

**SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES CERTIFICATION**

(Florida Statutes, Section 287.135)

PROJECT NAME: **Land Use Hearing Officer Services**  
(the “Contract”)

The undersigned, as Manager of **Buenaventura Law, PLLC**, a Florida professional limited liability company (the “Contractor”), hereby certifies the following to Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and on behalf of the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of Section 287.135, Florida Statutes:

- (i) The Contractor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, nor is the Contractor engaged in a boycott of Israel, nor was the Contractor on such List or engaged in such a boycott at the time it submitted its bid to the County with respect to the Contract.
- (ii) Additionally, if the value of the goods or services acquired under the Contract are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), then the Contractor further certifies to the County as follows:
  - (a) the Contractor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
  - (b) the Contractor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
  - (c) the Contractor is not engaged in business operations (as that term is defined in Florida Statutes, Section 287.135) in Cuba or Syria; and
  - (d) the Contractor was not on any of the Lists referenced in this subsection (ii), nor engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria when it submitted its bid to the County with respect to the Contract.
- (iii) The Contractor is fully aware of the penalties that may be imposed upon the Contractor for submitting a false certification to the County regarding the foregoing matters.
- (iv) The Contractor hereby acknowledges that, in addition to any other termination rights stated in the Contract, the County may immediately terminate the Contract upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - (a) The Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection (i) above, or the Contractor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.
  - (b) The Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection (ii) above, or the Contractor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and the value of the goods or services acquired under this Contract are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).
- (v) The undersigned is duly authorized to execute this Certification by and on behalf of the

Contractor.

Executed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Buenaventura Law, PLLC,  
a Florida professional limited liability company

By:   
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Barrie S. Buenaventura, Manager