incorporation of Provisions:** The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the *Florida Department of Transportation,* the *Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-contractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the *Florida Department of Transportation* to enter into such litigation to protect the

interests of the *Florida Department of Transportation*, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

(7.) **Compliance with Nondiscrimination Statutes and Authorities**: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21; The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects); Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age); Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex); The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not); Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 -- 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38; The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex); Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations; Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

Signature of Authorized Principal(s):

NAME (print): Shelby Riffey

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: Vice President

FULL LEGAL NAME OF RESPONDENT: First Line Coastal, LLC

DATE: May 26, 2026



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