



# ***INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE***

## ***ITN13-01 - Experimental Trial and Option Agreement Nine (9) Fresh-Market Citrus Selections***

Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc. (FFSP) invites all interested parties and stakeholders to submit comments and/or proposals for the exclusive experimental trial and option agreement opportunity disclosed in this announcement.

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## ITN Description and Specifications

In 2006, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) implemented a Citrus Fast Track Release Option in its cultivar release policy to rapidly provide new citrus selections developed by UF/IFAS faculty plant breeders to the citrus industry for experimental evaluation and potential commercialization following grower trials and assessment of performance. Under this policy, limited and incomplete trial evaluation information is accepted by UF/IFAS in order to more rapidly facilitate the experimental trial of these selections by industry.

FFSP is seeking an exclusive partner (Research Cooperator) to facilitate the experimental (non-commercial) trial of the nine (9) selections in this ITN to better determine their suitability and adaptation. In return for coordinating and participating in the trials in conjunction with UF/IFAS and FFSP, the Research Cooperator will be provided with a first option to negotiate reasonable terms for an exclusive license with an obligation to sublicense any or all of the nine (9) selections.

A United States plant patent application has been filed on the '950' Mandarin Hybrid selection and the '5-1-99-5' Red Pummelo selection with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Plant patents and other applicable intellectual property protection will be sought on the additional selections in this ITN which warrant commercialization pending their performance in non-commercial experimental trials. The evaluation and trial of the nine (9) selections in this ITN is not an offer of sale of the plant material, and the Research Cooperator is required to preserve patentability and other intellectual property protection throughout the experimental trial period. To that end, the Research Cooperator must maintain the confidentiality of the selections and prohibit any sales of fruit or plants other than for confidential experimental purposes. Decisions relative to the timing of commercialization are to be made by mutual consent of FFSP and the Research Cooperator. FFSP retains the right to make all determinations relative to the timing and substance of intellectual property protection with reasonable input by and at the expense of the Research Cooperator.

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**ITN Title:** Nine (9) Fresh-Market Citrus Selections

**ITN Number:** ITN13-01

**ITN Announcement Date:** January 23, 2013

**ITN Proposal Due Date:** February 20, 2013

**Selection Descriptions:**

**'N40W-6-3' - Mandarin**



'N40W-6-3' produces small-to-medium, seedless fruit with a unique and robust, sweet flavor, and may compete favorably with 'Fallglo' in Florida's fall fresh mandarin market. Harvest may begin in October, but fruit reaches maximum flavor and quality around Thanksgiving. Fruit is generally seedless although an occasional seed can be found. Juice of 'N40W-6-3' also has outstanding flavor. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of 'N40W-6-3', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks, however it makes a small, compact tree when grown on Swingle citrumelo rootstock. Although 'N40W-6-3' can be peeled, it should not be considered a zipper-skinned selection. Fruit quality data is only available from 'N40W-6-3' grown on Swingle citrumelo rootstock. A portion of the first-year crop can exhibit a rougher rind and lower juice content, but this problem seems to diminish with subsequent crops.

**'411' - Mandarin Hybrid**



'411' produces large, attractive fruit that, although quite firm, are nonetheless rather easy to peel cleanly, mature in most seasons during January, and are of excellent quality when harvested at maturity. Fruit of '411' may be easier peeling, better flavored, and more attractive and may be produced between the 'Sunburst' and 'Murcott' harvest seasons. Although the fruit are not seedless, they are no more seedy than currently produced cultivars; some fruit have been found with <10 seeds each. Typical juice quality (Brix, acidity, and their ratio) in late January is 15.0, 1.3, and 11.5, respectively. It is generally a vigorous tree

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with a rather dense canopy that protects a substantial portion of the crop from sunburn. '411' is prone to alternate bearing. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of '411', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks. No obvious disease problems have been observed in the trees or fruit currently grown, but systematic resistance testing has not yet been explored, with the exception of *Alternaria*. Young trees of '411' were grown in the greenhouse and cut back to produce tender new shoots, the tissue most susceptible to *Alternaria* infection. The young leaves were sprayed with a high concentration of *Alternaria* spores. In addition, a follow up experiment was conducted using tender young leaves harvested from field grown trees and inoculated in the lab with *Alternaria* spores. Susceptible controls ('Minneola' tangelo or 'Dancy' tangerine) were included in each test. All leaves of the controls developed abundant lesions, but leaves of '411' were disease free. Other aspects of horticultural performance, including post-harvest handling, remain to be thoroughly explored. Cross-pollination requirements have not yet been established. Likewise, the possibility that pollen exclusion might enable production of seedless fruit is another question that should be investigated.

#### '900' - Mandarin Hybrid



'900' produces fruit that have quality far superior to 'Fallglo' fruit in the same early season timeframe in Florida. Fruit of '900' routinely begin to develop orange color in mid-to-late September, and generally have been naturally and fully colored by mid-November in Lake Alfred, FL. The fruit is easy to peel, particularly in comparison with 'Fallglo'. The flavor of the fruit has been excellent for a selection of such early season maturity. Two years of experimental post-harvest evaluations have demonstrated outstanding storage and post-harvest behavior in tests, with little or no decay. Although the fruit are not seedless, they generally have fewer seeds than fruit of 'Fallglo' (averaging 12/fruit, with some containing as few as 2 and others as many as 25 seeds). Trees of '900' are of typical vigor for mandarin hybrids. Unlike many such hybrids, '900' has not been prone to alternate bearing; it has bared substantial crops annually. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of '900', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks. No obvious disease problems have been observed in the trees or fruit currently grown, but systematic resistance testing has not yet been explored, with the exception of *Alternaria*. Young trees of '900' were grown in the greenhouse and cut back to produce tender new shoots, the tissue most susceptible to *Alternaria* infection. The young leaves were sprayed with a high concentration of *Alternaria* spores. In addition, a follow up experiment was conducted using tender young leaves harvested from field grown trees and inoculated in the lab with *Alternaria* spores. Susceptible controls ('Minneola' tangelo or 'Dancy' tangerine) were included in each test. All leaves of the controls developed abundant lesions, but leaves of '900' were disease free. Other aspects of

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horticultural performance remain to be thoroughly explored. Cross-pollination requirements have not yet been established. Likewise, the possibility that pollen exclusion might enable production of seedless fruit is another question that should be explored.

#### 'C4-15-19' - Mandarin Hybrid



'C4-15-19' produces a 'Clementine' sized, seedless, peelable, tangerine-type fruit with a very sweet and pleasant flavor. Fruit matures sometime between October and November, depending on environmental factors. Fruit colors well under Florida conditions (without cold-induction), both internally and externally. Fruit may need to be clipped to avoid plugging, especially with fruit harvested during the latter part of the harvest season. The rind contains large oil glands, and a pleasantly fragrant oil can be released during peeling, especially with recently harvested fruit. This characteristic may diminish as trees grow through juvenility. Fruit of 'C4-15-19' have high sugar content and sweet flavor. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of 'C4-15-19', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks, although it has shown potential to yield quite well. No obvious disease problems have been observed in the trees or fruit currently grown, but systematic resistance testing has not yet been explored.

#### '950' - Mandarin Hybrid (U.S. Patent Pending)



'950' produces relatively small-to-medium sized fruit which can be easily peeled and consumed (segment structure is sound and they can easily be separated without expressing their juice), are nearly completely without seeds (no more than 2 seeds have ever been found in randomly selected fruit), and they possess good color and excellent flavor (Brix, acid, and their ratio were 13.10, 0.82, and 15.98, respectively, on 30 December 2010). Fruit of '950' have generally matured by early-to-mid December in most seasons, but could be harvested as late as mid-January. Fruit of '950' has also had better color and flavor than most 'Clementine' fruit. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of '950', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks. It has set fairly substantial crops, although it has not done so on an annual basis. Recent experiments with application of gibberellic acid sprays at bloom time showed beneficial effects in fruit set. It may very well be that such horticultural manipulations may be required to increase fruit set and

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### Selection Descriptions (cont.):

size of '950'. No obvious disease problems have been observed in the trees or fruit currently grown, but systematic resistance testing has not yet been explored, with the exception of *Alternaria*. Young trees of '950' were grown in the greenhouse and cut back to produce tender new shoots, the tissue most susceptible to *Alternaria* infection. The young leaves were sprayed with a high concentration of *Alternaria* spores. In addition, a follow up experiment was conducted using tender young leaves harvested from field grown trees and inoculated in the lab with *Alternaria* spores. Susceptible controls ('Minneola' tangelo or 'Dancy' tangerine) were included in each test. All leaves of the controls developed abundant lesions, but leaves of '950' were disease free. Other aspects of horticultural performance, including post-harvest handling, remain to be thoroughly investigated. Cross-pollination requirements have not yet been established.

### '5-1-99-5' - Red Pummelo (U.S. Patent Pending)



'5-1-99-5' produces a medium-large sized fruit with thinner rind than fruit of most commercial pummelo varieties. Fruit of '5-1-99-5' features attractive, dark red-fleshed segments that are more uniform in size and shape than fruit of other pummelos. Fruit of '5-1-99-5' have delicious flavor with just a hint of grapefruit bitterness. The fruit is quite juicy and fruit size is very uniform. Fruit on the tree sometimes exist in clusters, and the rind can exhibit pink blushes where fruit are touching. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of '5-1-99-5', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks. However, the few trees observed have shown acceptable yield. The content of Furanocoumarin compounds in fruit of '5-1-99-5' has been high.

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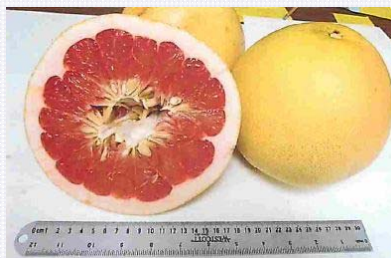
### Selection Descriptions (cont.):

#### '914' - Pummelo Grapefruit Hybrid



'914' produces nearly uniform, red-fleshed, and relatively large fruit (averaging 680g) that substantially resemble grapefruit in shape, color, and overall appearance, though it would, in most cases, be perceived as something different from standard grapefruit. There is an obvious red blush on the peel, which may enhance its attractive appearance to consumers. The most unique attributes of the fruit are the similarity to grapefruit in aroma and flavor, with a sweeter taste, and extremely low levels of Furanocoumarin compounds. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of '914', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks. However, the few trees observed have consistently set acceptable crop loads annually. '914' is expected to be productive when planted in solid blocks, as it maintained yield even when encased in bee-proof mesh to inhibit pollination. No obvious disease problems have been observed in the trees or fruit currently grown, but systematic resistance testing has not yet been explored. Other aspects of horticultural performance, including post-harvest handling, remain to be thoroughly investigated.

#### 'C2-5-12' - Red Pummelo



'C2-5-12' produces attractive fruit with a pleasant, non-bitter, and sweet flavor, maturing in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of 'C2-5-12', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks. However, the few trees observed have shown acceptable yield. Fruit can be variable in size with some larger fruit. Canker tolerance is presently unknown. The content of Furanocoumarin compounds in fruit of 'C2-5-12' have been slightly lower than in red grapefruit. Other aspects of horticultural performance, including post-harvest handling, remain to be thoroughly investigated.

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### Selection Descriptions (cont.):

#### '5-1-99-2' - Red Pummelo



'5-1-99-2' produces fruit that has a unique, non-bitter, sweet flavor due to its high Brix content (13.0) and high sugar/acid ratio (16-19 around Christmas). Fruit of '5-1-99-2' has also had lower seed content than most commercial pummelo varieties and has appeared to be seedless if not cross pollinated. The content of Furanocoumarin compounds in fruit of '5-1-99-2' have been low. Due to its unique fruit size, '5-1-99-2' may be amenable to existing packing house equipment that handles grapefruit. '5-1-99-2' appears to be more tolerant of citrus canker than grapefruit based on limited detached-leaf assay results and anecdotal field observations. There are no data supporting long-term field performance or yield of '5-1-99-2', nor its adaptation to different rootstocks. However, the few trees observed have set acceptable crop loads annually. Fruit from the first cropping of trees have had a tendency to be dry, but this problem has diminished in subsequent crops.



## What is an ITN?

Newly developed cultivars, experimental lines, and plant germplasm are routinely approved for release through UF's Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (FAES). Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc. (FFSP), a non-profit corporation and direct support organization of the University of Florida, is continuously seeking strategic production and marketing companies in the trial and commercialization of a diverse portfolio of newly developed plant cultivars. For certain crops, several companies may express interest in an opportunity for an exclusive license for an improved plant cultivar. The Invitation to Negotiate (ITN), implemented in 2006, is a process which enables FFSP to fairly and objectively evaluate all proposals and comments to effectively identify superior companies to deliver new cultivars to the public. In return, licensed companies provide royalties back to FFSP for reinvestment in the breeding and development of new, improved cultivars at the FAES.

The ITN process encourages an open engagement of all interested companies and stakeholders. Companies submitting proposals and/or comments to an ITN will be evaluated consistently and fairly by a review committee comprised of staff members of FFSP and expert faculty advisors from FAES.

FFSP strives to secure the partner/partners that best meet the needs of the State of Florida and its people, UF, and the FAES breeding program. Responders to the ITN will be evaluated using a consistent methodology, allowing review committee members to weigh core elements and objectively evaluate multiple proposals. The ITN specifications objectively guide critical responses in a proposal and are designed to explore the project's scope for a sustainable model, consistent with the necessity to deliver FAES plant breeding products and technology to the public. The ITN requires interested companies to describe their prior experience and current business model. Companies are asked to describe a plan of action concerning the new trial or commercialization opportunity. The ITN also requests details of marketing and production plans which will successfully deliver a sound commercial operation and ensure that sustaining royalties are returned to support the FAES breeding program. Initiation of an ITN and the participation by a company in an ITN process does not mean an exclusive agreement or exclusive agreements will be eventually awarded; only that responsive companies will receive consideration and a fair evaluation of proposals and comments submitted.

At the conclusion of the ITN process, it is everyone's hope that most details can be mutually agreed upon, resulting in an award of a license to a qualified and successful partner.

Please refer to the terms and conditions of this ITN for specific terms and instructions.

## Instructions for Submitting Comments and/or Proposals

If you or your company is interested in commenting on and/or submitting a proposal for this exclusive experimental trial and option agreement opportunity, please complete the three steps on this checklist:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Step 1:** Carefully read the terms and conditions of this announcement.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Step 2:** Complete and sign the Acknowledgment Form(s) of this announcement and fax or email to: Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., Attn: John Beuttenmuller, Fax: (877) 839-9162, Email: beutt@ffsp.net.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Step 3:** After FFSP receives the Acknowledgment Form(s), you will receive a sample questionnaire which you may use to submit your proposal(s). If you are only interested in commenting, please indicate such on your Acknowledgment Form(s), and submit your comments upon returning the Acknowledgment Form(s). All proposals and comments must be received by Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc. (By US Mail: PO Box 110200, Gainesville, FL 32611-0200, By Express Courier: 1059 McCarty Hall D, Gainesville, FL 32611-0200) prior to the ITN Proposal Due Date specified in the ITN Description and Specifications of this announcement.

All proposals and comments will be objectively and confidentially evaluated. FFSP is committed to evaluating proposals and comments using the following three (3) principles of the ITN process:

- 1. What is good for the State of Florida and its people?**
- 2. What is good for UF/IFAS?**
- 3. What is good for the breeder and the breeding program?**

**NOTICE:** Late proposals and/or comments will not be accepted or considered.

**Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc. (FFSP), a non-profit corporation and direct support organization of the University of Florida (University) offers the following Invitation to Negotiate (ITN).**

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

**ITN FORM.** All proposals should be submitted after submitting the FFSP ITN Acknowledgment Form. All proposals should be submitted with one (1) complete original proposal and three (3) complete photocopies in a sealed envelope, with the following information on the outside of the envelope: ITN number, date and time of ITN closing (as stated on Acknowledgment Form), and company name. All ITN responses must be executed and submitted in a sealed envelope. (DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE ITN RESPONSE PER ENVELOPE)

1. **EXECUTION OF ITN.** The ITN Acknowledgment Form must contain a manual signature of an authorized representative in the space provided. ITN proposals must be typed or printed in ink. Use of erasable ink or pencil is not permitted. All corrections made by Proposer must be initialed. All ITN proposals are subject to the conditions specified herein and those which do not comply are subject to rejection.

2. **NO ITN SUBMITTED.** If not submitting an ITN, respond by returning only the ITN Acknowledgment Form, marking it "NO ITN RESPONSE", and explain the reason in the space provided along with any comments. Failure to respond three (3) times in succession without justification may be cause for removal of your company's name from the ITN notification list. NOTE: To qualify as a respondent, Proposer must submit a "NO ITN RESPONSE", and it must be received no later than the stated ITN closing date and hour.

3. **ITN DELIVERY.** If ITN proposals are mailed through the U. S. Postal Service as regular mail, address the proposal to the PO Box as shown on the Invitation to Negotiate Acknowledgment Form; or if the ITN proposal will be delivered by a service other than the U. S. Postal Service regular mail, i.e., Federal Express, Airborne, United Parcel Service, Courier, U. S. Postal Express Mail, etc., address the proposal to the building and room number as shown on the ITN Acknowledgment Form.

4. **ITN OPENING.** Proposals shall be opened after the closing date and time specified on the ITN Acknowledgment Form. Proposers shall be responsible to assure that the ITN response is delivered at the proper time and place prior to the ITN closing. ITN responses, which for any reason are not so delivered, will not be considered. NOTE: ITN Notice of an unspecified award may be posted electronically at <http://FFSP.net> listed as ITN.

5. **PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL.** A Proposer may withdraw a submitted proposal at any time up to the ITN closing. To withdraw a proposal, the Proposer must submit a written request, signed by an authorized representative, to FFSP before the ITN closing. After withdrawing a previously submitted proposal, the Proposer may submit another proposal at any time up to the ITN closing.

6. **INQUIRIES.** All changes, if necessary, shall be made by written addendum to the ITN. Any explanation desired by Proposers must be requested of FFSP in writing, and if an explanation is necessary, a reply shall be made in the form of an addendum, a copy of which will be forwarded to each Proposer who has submitted an Acknowledgment Form to FFSP. FFSP will not give verbal answers to inquiries regarding the specifications, or verbal instructions prior to or after the award of this ITN. A verbal statement regarding same by any person shall be non-binding. FFSP is not liable for any costs or actions resulting from the Proposer accepting verbal direction.

7. **ERRORS.** FFSP is not liable for any errors or misinterpretations made by the Proposer in responding to this ITN.

8. **AMENDMENT AND CLARIFICATION.** FFSP reserves the unilateral right to amend this ITN in writing at any time. FFSP reserves the right to cancel or reissue the ITN at its sole discretion. Proposers shall respond to the final written ITN and any exhibits, attachments, and amendments.

9. **ITN INTERPRETATION.** Interpretation of the wording of the ITN document submitted by the Proposer will be the responsibility of FFSP and that interpretation will be final and binding.

10. **PROPOSAL REJECTION.** FFSP shall have the right to reject any or all ITN proposals and in particular to reject a proposal not accompanied by data required by the ITN or in any way incomplete or irregular, including omission of financial considerations. Conditional ITN proposals will not be accepted.

11. **PRICES, TERMS.** Proposers are expected to examine the project scope, specifications, schedule, proposed terms, and all instructions pertaining to the ITN. Failure to do so will be at Proposers' risk. Prices proposed will govern in the award, however, Fees, Royalties and Price are not the only considerations in selection for the award.

12. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Proposers must disclose with their proposal any actual or potential conflicts of interest. All Proposers must disclose with their ITN the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of FFSP or University or any State Employee. Further, all Proposers must disclose the name of any State employee who owns,

directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the Proposer's firm or any of its branches.

13. **PERFORMANCE INVESTIGATIONS.** As part of the proposal evaluation process, FFSP may make inquiries and investigations, including verbal or written references from Proposer's customers, to determine the ability of the Proposer to offer service.

14. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed as in any way creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties or in any way making the Proposer an agent or representative of FFSP for any purposes in any manner whatsoever. Proposer is, and shall remain, an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under any License or Research Agreement awarded as a result of this ITN.

15. **SELECTION.** As the best interest of FFSP acting as a direct support organization of the University may require, the right is reserved to make selections by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof; to reject any and all ITN proposals or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in ITN proposals received. Proposers are cautioned to make no assumptions of acceptance, until receiving written notice. Fees, Royalties and Price are not the only considerations in the award.

16. **AWARD.** Award shall be made to the responsive Proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to FFSP. Price, although a consideration, will not be the sole determining factor. FFSP or University is under no obligation to award a contract as a result of this ITN.

17. **CANCELLATION.** FFSP, by written notice, may terminate this ITN without penalty or cause, in whole or in part, when such action is deemed by FFSP to be in the best interest of FFSP.

18. **INTERPRETATIONS/DISPUTES.** Any questions concerning conditions or negotiation considerations shall be directed in writing to FFSP. Inquiries must reference the date of ITN closing and the ITN number. No interpretations shall be considered binding unless provided in writing by the FFSP in response to requests in full compliance with this provision.

19. **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** This ITN and any contract resulting from this ITN, and any disputes thereunder, shall be construed exclusively in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to conflict of laws provisions and enforced in the courts of the State of Florida. FFSP and Proposer hereby agree that venue shall lie exclusively in Alachua County, Florida.

20. **ADVERTISING.** In submitting an ITN proposal, the Proposer agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising.

21. **ASSIGNMENT.** Any contract issued pursuant to this ITN and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of FFSP.

22. **LIABILITY and INDEMNITY.** The Proposer shall indemnify and hold FFSP, the University of Florida Board of Trustees, the Florida Board of Governors, and their respective employees, directors, officers, and agents harmless from all costs, expenses, claims, damages, penalties and losses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and experts' fees) arising out of, relating to, or resulting from any contract awarded as a result of this ITN and from the Proposer's or third persons' use of the FFSP licensed materials.

23. **FACILITIES.** FFSP reserves the right to inspect the Proposer's facilities at any time with prior notice.

24. **TERMINATION.** Upon termination of the agreement that may result from the ITN, FFSP shall give notice with instructions for return of plant materials. Upon receiving a written request from FFSP, Proposer agrees to return to FFSP plant material as instructed. If no instructions are received from FFSP, the Proposer shall give fifteen (15) days notice to destroy all plant material to FFSP. After fifteen (15) days, all plant material shall be destroyed by the Proposer, without exception for other options or hold backs.

25. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.** FFSP retains sole rights, titles and ownership of the supplied plant material and associated information provided in performance of the project, including all Intellectual Property (IP) and all current and future patents, plant variety protection (PVP) certificates, copyrights, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights. No one is permitted to file for IP protection, except University, FFSP or their designees. FFSP is enabled by University to file for IP protection and to contract out all forms of IP to commercial entities. Breeding, selection, or modifications to the plant materials and IP supplied are prohibited.

26. **CONFLICT BETWEEN DOCUMENTS.** If any terms and conditions contained within the documents that are a part of this ITN or resulting contract are in conflict with any other terms and conditions contained therein, then the various documents comprising this ITN or resulting License or Research Agreement, as applicable, shall govern in the following order of precedence: amendment, contract and addendum(s), addenda to invitation to negotiation, special conditions, general conditions, invitation to negotiate.

27. EXPENSE. All proposals submitted in response to this ITN must be submitted at the sole expense of the Proposer, whether or not any agreement is signed as a result of this ITN. Proposers will pay all costs associated with the preparation of proposals and necessary visits to FFSP and other required site visits.

28. NO WARRANTIES. FFSP MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE MATERIALS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, (I) THAT THE USE OF THE MATERIALS DOES NOT OR WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY PATENT OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF ANY THIRD PARTY, (II) THAT A THIRD PARTY'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS DO NOT INFRINGE ANY PATENT OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF THE MATERIALS, OR (III) THAT THE USE OF THE MATERIALS IS SAFE AND WITHOUT HAZARD. FFSP IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO OBTAIN OR PROVIDE LICENSES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE USE OF THE MATERIALS BY PROPOSER. IN ADDITION, PROPOSER SHALL ASSUME ALL RISKS RELATING TO, RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF THE MATERIALS.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

29. USE OF TERMS. The terms proposer, cooperater, firm, vendor, company, and contractor are used synonymously in this ITN unless otherwise indicated.

30. CONTRACT. This ITN, the written proposal submitted, and modifications to terms as negotiated and agreed to by the parties shall be incorporated into the final contract for consideration.

**If you or your company is interested in commenting on and/or submitting a proposal for this exclusive experimental trial and option agreement opportunity, please complete and sign this Acknowledgment Form agreeing to the terms and conditions of the ITN and fax it back to Florida Foundation Seed Producers, Inc. FFSP will then send your company a sample questionnaire which may be used for submission of your proposal.**

**SUBMIT ITN RESPONSE AND COMMENTS TO:**  
 FLORIDA FOUNDATION SEED PRODUCERS, INC.  
 1059 McCarty Hall D  
 PO Box 110200  
 Gainesville, FL 32611-0200  
 Fax: (877) 839-9162

## Acknowledgment Form



### *INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE*

ITN NO.:	
ITN TITLE:	
PROPOSER NAME/COMPANY NAME:	PROPOSER CONTACT (NAME):
PROPOSER'S MAILING ADDRESS (Phys.):	CITY – STATE – ZIP CODE - COUNTRY:
TELEPHONE NO.:	EMAIL:
ALTERNATE TELEPHONE NO.:	WEBSITE:
FAX NO.:	

Is it acceptable to send your ITN sample questionnaire via e-mail? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If no, what method should be used? \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that this ITN Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting an ITN Proposal for the same materials and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to be bound by all terms and conditions of this ITN Proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this ITN Proposal for the Proposer.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE DATE

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 NAME (TYPED), TITLE