Section I
Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Food Safety

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
5K-4.002	Adoption of Federal Regulations and Other Standards
5K-4.0050	Special Process Approvals
5K-4.023	Packaged Ice, Ice Vending Machines, and Water Vending Machines

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rulemaking amends Rules 5K-4.002, 5K-4.0050, and 5K-4.023, F.A.C., to adopt by reference the current U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code and to align with the current federal model. The rulemaking also makes clear that testing requirements after a positive or violative test apply to packaged ice in addition to vended water and vended ice.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The rulemaking updates the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Code, which is the national standard and model code for food safety regulation, to the most recent edition and makes clear that testing requirements after a positive or violative test apply to packaged ice in addition to vended water and vended ice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 500.09, 500.12, (1)(f), 500.12(5)(d), 500.12(6), 500.459, 570.07(23), (24) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 500.02, 500.03, 500.032, 500.04, 500.09, 500.10, 500.11, 500.12, 500.121, 500.13, 500.147, 500.166, 500.169, 500.172, 500.459, 500.511, 570.07(2), (6), (9), (16), (18), (24), 570.0725, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Isaiah Hunt, at Isaiah.Hunt@fdacs.gov, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)245-5582

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
6A-1.0019	Threat Management

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rule is to set forth requirements for a statewide, Florida-specific threat management operational process and threat assessment instrument, to provide training, and to coordinate the implementation of the process. This amendment will focus on updates to the Florida Harm Prevention and Threat Management Manual. Incorporated documents will also be updated to clarify requirements and to align with rule changes.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: School Districts' procedures for threat management.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1001.11(9), 1001.212(11), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.11(9), 1001.212(11), 1006.07(7), F.S.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: March 2, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET, or upon conclusion of business, whichever is earlier.

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/0e2eb6c0-6181-405f-98ab-c0807c547a85@63bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Angie Chesser, Office of Safe Schools, Florida Department of Education, Angela.Chesser@fldoe.org. To comment on this rule development, please go to https://web02.fldoe.org/rules or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Section II
Proposed Rules

NONE

Section III
Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

NONE

Section IV
Emergency Rules

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp.

Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Commission for Independent Education
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
6E-2.004 Standards and Procedures for Licensure
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 10, 2025, the Commission for Independent Education, received a petition for variance from paragraphs 6E-2.004(6)(b) and (d), F.A.C. The petition requests a permanent variance from the requirements of Selected Financial Data Form 604 and paragraph 6E-2.004(6)(b), F.A.C., allowing a licensed independent postsecondary educational institution to satisfy financial reporting obligations using converted and audited data from its parent company, The Swatch Group Ltd., instead of subsidiary-specific statements, building on prior temporary variances. The petitioner is Nicolas G. Hayek Watchmaking School, located in Miami, Florida.
A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Chris Emerson, Agency Clerk, christian.emerson@fldoe.org. Public comments concerning this petition for a variance can be made at web02.fldoe.org/rules. The Commission will accept comments concerning the petition for fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
Construction Industry Licensing Board
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 06, 2026, the Construction Industry Licensing Board, received a petition for variance or waiver filed by Carlos Henrique Susano, Petitioner. Although the Petitioner did not cite a rule or statute, it appears that the Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver from Rule 61G4-16.005, Florida Administrative Code, which states that for the purpose of certification, a passing grade shall be valid only for a period of four (4) years from the date of the most recently passed portion of the exam.
The petitioner seeks a variance or waiver with regards to accepting his existing contractor's exams which were submitted on December 13, 2017.
A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director, Construction Industry Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1039 or telephone: (850)487-1395, or by electronic mail to Amanda.Ackermann@myfloridalicense.com. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Construction Industry Licensing Board within 14 days of publication of this notice.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 10, 2026, the Department of Health, Office of Medical Marijuana Use, received a petition for Emergency Variance from or Waiver of Rule 64ER25-4)[sic], Florida Administrative Code", filed by Green Sentry Holdings, LLC., seeking a temporary variance from subsection (9) of Emergency Rule 64ER25-4, Florida Administrative Register. Specifically, the Petition seeks an extension of time of 9 months in order fulfill its previously approved wholesale purchase of distillate.
Any interested person or other agency may submit written comments within 5 days after the publication of this notice to: Levi Gallian, Department of Health, Office of General Counsel, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 or by email at Bryan.Gallian@flhealth.gov
A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Levi Gallian at Bryan.Gallian@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
Securities
The Office of Financial Regulation hereby gives notice: On February 13, 2026, the Office of Financial Regulation issued a Final Order Denying Petition for a Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code, submitted on behalf of Oscar David Fischer. On December 2, 2025, the Office issued a Notice of Intent to enter a Final Order Denying the Petition for Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code, and Notice of Rights. Petitioner's failure to file a petition for hearing or to file any other document in compliance with Rules 28-106.201, 28-106.2015, or 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code, constitutes a waiver of Petitioner's right to an administrative hearing. Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Petition is denied.
**The original petition was published September 5, 2025 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 51, Number 173.
A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

Section VI
Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Historical Resources
The Division of Historical Resources announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to conclusion
PLACE: IN PERSON: R.A. Gray Building, Room 307, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250
VIA WEBINAR:
Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6291738039380848220
Webinar ID: 486-922-035
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: A meeting of the Florida Historical Marker Council to discuss and review submitted historical marker applications.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jeremy Heiker at Jeremy.Heiker@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6371.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jeremy Heiker at Jeremy.Heiker@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6371. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
For more information, you may contact: Jeremy Heiker at Jeremy.Heiker@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6371.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
Division of Licensing
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
5N-1.100 Organization
The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Workshop scheduled for Monday March 2, 2026, 9:30 a.m. has been CANCELLED
PLACE: CANCELLED
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a notice that workshop notice ID #30529603, published 2/13/26 in Vol. 52/30, has been CANCELLED
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: CANCELLED

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Division of Blind Services
The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and the Division of Blind Services announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: February 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: 1(305)224-1968, Meeting ID: 959 8734 9567#, Passcode: 117266#
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: DSO General Board Meeting
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No Agenda
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Division of Blind Services, (850)245-0370. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
For more information, you may contact: (850)245-0396 or email DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fldoe.org

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Division of Blind Services
The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and the Division of Blind Services announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: February 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: 1(305)224-1968, Meeting ID: 954 5194 5950#, Passcode: 630195#
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Project Update Subcommittee Meeting
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No Agenda
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Division of Blind Services, (850)245-0370. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
For more information, you may contact: (850)245-9305 or email DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fldoe.org

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 27, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Audit Committee Meeting; 9:30 a.m., Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting.
PLACE: FSDB Campus, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084, Moore Hall's Center for Learning and Development (CLD) and Room 215. Moore Hall is located on the corner of San Marco Avenue and Macaris Street.
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 8:30 a.m. The Audit Committee Meeting will pertain to all matters concerning the FSDB's internal audits.
9:30 a.m. The Board of Trustees will hold its regularly scheduled meeting to consider all matters from the Audit Committee meeting, as well as all agenda items, including any new or unfinished business presented during the meeting.
Please Note: The Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. will be live-streamed and available on the FSDB website at www.fsdbk12.org.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Cindy Brueckner, Executive Assistant to the President at (904)827-2210 or by email at bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org.
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cindy Brueckner, Executive Assistant to the President at (904)827-2210 or by email at bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org. Please note that FSDB provides American Sign Language interpreters at all public meetings. However, if you require additional support to access these meetings, please contact Ms. Brueckner at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
For more information, you may contact: Cindy Brueckner, Executive Assistant to the President at (904)827-2210 or by email at bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization
The Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: March 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Martin County Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Coordination for Transportation services for the Transportation Disadvantaged.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: www.martinmpo.com
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ricardo Vazquez at (772)223-7983, by email at rvazquez@martin.fl.us, or submit your question via mail to 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.
For more information, you may contact: Ricardo Vazquez, Principal Planner (Title VI/Non-discrimination Contact) at (772)223-7983 or rvazquez@martin.fl.us

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DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES
Commission on Human Relations
The Florida Commission on Human Relations announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m., ET.
PLACE: This is a virtual meeting being conducted via Microsoft Teams:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/28990364268203?p=rtGLemFstgqeiBiAuL
or via telephone: (850)270-6017, phone conference I.D.: 695 540 508#.
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission Panel will conduct a non-evidentiary deliberation hearing and vote on the disposition of cases. Neither the parties nor their representatives are required to attend this hearing. No requests for oral argument were filed by an eligible party pursuant to Rule 60Y-4.028(3), Florida Administrative Code, so oral argument will not be heard in those cases, and continuances will not be granted. Upon conclusion of the hearing, an order will be issued for each matter reflecting the vote of the Commission Panel.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: clerk@fchr.myflorida.com
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the

agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: clerk@fchr.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: February 26, 2026, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: 2830 Winkler Ave, Suite 112, Fort Myers, FL 33916
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Items related to AAASWFL business and Board of Directors oversight.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Main line at (239)652-6900 or ea@aaaswfl.org
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Main line at (239)652-6900 or ea@aaaswfl.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
For more information, you may contact: Main line at (239)652-6900 or ea@aaaswfl.org

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AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: February 26, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: 2830 Winkler Ave, Suite 112, Fort Myers, FL 3396
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Items related to AAASWFL business and Executive Board of Directors oversight.
A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Main line at (239)652-6900
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Main line at (239)652-6900. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).
For more information, you may contact: Main line at (239)652-6900

THE VALERIN GROUP, INC.
The Florida Department of Transportation, District One announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.
DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., In-person public meeting (open house format), 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Virtual meeting
PLACE: SeaPort Manatee International Center, 1905 Intermodal Circle, Palmetto, FL 34221, or virtually through a computer, tablet, or mobile device (visit fdot.cc/US-41-at-Piney-Point to register), or at swflroads.com/project/457242-1
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to the U.S. 41 from South of Dock Street to Piney Point Road Intersection Improvements Public Meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026. The in-person public meeting (open house format) will begin at 5:00 p.m. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
FDOT, District One, is proposing improvements at intersections along U.S. 41 in Manatee County. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and operations, specifically at the Piney Point Road intersection. A traffic signal at U.S. 41 and Dock Street will be constructed as an alternate access for SeaPort Manatee. For U.S. 41 at Piney Point Road, a raised island and traffic separator will be constructed at the end of Piney Point Road to prohibit left turns from eastbound Piney Point Road onto northbound U.S. 41. Drivers wishing to go north will be required to turn right onto U.S. 41 and make a U-turn approximately 0.5 miles south of Piney Point Road at a newly signalized median opening. This newly signalized median opening will include additional asphalt necessary for semi-trucks to make the U-turns. The median opening at U.S. 41 and Piney Point Road will remain fully open, except for the raised island located on Piney Point Road.
This public meeting is being held to present information about the proposed design and gather public input. FDOT will accept written comments during and after the meeting. Comments submitted after the meeting may be sent to Amber Albritton, Florida Department of Transportation, 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, or emailed to Amber.Albritton@dot.state.fl.us.
The Department has three ways to participate in the public meeting: by attending the live in-person event from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at SeaPort Manatee International Center, 1905 Intermodal Circle, Palmetto, FL 34221 (identification will not be required to attend the in-person meeting); online through the live virtual event from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. by registering at fdot.cc/US-41-at-Piney-Point; or by viewing the materials online through the project website at swflroads.com/project/457242-1. The same information will be presented at both the live in-person and online meetings. All meeting materials will be available online by February 19, 2026. A copy of these materials will also be displayed at the in-person event. You may choose any combination of the options provided to review the materials and to submit your comments.

For more information on all options to attend the upcoming public meeting, visit the project website or contact the project representative (listed below).

FDOT is sending notices to all property owners and tenants within at least 300 feet on either side of the project and to public officials, regulatory agencies, organizations, and individuals interested in the project. FDOT encourages all interested people to attend and express their views regarding the project and information presented. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, please send your comments by March 9, 2026, to be included in the formal public meeting record.

This meeting has been developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FDOT Project Manager Amber Albritton at (863)519-2668 or Amber.Albritton@dot.state.fl.us

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cynthia Sykes, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (863)519-2287. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Amber Albritton at (863)519-2668 or Amber.Albritton@dot.state.fl.us

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Construction Industry Licensing Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Construction Industry Licensing Board has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Greg McIntosh, Petitioner on November 25, 2025. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

Petitioner asked clarification from the Board on commercial and residential pool contractors' scope of work as it is ambiguous as noted in the paragraph due to "but is not limited to" in first paragraph outlined in the Petition. Petitioner asked the Board, "(1) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, install helical or auger cast piles?" (2) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, subcontract to install helical or auger cast piles? (3) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, install sheet piles? (4) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, subcontract to install sheet piles? (5) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, install outdoor kitchens? (6) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, subcontract to install outdoor kitchens? (7) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, install pergolas? (8) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, subcontract to install pergolas? (9) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, install gazebos? (10) Can a pool contractor, whether residential or commercial, install gazebo? (11) Can a pool contractor install driveways? (12) Can a pool contractor subcontract to install driveways?" The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Vol. 51, No. 239, on December 11, 2025, in the Florida Administrative Register. The Boards Order was filed on February 4, 2026. The Board, at its meeting held on January 16, 2026, denied the Petition for Declaratory Statement, because the Board was unable to determine whether the Petitioner meets the definition of a "substantially affected person" as required by Statute as the petition does not contain sufficient information to determine same. Additionally, the Petition appears to request for the Board to opine on the conduct of another, namely Certified Pool/Spa Licensed Contractors. Finally, the petition does not contain a "particular set of circumstances" as required by statute.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Ackermann, Executive Director, Construction Industry Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1039 or telephone: (850)487-1395, or by electronic mail to Amanda.Ackermann@myfloridalicense.com.

Section VIII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Florida International University
FIU-Continuing Services CM 2026
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Notice to Continuing Services Construction Managers 2025-26
The Florida International University Board of Trustees announces that construction services will be required for the project listed below:
Project and Location: Continuing Services Agreements the for Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC), the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC), the Engineering Center (EC), and other properties in South Florida owned or managed by FIU or any of its direct support organizations.
Project Description: The Construction Manager will be the single point of responsibility for performance of the construction projects, functioning as an independent contractor, publicly bidding trade contracts. Continuing Services Agreements can be used for individual projects for renovations, alterations, and additions that have a basic construction budget which may not exceed $7,725,000 (as such amount is adjusted annually by the Department of Management Services on or about July 1st of each calendar year). Accordingly, the selected firm(s) minimum bonding capacity should be $7,725,000 per project.
Term of Contract: Three (3) contracts will be awarded to three (3) different firms. Continuing Services Agreements provide that the contractor will be available on an as-needed basis for the Fiscal Year, July 1 - June 30. The agreement will be awarded for an initial period of one year with Owner's option to renew the agreement, at its sole discretion, for additional one-year periods, however, in no event to exceed a total of five successive years.
Selection Process: Selection of finalists for interviews will be made on the basis of construction manager qualifications, including experience and ability; past experience; bonding capacity; record-keeping/administrative ability, critical path scheduling expertise; cost estimating; cost control ability; quality control capability; qualification of the firm's personnel, and staff and consultants. The final ranking shall be determined based on oral presentations and references. The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.
INSTRUCTIONS: Firms desiring to provide construction management services for projects under a Continuing Services Agreement shall submit a letter of application and a completed Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form. Proposals must not exceed 80 pages, including the CMQS and letter of application. Pages must be numbered consecutively. Submittals, which do not comply with these requirements or do not include the requested data, will not be considered. No submittal material will be returned.
Submit eight (8) bound copies of the required proposal data and one electronic copy of the complete proposal in Adobe Acrobat PDF format of the above-requested data bound in the order listed. Applications that do not comply with the above instructions will not be considered. Application material will not be returned. FIU reserves the right to suspend or discontinue the selection process at any time and to return or reject any or all submissions of qualifications without obligation to the respondent. All construction projects are subject to the availability of funds.
The Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form and the Project Fact Sheet, which describes the selection process schedule for this project and additional information regarding the project scope, may be obtained from the website https://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/CMConsultant2026.htm.
Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted. Once the firm acquires and reviews the required forms including instructions, any question or explanation desired by an applicant regarding the project or any part of the process must be requested in writing to griffith@fiu.edu cc: angpaz@fiu.edu or at (305)348-4090.
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must be licensed to practice as general contractors in the State of Florida at the time of application. Corporations must be registered to operate in the State of Florida by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, at the time of application. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a construction manager may not submit a proposal if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected construction managers must each

warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of $15,000.00 in connection with any project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

FIU STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS, GENERAL TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION, AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CM SERVICES PROVIDE FOR AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PROCESS. THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND CAN BE FOUND AT http://facilities.fiu.edu/formsandstandards.htm. ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD REVIEW THE APPLICABLE FIU CONTRACT FORM AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO RESPOND TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT.

Pursuant to §448.095, Fla. Stat., the selected contractor will have to certify that it is registered with and uses 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 its contract with FIU. If the contractor enters into a contract with a subcontractor to perform work or provide services pursuant to its contract with FIU, the contractor shall likewise require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of §448.095, Fla. Stat., and the subcontractor shall provide to the contractor an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of its contract with FIU. This section serves as notice to the contractor regarding the requirements of §448.095, Fla. Stat., and FIU's obligation to terminate the contract if it has a good faith belief that the contractor has knowingly violated §448.095, Fla. Stat. If terminated for such reason, the contractor will not be eligible for award of a public contract for at least one year after the date of such termination. Further, FIU has an obligation to order the immediate termination of any contract between the contractor and a subcontractor performing work on its behalf should FIU develop a good faith belief that the subcontractor has knowingly violated §448.095, Fla. Stat. FIU reserves the right to request documentation from the contractor evidencing its compliance with §448.095, Fla. Stat. at any time during the term of the contract.

All applicants should review Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. carefully.

The Project Fact Sheet describes the selection process schedule for this project and may be obtained from the project website https://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/CMConsultant2026.htm.

In order to minimize the possibility of unethical pressures or influences on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, direct contact with the committee members is not permitted. Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted. Committee members and selection schedule milestone dates can be found in the Project Fact Sheet.

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SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS TO: Selection Committee, Florida International University, Facilities Planning, Campus Support Complex, 11555 S.W. 17th St., Room #142, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida 33199. Submittals must be received between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. OR 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time, Friday, March 13, 2026.

Third party commercial couriers must abide by these instructions, no exceptions. In all cases, the firm will be held responsible for proof of on-time delivery to the CSC building by retaining a time-stamped delivery receipt provided by FIU Planning staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Florida International University
FIU-Continuing Services CM 2026
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Notice to Continuing Services Construction Managers 2025-26

The Florida International University Board of Trustees announces that construction services will be required for the project listed below:

Project and Location: Continuing Services Agreements the for Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC), the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC), the Engineering Center (EC), and other properties in South Florida owned or managed by FIU or any of its direct support organizations.

Project Description: The Construction Manager will be the single point of responsibility for performance of the construction projects, functioning as an independent contractor, publicly bidding trade contracts. Continuing Services Agreements can be used for individual projects for renovations,

alterations, and additions that have a basic construction budget which may not exceed $7,725,000 (as such amount is adjusted annually by the Department of Management Services on or about July 1st of each calendar year). Accordingly, the selected firm(s) minimum bonding capacity should be $7,725,000 per project.

Term of Contract: Three (3) contracts will be awarded to three (3) different firms. Continuing Services Agreements provide that the contractor will be available on an as-needed basis for the Fiscal Year, July 1 - June 30. The agreement will be awarded for an initial period of one year with Owner's option to renew the agreement, at its sole discretion, for additional one-year periods, however, in no event to exceed a total of five successive years.

Selection Process: Selection of finalists for interviews will be made on the basis of construction manager qualifications, including experience and ability; past experience; bonding capacity; record-keeping/administrative ability, critical path scheduling expertise; cost estimating; cost control ability; quality control capability; qualification of the firm's personnel, and staff and consultants. The final ranking shall be determined based on oral presentations and references. The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.

INSTRUCTIONS: Firms desiring to provide construction management services for projects under a Continuing Services Agreement shall submit a letter of application and a completed Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form. Proposals must not exceed 80 pages, including the CMQS and letter of application. Pages must be numbered consecutively. Submittals, which do not comply with these requirements or do not include the requested data, will not be considered. No submittal material will be returned.

Submit eight (8) bound copies of the required proposal data and one electronic copy of the complete proposal in Adobe Acrobat PDF format of the above-requested data bound in the order listed. Applications that do not comply with the above instructions will not be considered. Application material will not be returned. FIU reserves the right to suspend or discontinue the selection process at any time and to return or reject any or all submissions of qualifications without obligation to the respondent. All construction projects are subject to the availability of funds.

The Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form and the Project Fact Sheet, which describes the selection process schedule for this project and additional information regarding the project scope, may be obtained from the website https://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/CMConsultant2026.htm

Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted. Once the firm acquires and reviews the required forms including instructions, any question or explanation desired by an applicant regarding the project or any part of the process must be requested in writing to griffith@fiu.edu cc: angpaz@fiu.edu or at (305)348-4090.

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AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Notice of Request for Proposal (RFP)/Bidders Conference

Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) for Planning and Service Area 8 will be contracting and is soliciting sealed proposals for Case Management/Lead Agency Designation for Glades and Hendry Counties, with services beginning July 1, 2026, under the Community Care for the Elderly Program, Florida Statute 430. RFPs are being solicited for Lead Agency in the above-mentioned counties. Proposals may be obtained electronically on February 16, 2026, at: https://aaaswfl.org/about-aaaswfl/documents/.

A virtual bidder's conference will be held on February 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. on Microsoft Teams. Attendance at the bidder's conference is not mandatory. Sealed proposals are due to the AAASWFL, 2830 Winkler Ave, Suite 112, Fort Myers, FL 33916 by 12:00 noon on March 25, 2026, with opening immediately following. The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida reserves the right to reject any and all proposals not complying with specifications and requested information. Any questions concerning this request may be addressed in writing to Sarah Gualco, Director of Programs and Planning at: sarah.gualco@aaaswfl.org.

BARR AND BARR

UF-672 School of Music Demo/Abatement Package

Barr & Barr is seeking qualified bids for the UF-672 Music School Early Release demo package. The project is located on main campus in Gainesville, FL and consists of abatement, selective demolition of brick façade, two cast in place concrete stairwells, interior partition demolition, etc. Project start date is anticipated as 5/1/26. Contact Lauren Pelini at LPelini@barrandbarr.com for addition information.

Section XII
Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 13, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5A-21.001	2/9/2026	3/1/2026
5C-13.0035	2/9/2026	3/1/2026
5C-13.004	2/9/2026	3/1/2026
6A-14.092	2/12/2026	3/4/2026
40A-2.061	2/13/2026	3/5/2026
40A-2.101	2/13/2026	3/5/2026
40A-2.223	2/13/2026	3/5/2026
40A-2.301	2/13/2026	3/5/2026
40A-2.321	2/13/2026	3/5/2026
40A-2.331	2/13/2026	3/5/2026

64B4-10.003	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B8-9.0091	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B8-30.019	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B15-6.013	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
64B15-14.0076	2/10/2026	3/2/2026
65CER22-1	2/12/2026	2/16/2026
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	**File Date**	**Effective Date**
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/****
62-42.300	12/31/2025	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****
69C-2.004	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.005	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.016	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.022	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.026	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.034	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.035	11/5/2025	**/**/****

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
Certificate of Need
DECISIONS ON BATCHED APPLICATIONS

The Agency for Health Care Administration made the following decisions on Certificate of Need applications for the 2nd 2025 Nursing Home and ICF/DD batching cycle with an application due date of November 19, 2025:

County: Santa Rosa District: 1-1
CON #10924Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Sandy Ridge SNF Operations LLC d/b/a Sandy Ridge Center for Rehabilitation and Healing – Add 60 community nursing home beds

County: Leon District: 2-4
CON #10925Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Presbyterian Retirement Communities Inc. d/b/a Westminster Oaks – Add seven community nursing home beds through the conversion of seven sheltered nursing home beds

County: Alachua District: 2-4
CON #10926Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Alachua SNF Operations, LLC – Add 18 community nursing home beds to the 146-bed project approved by CON #10867

County: Marion District: 3-4
CON #10928Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Marion Operations LLC – Add 13 community nursing home beds to the 141-bed project approved by Exemption #E250002

County: Duval District: 4-2
CON #10929Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Serenity Health Ventures LLC – Add 12 community nursing home beds to the 217-bed project approved by CON #10869P

County: Hillsborough District: 6-1
CON #10931Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Fletcher FL Opco, LLC d/b/a Blue Palms Health and Rehabilitation at Fletcher – Add 34 community nursing home beds through the conversion of 34 sheltered nursing home beds

County: Manatee District: 6-2
CON #10932Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: CCRC OPCO-Bradenton, LLC d/b/a The Inn at Freedom Village – Add 52 community nursing home beds through the conversion of 52 sheltered nursing home beds

County: Polk District: 6-5
CON #10933Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Polk SNF LLC – Add six community nursing home beds to the 150-bed project approved by CON #10833

County: Osceola District: 7-3
CON #10934Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Avante at St. Cloud, Inc. – Add 14 community nursing home beds

County: Charlotte District: 8-1
CON #10935Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: Charlotte Nursing and Rehab LLC – Establish a 40-bed community nursing home

County: Indian River District: 9-1
CON #10936Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Approved
Applicant/Facility/Project: ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. d/b/a Willowbrooke Court at Indian River Estates – Add 20 community nursing home beds through the conversion of 20 sheltered nursing home beds

County: Indian River District: 9-1
CON #10937Decision Date: 2/13/2026 Decision: Denied
Applicant/Facility/Project: Vero Beach Operations LLC d/b/a Vero Beach Care Center – Add 30 community nursing home beds

A request for administrative hearing, if any, must be made in writing and must be actually received by the Agency within 21 days of the first day of publication of this notice in the Florida Administrative Register pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 59C-1, Florida Administrative Code.

Section XIII
Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.