NOTICE COLLIER COUNTY PROPERTY FOR LEASE INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IS SOLICITING BIDS FROM ANY PARTY INTERESTED IN LEASING LAND AT THE PEPPER RANCH PRESERVE, 6315 PEPPER ROAD, IMMOKALEE, FL, FOR CATTLE GRAZING.

A site visit will be held at the preserve on Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at 10:00 AM. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

Bid documents will be available on July 1, 2019 at the North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL 34109. Bid documents will also be available for download at: <u>https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-a-</u>e/conservation-collier/preserve-information/pepper-ranch-preserve.

One Thousand Six hundred and Thirty-six (1,636) acres will be available at the preserve for grazing a maximum of 200 head of cattle. The term of the lease will be for five (5) years with the option of two (2), one (1) year extensions. Applicants must meet minimum insurance requirements for operating on County property and must have at least five (5) years of experience grazing cattle under a natural resource management grazing program. The awarded high bidder will be required to maintain an effective fence around the area of the preserve that will contain any cattle and will be required to mow the Six hundred and Forty-seven (647) acres of improved pasture within the leased land a minimum of one (1) time per year.

The bid for annual rent must be a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per Animal Unit. The minimum amount required is 150 AU and the maximum is 200 AU. Highest total bidder will be awarded the lease. They shall enter into a Lease Agreement with Collier County within ninety (90) days from the last publication of this notice to address additional terms and conditions deemed necessary by Collier County.

For more information, please contact Christal Segura at <u>Christal.Segura@colliercountyfl.gov</u> or (239) 252-2495.

PLEASE FORWARD SEALED BIDS TO: (Indicate: "SEALED BID" on envelope)

Christal Segura Conservation Collier Program Parks and Recreation Department 15000 Livingston Rd. Naples, Florida 34109

BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE NOON HOUR ON JULY 19, 2019. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS AND/OR NEGOTIATE WITH THE QUALIFIED BIDDERS ON ANY PROVISIONS OF THE LEASE.