Instructions for Completing a Scope of Service

Task work orders must be in compliance with the requirements of Section 287.058, Florida Statutes. Task work orders must include the following information:

* A scope of work (Exhibit A) that clearly establishes all tasks the principal investigator is required to perform;
* Quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables that must be received and accepted in writing by the contract manager before payment. Each deliverable must be directly related to the scope of work and specify a performance measure. As used in this paragraph, the term “performance measure” means the required minimum acceptable level of service to be performed and criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable;
* A completed deliverables schedule (the Research Center requires, at a minimum, a deliverable every six months);
* A budget by task; and
* Division of Sponsored Research approval.

Required documents should be sent to [Jennifer.clark@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jennifer.clark@dot.state.fl.us) in Word format.

NOTE: All projects are contingent upon an acceptable scope of work, budget, and deliverables schedule. Approval to move forward with scope development does not authorize the university to incur any expenses in preparation of scope or hiring of project personnel.

Additional resources may be found at <http://www.fdot.gov/research/> under the Project Resources tab.

Exhibit A – Scope of Service

Project Title:

Principal Investigator: Name

University

Address

Email address:

Phone number:

DSR Administrative Contact: Name

University

Address

Email address:

Phone number:

Project Manager: Name

Office

Address

Email address:

Phone number:

**Background Statement**

This paragraph should describe the need for the research.

**Project Objective(s)**

Describe the purpose and objective(s) of the project.

**Project Kick-off Teleconference**

*A kick-off teleconference is required for all projects. The following language must be included:*

The principal investigator will schedule a kick-off meeting to be held within the first 30 days of task work order execution. The kick-off meeting will consist of a webinar at least 30 minutes in length. The purpose of the meeting is to review the tasks, deliverables, deployment plan, timeline, and expected/anticipated project outcomes and their potential for implementation and benefits. The principal investigator shall prepare a presentation following the template provided at <https://www.fdot.gov/research/project-mgt-resources.shtm>.

The project manager, principal investigator, and research performance coordinator shall attend. Other parties may be invited, if appropriate.

**Supporting Tasks and Deliverables:**

Describe the task(s) necessary to achieve the objective(s) and deliverable(s). Each deliverable must be directly related to a specified task. All deliverable(s) must be submitted to the Research Center at [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) and must contain the contract number, task work order number, and deliverable number as identified in the scope. Also, describe what the deliverable will contain.

**Task (insert #): Draft Final and Closeout Teleconference**

*This task will contain 2 deliverables: the draft final report and the closeout teleconference. The draft final report and closeout teleconference should be identified in the budget as one task with a specific dollar amount.*

Deliverable (insert #): Ninety (90) days prior to the end date of the task work order, the university will submit a draft final report in PDF and Word formats to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us).

The draft final report will contain *(insert description of information the report will contain)*.

The draft final and final reports must follow the Guidelines for University Presentation and Publication of Research and the FDOT Research Final Report Style Guide available at <https://www.fdot.gov/research/project-mgt-resources.shtm>.

The report must be well-written and edited for technical accuracy, grammar, clarity, organization, and format. The report must also comply with section 508 of the United States Workforce Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Deliverable (insert #): Thirty (30) days prior to the end date of the task work order, the principal investigator will schedule a closeout teleconference. The principal investigator shall prepare a PowerPoint presentation following the template provided at <https://www.fdot.gov/research/project-mgt-resources.shtm>.

At a minimum, the principal investigator, project manager, and research performance coordinator shall attend. The purpose of the meeting is to review project performance, the deployment plan, and next steps.

**Task (insert #) Final Report**

*The final report should be identified in the budget as one task with a specific dollar amount.*

Deliverable (insert #): Upon Department approval of the draft final report, the university will submit the Final Report in PDF and Word formats electronically to the Research Center at [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us).The Final Report is due by the end date of the task work order.

**Use of Subcontractor(s)**

If a subcontractor is to work on the project, describe the work the subcontractor will perform. A scope of work and budget must be provided for the subcontractor.

**Use of Graduate Student(s) and other Research Assistants**

This section explains the need for graduate students and other research assistants, the experience/expertise of the research assistant(s), and the work they will be expected to perform. Tuition costs covered by a FDOT contract are considered payment in kind and a part of the salary package. Tuition costs covered by FDOT are limited in hours to the standard course load defined by the university and in cost to the in-state tuition rate. Tuition will only be covered for semesters in which the student will substantially work on the project covered by the contract.

**Equipment**

Rule 69I-72.002, Florida Administrative Code states, “All tangible personal property with a value or cost of $5,000 or more and having a projected useful life of one year or more shall be recorded in the state’s financial system as property for inventory purposes.”

The Department has determined that some property with a value of less than $5,000 should also be recorded in the state’s financial system as property for inventory purposes. Universities must adhere to the Department’s $5,000 threshold for equipment or items of lesser value appearing on the Exception Property listing.A review of the items on the Exception Property listing will be performed to determine if items fall within this category.

A description of the equipment to be purchased must be included with a copy of quotes obtained. Justification as to why the equipment should be purchased instead of leasing (leasing of equipment is preferred) and specific requirements for the projects is required for all equipment.

*Once the equipment has been purchased, the university must immediately provide a copy of the equipment receipt(s), property description, and serial number with the applicable task invoice.*

**Expenses**

Describe any expense items to be purchased, if applicable.

**Travel**

***Standard Research Center policy is that travel to conferences is not an allowable expenditure*.**

Describe travel that will take place, including justification of the need for travel. Include the traveler’s name, position, location(s), purpose and duration.

*If travel is budgeted, the following text must appear, as worded:*

All travel shall be in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Travel expenses specifically authorized in the agreement shall be submitted using the Department’s Travel Form No. 300-000-06, unless the university provides proof of the Department of Financial Services approval to use an alternate travel form. Travel will be paid in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S. and the most current version of the Disbursement handbook for Employees and Managers.

The maximum amount of travel is limited to $(insert amount). The maximum amount of indirect cost on travel is limited to $(insert amount).

**Financial Consequences**

Payment shall be made only after receipt and approval of goods and services. Deliverable(s) must be received and accepted in writing as specified in the task work order prior to payment.

If the Research Center and/or project manager determine that the performance of the university is unsatisfactory, the Research Center shall notify the university of the deficiency to be corrected, and correction shall be made within a timeframe to be specified by the Research Center. Within five days of notice from the Research Center, the university shall provide the Research Center with a corrective action plan describing how the university will address all issues of contract non-performance, unacceptable performance, failure to meet the minimum performance levels, deliverable deficiencies, or contract non-compliance. If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Research Center, the university shall be assessed a non-performance retainage equivalent to 10% of the total invoice amount. The retainage shall be applied to the invoice for the current billing period. The retainage shall be withheld until the university resolves the deficiency. If the deficiency is subsequently resolved, the university may bill the Department for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the university is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained will be forfeited at the end of the task work order period.

**Minimum Performance Measures**

Performance metrics are defined in this scope of work, which describes the tasks, milestones, and/or deliverables the principal investigator shall accomplish and provide under this task work order. The Research Center will conduct periodic reviews to determine compliance with the tasks, milestones, and/or deliverables.

**Publication Provision**

If at any time during the TWO, the university desires to publish, in any form, any material developed under the TWO, the university must submit to the Project Manager and the Research Center at [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) a written abstract and notification of intent to publish the materials and receive the Project Manager’s concurrence to publish. Such approval to publish shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the Project Manager does not provide a written response within 30 days after receipt, the university may publish. The publication must include the following language:

“The opinions, findings and conclusions expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the Florida Department of Transportation or the U.S. Department of Transportation.”

**Deliverables Schedule**

*Note: this document will be used by the Research Center to monitor principal investigator (PI) performance and activity on the project. The PI should give careful consideration to the time needed to complete a task(s) and deliverable(s) against current workload. Failure to submit deliverables in a timely manner may result in cancelation of the task work order.*

Remember to include kick-off teleconference, submittal of draft final report, closeout teleconference and final report. The Research Center must at a minimum receive a deliverable every 6 months on a project. Failure to submit deliverables in a timely manner may result in cancelation of the task work order.

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