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January 14, 2026

Chris Schwartzwalder  
Black Forest Enterprises DBA GardenScapes of the Palm Beaches  
PO Box 33  
Loxahatchee, FL 33470  
[gardenscapeschris@yahoo.com](mailto:gardenscapeschris@yahoo.com)

RE: ITB# 202302

Dear Mr. Schwartzwalder:

GardenScapes is an awardee for contract # 202302, Landscape Maintenance Services for Facilities. The contract is set to expire on March 31, 2026 and allows for three (3) additional one (1) year renewals by mutual agreement. Wellington would like to exercise the first renewal option through March 31, 2027 under the same terms and conditions as stipulated on Page 12 of the referenced ITB which is conditioned upon subsequent approval by Wellington Council.

The award/renewal is subject to provisions of State Statutes, Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics and Code of Ethics, and Wellington policies. All Awardees must disclose with their Renewal the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also a Wellington employee. Further, all Awardees must disclose the name of any Wellington employee who is employee in the Awardees firm or any of its branches.

If AWARDEE violates or is a party to a violation of the Wellington, Palm Beach County or Florida Code of Ethics with respect to this Renewal, AWARDEE may be disqualified from performing the work described in this Renewal or from furnishing the goods or services for which the AWARDEE submitted and shall be further disqualified from bidding on any future Proposals/Bids for work or for goods or services for Wellington. A copy of the Wellington, Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics and Code of Ethics and State Ethics Codes is available at the Wellington Clerk's Office, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414. By signing this Renewal Agreement, AWARDEE acknowledges no such conflict.

AWARDEE shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person in its operation and activities or in its use or expenditure of funds in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement. AWARDEE shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act {ADA} in the course of providing any services funded by this Agreement, including Titles I and II of the ADA (regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability), and all applicable regulations, guidelines, and standards. In addition, AWARDEE shall take affirmative steps to ensure nondiscrimination in employment against disabled persons. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruiting advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training (including apprenticeship) and accessibility.

AWARDEE's decisions regarding the delivery of services under this Agreement shall be made without regard to or consideration of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation, or any other factor which cannot be lawfully used as a basis for service delivery.

***In Addition, please complete the attached Foreign Countries of Concern Affidavit and return with the renewal letter.***

***Please indicate acceptance or rejection of the renewal and return to my attention by January 16, 2026.***

If you should have any questions, please contact me or anyone else in the Purchasing Department.

Accept Renewal:	<u>Chris Schwartzwaldner/Owner</u>	<u><i>Chris Schwartzwaldner</i></u>	<u>2/25/2026</u>
	Printed Name/Title	Signature	Date
	<i>*Accept renewal with proposed 5% increase</i>		
Reject Renewal:	_____	_____	_____
	Printed Name/Title	Signature	Date

Thank you,  
Emma Ramirez  
561-791-4021  
[eramirez@wellingtonfl.gov](mailto:eramirez@wellingtonfl.gov)

**FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN AFFIDAVIT**

(Pursuant to Section 287.138, Florida Statutes)

I Chris Schwartzwalder (name of affiant) of GardenScapes of the Palm Beaches  
(name of business entity), attest that the following is true:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this Affidavit and am of legal age and of no disability and have the authority to make the statements contained herein.

2. I am the officer or agent of the business entity named below and make this Affidavit to comply with section 287.138, Florida Statutes.

3. I certify that the business entity named below does not provide access to an individual's personal identifying information to any entity that:

a) is owned by the government of a foreign country of concern;

b) has provided a foreign country of concern a controlling interest; or

c) is organized under the laws of or has its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

4. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to notify the Village of Wellington if the status of the business entity changes.

**Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true.**

Affiant Name: Chris Schwartzwalder

Signature: *Chris Schwartzwalder*

Title: Owner/President

Business Entity Name: GardenScapes of the Palm Beaches

Date: February 25, 2026