

This is the Standard Construction Services Agreement of Cherokee County. Any Contractor doing business with the County must enter into this Agreement.

**CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Construction Services Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between CHEROKEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its governing authority, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners ("County"), and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Contractor"), collectively referred to as the "Parties".

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the County desires to employ a contractor to perform services for the construction of a Project, as defined below; and

WHEREAS, the County solicited bids/proposals for construction of the Project pursuant to Cherokee County Request for bids/proposals Project Number \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, based upon Contractor's timely and complete submission of bid/proposal meeting all requirements of Solicitation to \_\_\_\_\_ ("Project"), the County has selected Contractor as the successful bidder/proposer, and

WHEREAS, the County finds that specialized knowledge, skills, and training are necessary to perform the Work contemplated under this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has represented that it is qualified by training and experience to perform the Work; and

WHEREAS, based upon Contractor's bid/proposal in response to Solicitation, the County has selected Contractor as the successful bidder/proposer, and

WHEREAS, Contractor desires to perform the Work as set forth in this Agreement under the terms and conditions provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the public interest will be served by this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, the Project, and the Work, with all local conditions and federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in any manner that may affect cost, progress or performance of Work, and Contractor is aware that he must be licensed to do business in the State of Georgia.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and

other good and adequate consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

**Section 1. Contract Documents**

The following documents, attached hereto (except as expressly noted otherwise below) and incorporated herein by reference, constitute the Contract Documents:

- A. This Agreement;
- B. Request for Bid/Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit “A”;
- C. Bid/Proposal Documents from Contractor, attached hereto as Exhibit “B”;
- D. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, attached hereto collectively as Exhibit “C”;
- E. Noncollusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder/Proposer, attached hereto as Exhibit “D”;
- F. Final Affidavit, attached hereto as Exhibit “E”;
- G. Alien Employment affidavits attached hereto as Exhibits “F” and “G”;
- H. Plans and specifications, attached hereto collectively as Exhibit “H”;
- I. Key Personnel, attached hereto as Exhibit “I”;
- J. Contract Administration provisions (if issued), attached hereto as Exhibit “J”;
- K. General Conditions (if issued), attached hereto as Exhibit “K”;
- L. Supplementary Conditions (if issued), attached hereto as Exhibit “L”;
- M. Notice of Award, attached hereto as Exhibit “M”;
- N. Fixed-Fee Determinable Agreement specifics as Exhibit “N”;
- O. Cherokee County Code of Ethics;
- P. The following, which may be delivered or issued after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto: All Written Amendments and other documents amending, modifying, or supplementing the Contract Documents if properly adopted in writing and executed by the Parties.

**Section 2. Project Description; Architect**

- A. Project. The Project is defined generally as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Project”).
- B. Architect [to be used when architect is retained]. The Project has been designed by \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the “Architect”). The Architect is to act as the County’s representative with respect to the Project, and shall assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to the Architect in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**Section 3. The Work**

The Work to be completed under this Agreement (the “Work”) includes, but shall not be limited to, \_\_\_\_\_. The Work includes all material, labor, insurance, tools, equipment, and any other miscellaneous items and work reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents. The term “reasonably inferable” takes into consideration the understanding of the Parties that some details necessary for completion of the Work may not be shown on the drawings or included in the specifications, but they are a requirement of the Work if they are a usual and customary component of the Work or are otherwise necessary for complete installation and operation of the Work. Contractor shall complete the Work in strict accordance with the Contract Documents. In the event of any discrepancy among the terms of the various Contract Documents, the provision most beneficial to the County, as determined by the County in its sole discretion, shall govern.

The County will issue a Notice to Proceed, which Notice to Proceed shall state the dates for beginning Work and for achieving Final Completion of Work. Work shall commence within five (5) days of County’s issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

Unless otherwise approved, the Contractor shall perform its obligations under this Agreement as expeditiously as is consistent with reasonable skill and care and the orderly progress of the Work.

**Section 4. Contract Periods; Liquidated Damages**

- A. Contract Periods/Contract Term. Contractor warrants and represents that it will perform its Work in a prompt and timely manner, which shall not impose delays on the progress of the Work. The Contractor shall commence Work pursuant to this Agreement on or before a date to be specified on a written “Notice to Proceed” provided by the County (the “Commencement Date”), and the Parties intend that all Work shall be completed on or before \_\_\_\_\_ or until complete of scope of work. Every effort will be made by Contractor to shorten this period. If the Term of this Agreement is longer than one year, the Parties agree that this Agreement, as required by O.C.G.A. § 36-60-13, shall terminate absolutely and

without further obligation on the part of the County on December 31 each calendar year of the Term [  **unless this box is checked, in which case the Agreement shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the County at the end of the County's fiscal year each year of the Term**], and further, that this Agreement shall automatically renew on January 1 of each subsequent calendar year [  **unless this box is checked, in which case the Agreement shall automatically renew on the first day of each subsequent County fiscal year of the Term**] absent the County's provision of written notice of non-renewal to Contractor at least five (5) days prior to the end of the then current calendar or fiscal year, as applicable. Title to any supplies, materials, equipment, or other personal property shall remain in Contractor until fully paid for by the County.

- B. Liquidated Damages. The County and Contractor recognize that time is of the essence of this Agreement and that County will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed in accordance with the deadlines specified in Section 4(A) above and within the Contract Documents. The County and Contractor also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or arbitration proceeding the actual loss suffered by the County if the Work is not completed within the specified times. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, the County and Contractor agree that, as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty), the Contractor shall pay to the County **Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$250.00)** for each and every day that expires after the deadlines provided herein, or agreed to in writing by both Parties in a change order.
- C. Expediting Completion. The Contractor is accountable for completing the Work within the time period provided in the Contract Documents, or as otherwise amended by a change order. If, in the judgment of the County, the Work is behind schedule and the rate of placement of work is inadequate to regain scheduled progress to insure timely completion of the entire Work or a separable portion thereof, the Contractor, when so informed by the County, shall immediately take action to increase the rate of work placement by:
- (1) An increase in working forces;
  - (2) An increase in equipment or tools;
  - (3) An increase in hours of work or number of shifts;
  - (4) Expediting delivery of materials; and/or
  - (5) Other action proposed if acceptable to County.

Within five (5) calendar days after such notice from County that the Work is behind schedule, the Contractor shall notify the County in writing of the specific measures taken and/or planned to increase the rate of progress. The Contractor shall include an estimate as to the date of scheduled progress recovery. Should the County deem

the plan of action inadequate, the Contractor shall take additional steps to make adjustments as necessary to its plan of action until it meets with the County's approval.

**Section 5. Contractor's Compensation; Time and Method of Payment**

- A. The total amount paid under this Agreement as compensation for Work performed and reimbursement for costs incurred shall not, in any case, exceed \$57,000, except as outlined in Section 6 below (the "Contract Price"). The compensation for Work performed shall be based a project specific Fixed-Fee Re-determinable price as defined in Exhibit "N".
- B. County agrees to pay the Contractor for the Work performed and costs incurred by Contractor upon certification by the County that the Work was actually performed and costs actually incurred in accordance with this Agreement. Compensation for Work performed and reimbursement for costs incurred shall be paid to the Contractor upon receipt and approval by the County of invoices setting forth in detail the Work performed and costs incurred. Invoices shall be submitted on a monthly basis, and such invoices shall reflect charges incurred versus charges budgeted. Each invoice shall be accompanied by an Interim Waiver and Release upon Payment (or a Waiver and Release upon Final Payment in the case of the invoice for final payment) procured by the Contractor from all subcontractors in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 44-14-366.
- C. The Contractor through each invoice (except the final invoice) may request payment for no more than ninety-five percent (95%) of that portion of the Work completed during the term covered by each invoice as agreed upon by or the County. The final payment issued by the County shall include all amounts retained by the County under this paragraph, subject to any deviations in the Work or change orders executed pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement.
- D. Any material deviations in tests or inspections performed, or times or locations required to complete such tests or inspections, and like deviations from the Work described in this Agreement shall be clearly communicated to the County *before charges are incurred* and shall be handled through change orders, as described in Section 6 below. The County shall pay the Contractor within thirty (30) days after approval of the invoice by County staff, less any retainage as described in this Section. No payments will be made for unauthorized work. Payment will be sent to the designated address by U. S. Mail only; payment will not be hand-delivered, though the Contractor may arrange to pick up payments directly from the County or may make written requests for the County to deliver payments to the Contractor by Federal Express delivery at the Contractor's expense.

**Section 6. Change Orders**

- A. “Change order” means a written modification of the Contract Documents, signed by the County and the Contractor.
- B. The County reserves the right to order changes in the Work to be performed under this Agreement by altering, adding to, or deducting from the Work. All such changes shall be incorporated in written change orders and executed by the Contractor and the County. Such change orders shall specify the changes ordered and any necessary adjustment of compensation and completion time. If the Parties cannot reach an agreement on the terms for performing the changed work within a reasonable time to avoid delay or other unfavorable impacts as determined by the County in its sole discretion, the County shall have the right to determine reasonable terms, and the Contractor shall proceed with the changed work.
- C. Any work added to the scope of this Agreement by a change order shall be executed under all the applicable conditions of this Agreement. No claim for additional compensation or extension of time shall be recognized, unless contained in a written change order duly executed on behalf of the County and the Contractor.
- D. The County Manager has authority to execute without further action of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, any number of change orders so long as their total effect does not materially alter the terms of this Agreement or materially increase the total amount to be paid under this Agreement, as set forth in Section 5 above. Any such change orders materially altering the terms of this Agreement, or increasing the total amount to be paid under this Agreement in excess of \$25,000.00, must be approved by the resolution of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

**Section 7. Covenants of Contractor.**

- A. Ethics Code  
Contractor agrees that it shall not engage in any activity or conduct that would result in a violation of the Cherokee County Code of Ethics or any other similar law or regulation.
- B. Time is of the Essence  
Contractor specifically acknowledges that TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE for completion of the Project.
- C. Expertise of Contractor

Contractor accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the County, recognizing that the County's intention and purpose in entering into this Agreement is to engage an entity with the requisite capacity, experience, and professional skill and judgment to provide the Work in pursuit of the timely and competent completion of the Work undertaken by Contractor under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees to use its best efforts, skill, judgment, and abilities to perform its obligations and to further the interests of County and the Project in accordance with County's requirements and procedures.

Contractor represents that it has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, the Work, work site(s), locality, and all local conditions, laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work. Contractor further represents and agrees that it has correlated the results of all such observations, examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, and studies with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents. Contractor represents that it has given the County written notice of all conflicts, errors, or discrepancies that the Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by the County is acceptable to the Contractor.

Contractor agrees that it will perform its services in accordance with the usual and customary standards of the Contractor's profession or business and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, or orders applicable to the Project. Further, the Contractor agrees to bear the full cost of correcting the Contractor's negligent or improper Work, the negligent or improper work of its contractors and subcontractors, and any harm caused by such negligent Work.

The Contractor's duties shall not be diminished by any approval by the County of Work completed or produced; nor shall the Contractor be released from any liability by any approval by the County of Work completed or produced, it being understood that the County is ultimately relying upon the Contractor's skill and knowledge in performing the Work required under the Contract Documents.

In the event that during the course of performing the Work, the Contractor discovers or reasonably should discover that there exists in any drawings, specifications, plans, sketches, instructions, information, requirements, procedures, and other data supplied to the Contractor (by the County or any other party) that is, in the Contractor's opinion, unsuitable, improper, or inaccurate for the purposes for which the document or data is furnished, Contractor shall promptly inform the County of such inaccuracies, impropriety, issues or concerns.

D. Budgetary Limitations

Contractor agrees and acknowledges that budgetary limitations are not a justification for breach of sound principals of Contractor's profession and industry. Contractor shall take no calculated risk in the performance of the Work. Specifically, Contractor agrees that, in the event it cannot perform the Work within the budgetary limitations established without disregarding sound principals of Contractor's profession and industry, Contractor will give written notice immediately to the County.

E. County's Reliance on the Work

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the County does not undertake to approve or pass upon matters of expertise of the Contractor and that therefore, the County bears no responsibility for Contractor's Work performed under this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of Work by the County is limited to the function of determining whether there has been compliance with what is required to be produced under this Agreement. The County will not, and need not, inquire into adequacy, fitness, suitability or correctness of Contractor's performance. Contractor further agrees that no approval of designs, plans, or specifications by any person, body, or agency shall relieve Contractor of the responsibility for adequacy, fitness, suitability, and correctness of Contractor's Work under professional and industry standards, or for performing services under this Agreement in accordance with sound and accepted professional and industry principals.

F. Contractor's Reliance on Submissions by the County

Contractor must have timely information and input from the County in order to perform the Work required under this Agreement. Contractor is entitled to rely upon information provided by the County, but Contractor shall be required to provide immediate written notice to the County if Contractor knows or reasonably should know that any information provided by the County is erroneous, inconsistent, or otherwise problematic.

G. Contractor's Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ shall be authorized to act on Contractor's behalf with respect to the Work as Contractor's designated representative.

H. Assignment of Agreement



The Contractor covenants and agrees not to assign or transfer any interest in, nor delegate any duties of this Agreement, without the prior express written consent of the County. As to any approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be solely responsible for reimbursing them, and the County shall have no obligation to them.

I. Responsibility of Contractor and Indemnification of County

The Contractor covenants and agrees to take and assume all responsibility for the Work rendered in connection with this Agreement. The Contractor shall bear all losses and damages directly or indirectly resulting to it and/or the County on account of the performance or character of the Work rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officers, boards, commissions, elected and appointed officials, employees, servants, volunteers and agents (hereinafter referred to as "County Parties") from and against any and all claims, injuries, suits, actions, judgments, damages, losses, costs, expenses, and liability of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs of defense (hereinafter "Liabilities"), which may be the result of willful, negligent, or tortious conduct arising out of the Work, performance of contracted services, or operations by the Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor or subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts the Contractor or subcontractor may be liable, regardless of whether or not the negligent act is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. This indemnity obligation does not include Liabilities caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the County or County Parties. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this provision.

In any and all claims against the County or County Parties, by any employee of the Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor or subcontractor, or anyone for whose acts the Contractor or subcontractor may be liable, the indemnification obligation set forth in this provision shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any subcontractor under workers' or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts. This obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and County Parties shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement, provided that the claims are based upon or arise out of actions that occurred during the performance of this Agreement.

J. Independent Contractor

Contractor hereby covenants and declares that it is engaged in an independent business and agrees to perform the Work as an independent contractor and not as the agent or employee of the County. The Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for its own matters relating to the time and place the services are performed; the instrumentalities, tools, supplies, and/or materials necessary to complete the Work; hiring of subcontractors, agents, or employees to complete the Work; and the payment of employees, including compliance with Social Security, withholding, and all other regulations governing such matters. The Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for its own acts and those of its subordinates, employees, and subcontractors during the life of this Agreement. Any provisions of this Agreement that may appear to give the County the right to direct Contractor as to the details of the services to be performed by Contractor or to exercise a measure of control over such services will be deemed to mean that Contractor shall follow the directions of the County with regard to the results of such services only.

Inasmuch as the County and the Contractor are independent of each other, neither has the authority to bind the other to any third person or otherwise to act in any way as the representative of the other, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing signed by both parties hereto. The Contractor agrees not to represent itself as the County's agent for any purpose to any party or to allow any employee of the Contractor to do so, unless specifically authorized, in advance and in writing, to do so, and then only for the limited purpose stated in such authorization. The Contractor shall assume full liability for any contracts or agreements the Contractor enters into on behalf of the County without the express knowledge and prior written consent of the County.

K. Insurance

(1) Requirements: The Contractor shall have and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement, insurance insuring against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Work by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. All policies shall be subject to approval by the County Attorney to form and content. These requirements are subject to amendment or waiver if so approved in writing by the County Manager.

(2) Minimum Limits of Insurance: Contractor shall maintain the following insurance policies with limits no less than:

- (a) Comprehensive General Liability policy of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) combined single limit per occurrence \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) aggregate for bodily and personal injury, sickness,

disease or death, injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom.

- (b) Comprehensive Automobile Liability policy (covering owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles) of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) combined single limit per occurrence \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) aggregate for bodily and personal injury, sickness, disease or death, injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom.
  - (c) Professional Liability policy of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) for claims arising out of professional services and caused by the Contractor's errors, omissions, or negligent acts.
  - (d) Workers' Compensation policy with limits as required by the State of Georgia and Employers Liability limits of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per accident.
- (3) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County in writing.
- (4) Other Insurance Provisions: The policy is to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:
- (a) General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverage.
    - (i) The County and County Parties are to be covered as insureds as respects: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, leased, or used by the Contractor; automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the County or County Parties.
    - (ii) The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary noncontributing insurance as respects to any other insurance or self-insurance available to the County or County Parties. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County or County Parties shall be in excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

- (iii) Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County and County Parties.
  - (iv) Coverage shall state that the Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought.
  - (v) Coverage shall be provided on a "pay on behalf" basis, with defense costs payable in addition to policy limits. There shall be no cross liability exclusion.
  - (vi) The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County and County Parties for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the County.
- (b) Workers' Compensation Coverage: The insurer providing Workers' Compensation Coverage will agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the County and County Parties for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the County.
- (c) Builder's Risk Insurance. Contractor shall provide a Builder's Risk Insurance Policy to be made payable to the County and Contractor, as their interests may appear. The policy amount shall be equal to 100% of the Contract price, written on a Builder's Risk "All Risk," or its equivalent. The policy shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, as follows: "The following may occur without diminishing, changing, altering or otherwise affecting the coverage and protection afforded the insured under this policy: i) Equipment may be delivered to the insured premises and installed in place ready for use; and ii) Partial or complete occupancy by Owner; and iii) Performance of Work in connection with construction operations insured by the Owner, by agents or lessees, or other Contractors of the Owner or Using Agency."
- (d) All Coverages:
- (i) Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the County.

- (ii) Policies shall have concurrent starting and ending dates.
- (5) Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers licensed to do business in Georgia and with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII.
- (6) Verification of Coverage: Contractor shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and endorsements to the policies evidencing coverage required by this Section prior to the start of work. The certificate of insurance and endorsements shall be on a form utilized by Contractor's insurer in its normal course of business and shall be received and approved by the County prior to execution of this Agreement by the County. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time. The Contractor shall provide proof that any expiring coverage has been renewed or replaced at least two (2) weeks prior to the expiration of the coverage.
- (7) Subcontractors: Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated in this Agreement, including but not limited to naming the County and County Parties as additional insureds.
- (8) Claims-Made Policies: Contractor shall extend any claims-made insurance policy for at least six (6) years after termination or final payment under the Agreement, whichever is later.
- (9) County as Additional Insured and Loss Payee: The County and County Parties shall be named as additional insureds and loss payees on all policies required by this Agreement, except the County need not be named as an additional insured and loss payee on any Professional Liability policy or Workers' Compensation policy.

L. Bonds

The Contractor shall provide Performance and Payment bonds on the forms attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and with a surety licensed to do business in Georgia and listed on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended). Upon the request of any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of bonds covering payment of obligations arising under the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly furnish a copy of the bonds or shall permit a copy to be made.

M. Employment of Unauthorized Aliens Prohibited – E-Verify Affidavit

It is the policy of County that unauthorized aliens shall not be employed to perform work on County contracts involving the physical performance of services. Therefore, the County shall not enter into a contract for the physical performance of services within the State of Georgia unless:

- (1) the Consultant shall provide evidence on County-provided forms, attached hereto as Exhibits “F” and “G” (affidavits regarding compliance with the E-Verify program to be sworn under oath under criminal penalty of false swearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-10-71), that it and Consultant’s subcontractors have conducted a verification, under the federal Employment Eligibility Verification (“EEV” or “E-Verify”) program, of the social security numbers, or other identifying information now or hereafter accepted by the E-Verify program, of all employees who will perform work on the County contract to ensure that no unauthorized aliens will be employed, **or**
- (2) the Consultant provides evidence that it is not required to provide an affidavit because it is licensed pursuant to Title 26 or Title 43 or by the State Bar of Georgia and is in good standing as of the date when the contract for services is to be rendered.

The Consultant hereby verifies that it has, prior to executing this Agreement, executed a notarized affidavit, the form of which is provided in Exhibit “F”, and submitted such affidavit to County or provided the County with evidence that it is not required to provide such an affidavit because it is licensed and in good standing as noted in subsection (2) above. Further, Consultant hereby agrees to comply with the requirements of the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.L. 99-603, O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02.

In the event the Consultant employs or contracts with any subcontractor(s) in connection with the covered contract, the Consultant agrees to secure from such subcontractor(s) attestation of the subcontractor’s compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and Rule 300-10-1-.02 by the subcontractor’s execution of the subcontractor affidavit, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “G”, which subcontractor affidavit shall become part of the contractor/subcontractor agreement, or evidence that the subcontractor is not required to provide such an affidavit because it is licensed and in good standing as noted in subsection (2) above. If a subcontractor affidavit is obtained, Consultant agrees to provide a completed copy to the County within five (5) business days of receipt from any subcontractor.

Where Consultant is required to provide an affidavit pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, the County Manager or his/her designee shall be authorized to conduct an

inspection of the Consultant's and Consultant's subcontractors' verification process at any time to determine that the verification was correct and complete. The Consultant and Consultant's subcontractors shall retain all documents and records of their respective verification process for a period of three (3) years following completion of the contract. Further, where Consultant is required to provide an affidavit pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, the County Manager or his/her designee shall further be authorized to conduct periodic inspections to ensure that no County Consultant or Consultant's subcontractors employ unauthorized aliens on County contracts. By entering into a contract with the County, the Consultant and Consultant's subcontractors agree to cooperate with any such investigation by making their records and personnel available upon reasonable notice for inspection and questioning. Where a Consultant or Consultant's subcontractors are found to have employed an unauthorized alien, the County Manager or his/her designee may report same to the Department of Homeland Security. The Consultant's failure to cooperate with the investigation may be sanctioned by termination of the contract, and the Consultant shall be liable for all damages and delays occasioned by the County thereby.

Consultant agrees that the employee-number category designated below is applicable to the Consultant. [Information only required if a contractor affidavit is required pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.]

- \_\_\_ 500 or more employees.
- \_\_\_ 100 or more employees.
- \_\_\_ Fewer than 100 employees.

Consultant hereby agrees that, in the event Consultant employs or contracts with any subcontractor(s) in connection with this Agreement and where the subcontractor is required to provide an affidavit pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, the Consultant will secure from the subcontractor(s) such subcontractor(s)' indication of the above employee-number category that is applicable to the subcontractor.

The above requirements shall be in addition to the requirements of State and federal law, and shall be construed to be in conformity with those laws.

N. Records, Reports and Audits

- (1) Records:

- (a) Records shall be established and maintained by the Contractor in accordance with requirements prescribed by the County with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement. Except as otherwise authorized, such records shall be maintained for a period of three years from the date that final payment is made under this Agreement. Furthermore, records that are the subject of audit findings shall be retained for three years or until such audit findings have been resolved, whichever is later.
  - (b) All costs shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, contracts, or vouchers, or other official documentation evidencing in proper detail the nature and propriety of the charges. All checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders, or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to this Agreement shall be clearly identified and readily accessible.
- (2) Reports and Information: Upon request, the Contractor shall furnish to the County any and all statements, records, reports, data, and information related to matters covered by this Agreement in the form requested by the County.
- (3) Audits and Inspections: At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, there shall be made available to the County for examination all records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement. The Contractor will permit the County to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to audit all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment, and/or data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement.

O. Confidentiality

Contractor acknowledges that it may receive confidential information of the County and that it will protect the confidentiality of any such confidential information and will require any of its subcontractors, contractors, and/or staff to likewise protect such confidential information. The Contractor agrees that confidential information it receives or such reports, information, opinions, or conclusions that Contractor creates under this Agreement shall not be made available to, or discussed with, any individual or organization, including the news media, without prior written approval of the County. Contractor shall exercise reasonable precautions to prevent the unauthorized disclosure and use of County information whether specifically deemed confidential or not.



Contractor acknowledges that the County's disclosure of documentation is governed by Georgia's Open Record's Act, and Contractor further acknowledges that, if Contractor submits records containing trade secret information and if Contractor wishes to keep such records confidential, Contractor must submit and attach to such records an affidavit affirmatively declaring that specific information in the records constitutes trade secrets pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, and the Parties shall follow the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(34) related thereto.

P. Licenses, Certifications and Permits

The Contractor covenants and declares that it has obtained all diplomas, certificates, licenses, permits, or the like required by any and all national, state, regional, county, local boards, agencies, commissions, committees or other regulatory bodies in order to perform the Work contracted for under this Agreement; provided that some permits or licenses related to the Project may be obtained as part of the Work and shall be obtained as required. All work performed by Contractor under this Agreement shall be in accordance with applicable legal requirements and shall meet the standard of quality ordinarily expected of competent professionals. The Contractor shall furnish copies of all such permits, licenses, or approvals to the County within ten (10) days after issuance.

Q. Key Personnel

All of the individuals identified in Exhibit "I" are necessary for the successful completion of the Work due to their unique expertise and depth and breadth of experience. There shall be no change in Contractor's Project Manager or members of the project team, as listed in Exhibit "I", without written approval of the County. Contractor recognizes that the composition of this team was instrumental in the County's decision to award the work to Contractor and that compelling reasons for substituting these individuals must be demonstrated for the County's consent to be granted. Any substitutes shall be persons of comparable or superior expertise and experience. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section shall constitute a material breach of Contractor's obligations under this Agreement and shall be grounds for termination. Contractor shall not subcontract with any third party for the performance of any portion of the Work without the prior written consent of the County. Contractor shall be solely responsible for any such subcontractors in terms of performance and compensation.

R. Authority to Contract

The Contractor covenants and declares that it has obtained all necessary approvals of its board of directors, stockholders, general partners, limited partners, or similar

authorities to simultaneously execute and bind Contractor to the terms of this Agreement, if applicable.

S. Ownership of Work

All reports, designs, drawings, plans, specifications, schedules, work product, and other materials prepared or in the process of being prepared for the Work to be performed by the Contractor (“Materials”) shall be the property of the County, and the County shall be entitled to full access and copies of all such Materials. Any such Materials remaining in the hands of the Contractor or subcontractor upon completion or termination of the Work shall be delivered immediately to the County. The Contractor assumes all risk of loss, damage or destruction of or to such Materials. If any Materials are lost, damaged, or destroyed before final delivery to the County, the Contractor shall replace them at its own expense. Any and all copyrightable subject matter in all Materials is hereby assigned to the County, and the Contractor agrees to execute any additional documents that may be necessary to evidence such assignment.

T. Meetings

The Contractor is required to meet with the County’s personnel, or designated representatives, to resolve technical or contractual problems that may occur during the term of the contract at no additional cost to the County. Meetings will occur as problems arise and will be coordinated by the County. The Contractor will be given a minimum of three full working days notice of meeting date, time, and location. Face-to-face meetings are desired. However, at the Contractor’s option and expense, a conference call meeting may be substituted. Consistent failure to participate in problem resolution meetings, two consecutive missed or rescheduled meetings, or to make a good faith effort to resolve problems, may result in termination of the contract.

U. Nondiscrimination

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and all other provisions of Federal law, the Contractor agrees that, during performance of this Agreement, Contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, any subcontractor, or any supplier because of race, color, creed, national origin, gender, age or disability. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable implementing regulations and shall include the provisions of this Section 7(U) in every subcontract for services contemplated under this Agreement.

**Section 8. Covenants of the County**

A. Right of Entry

The County shall provide for right of entry for Contractor in order for Contractor to complete the Work.

**Section 9. Warranty**

A. Warranty

Except as may be otherwise specified or agreed, the Contractor shall repair or replace all defects in materials, equipment, or workmanship appearing within one year(s) from the date of Final Completion at no additional cost to the County. Further, Contractor shall provide all maintenance services, including parts and labor, for one year(s) from the date of Final Completion at no additional cost to the County. An inspection shall be conducted by the County or its representative(s) near the completion of the one-year general warranty period to identify any issues that must be resolved by the Contractor. After the expiration of such warranty period, County shall be responsible for repairing issues resulting from normal wear and tear and shall be responsible for general maintenance of the equipment; however, expiration of such warranty period shall not affect the Contractor's continued liability under an implied warranty of merchantability and fitness. All other warranties implied by law, including fitness for a particular purpose and suitability, are hereby preserved and shall apply in full force and effect beyond the one-year warrant period. County may purchase additional maintenance services from the Contractor upon a written proposal for such services being executed by authorized representatives of both Parties, and upon execution, such proposal for additional services shall be incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 10. Termination**

A. The County may terminate this Agreement for convenience at any time upon providing written notice thereof to Contractor at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the termination date. In the event of a termination for convenience, Contractor shall take immediate steps to terminate work as quickly and effectively as possible and shall terminate all commitments to third-parties, unless otherwise instructed by the County. Provided that no damages are due to the County for Contractor's failure to perform in accordance with this Agreement, the County shall pay Contractor for work performed to date in accordance with Section 5 herein. The County shall have no further liability to Contractor for such termination. Further, at its sole discretion, the County may pay Contractor for additional value

received as a result of Contractor's efforts, but in no case shall said payment exceed any remaining unpaid portion of the Contract Price.

- B. The County may terminate this Agreement for cause if Contractor breaches any material provision of this Agreement. The County shall give Contractor seven (7) days written notice of its intent to terminate the Agreement and the reasons therefore, and if Contractor, or its Surety, fails to cure the default within that period, the termination shall take place without further notice. The County shall then make alternative arrangements for completion of the Project. The County will make no payment to the Contractor or its Surety until all costs of completing the Project are paid. If the unpaid balance of the amount due the Contractor, according to this Agreement, exceeds the cost of finishing the Project, County shall provide payment to the Contractor (or its Surety) for services rendered and expenses incurred prior to the termination date, provided that such payment shall not exceed the unpaid balance of the amount otherwise payable under this Agreement minus the cost of completing the Project. If the costs of completing the Project exceed the unpaid balance, the Contractor or its Surety will pay the difference to the County.

The County reserves the right in termination for cause to take assignment of all contracts between the Contractor and its subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers. The County will promptly notify the Contractor of the contracts the County elects to assume. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall promptly take all steps necessary to effect such assignment.

- C. If the County terminates this Agreement for cause, and it is later determined that the County did not have grounds to do so, the termination will be treated as a termination for convenience under the terms of Section 10(A) above.
- D. Upon termination, the Contractor shall: (1) promptly discontinue all services affected, unless the notice directs otherwise; and (2) promptly deliver to the County all data, drawings, reports, summaries, and such other information and materials as may have been generated or used by the Contractor in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process, in the form specified by the County.
- E. The Contractor shall have no right to terminate this agreement prior to completion of the Work, except in the event of the County's failure to pay the Contractor within thirty (30) days of Contractor providing the County with notice of a delinquent payment and an opportunity to cure.
- F. The rights and remedies of the County and the Contractor provided in this Section are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided under this Agreement or at law or in equity.

**Section 11. Construction Administration**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Contract Administrator) shall be the County’s designated representative and shall be responsible for the administration of the agreement and the construction of the Project. The Contractor agrees to the construction administration provisions contained in Exhibit “J.”
- B. The Contract Administrator’s decisions in matters relating to aesthetic effect shall be final if consistent with the intent of this Agreement.
- C. THE DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL IN NO MANNER WHATSOEVER BE CHANGED, ALTERED, DISCHARGED, RELEASED, OR SATISFIED BY ANY DUTY, OBLIGATION, OR RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR. THE CONTRACTOR IS NOT A THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY OF ANY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR. IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED THAT THE DUTIES OF THE CONTRACTOR TO THE COUNTY ARE INDEPENDENT OF, AND ARE NOT DIMINISHED BY, ANY DUTIES OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR TO THE COUNTY.

**Section 12. Miscellaneous**

- A. Defined Terms. Terms used in this Agreement shall have their ordinary meaning, unless otherwise defined below or elsewhere in the Contract Documents.
  - (i) “Final Completion” means when the Work has been completed in accordance with terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
- B. Complete Agreement. This Agreement, including the Contract Documents, constitutes the complete agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No other agreement, statement, or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement not contained in this Agreement or the Contract Documents shall be valid and binding. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written document signed by representatives of both Parties with appropriate authorization.
- C. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Georgia. If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the rules, regulations, statutes and laws of the State of Georgia will control. Any action or suit related to this

Agreement shall be brought in the Superior Court of Cherokee County, Georgia.

- D. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- E. Invalidity of Provisions; Severability. Should any article(s) or section(s) of this Agreement, or any part thereof, later be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the offending portion of the Agreement should be severed, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent possible as if this Agreement had been executed with the invalid portion hereof eliminated, it being the intention of the parties that they would have executed the remaining portion of this Agreement without including any such part, parts, or portions which may for any reason be hereafter declared invalid.
- F. Business License. Prior to commencement of the Work to be provided hereunder, Contractor shall apply to the County for a business license, pay the applicable business license fee, and maintain said business license during the term of this Agreement.
- G. Notices.

*(1) Communications Relating to Day-to-Day Activities.*

All communications relating to the day-to-day activities of the Work shall be exchanged between \_\_\_\_\_ for the County and \_\_\_\_\_ for the Contractor.

*(2) Official Notices.*

All other notices, requests, demands, writings, or correspondence, as required by this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed received, and shall be effective, when (1) personally delivered, or (2) on the third day after the postmark date when mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (3) upon actual delivery when sent *via* national overnight commercial carrier to the Parties at the addresses given below, or at a substitute address previously furnished to the other Parties by written notice in accordance herewith:

**NOTICE TO THE COUNTY** shall be sent to:

County Manager  
c/o Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
1130 Bluffs Parkway

Canton, GA 30114

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR** shall be sent to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Future changes in address shall be effective only upon written notice being given by the County to the Contractor or by the Contractor to the County Manager via one of the delivery methods described in this Section.

- H. Waiver of Agreement. No failure by the County to enforce any right or power granted under this Agreement, or to insist upon strict compliance by Contractor with this Agreement, and no custom or practice of the County at variance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a general waiver of any future breach or default or affect the County's right to demand exact and strict compliance by Contractor with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- I. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of the County's sovereign immunity or any individual's qualified good faith or official immunities.
- J. No Personal Liability. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any individual or personal liability on the part of any County Party. No County Party shall be personally liable to the Contractor or any successor in interest in the event of any default or breach by the County or for any amount which may become due to the Contractor or successor or on any obligation under the terms of this Agreement. Likewise, Contractor's performance of services under this Agreement shall not subject Contractor's individual employees, officers, or directors to any personal liability. The Parties agree that their sole and exclusive remedy, claim, demand, or suit shall be directed and/or asserted only against Contractor or the County, respectively, and not against any employee, officer, director, or elected or appointed official.
- K. Force Majeure. Neither the County nor Contractor shall be liable for their respective non-negligent or non-willful failure to perform or shall be deemed in default with respect to the failure to perform (or cure a failure to perform) any of their respective duties or obligations under this Agreement or for any delay in such performance due to: (i) any cause beyond their respective reasonable control; (ii) any act of God; (iii) any change in applicable governmental rules or regulations rendering the performance of any portion of this Agreement legally impossible; (iv) earthquake, fire, explosion, or flood; (v) strike or labor dispute, excluding strikes

or labor disputes by employees and/or agents of CONTRACTOR; (vi) delay or failure to act by any governmental or military authority; or (vii) any war, hostility, embargo, sabotage, civil disturbance, riot, insurrection, or invasion. In such event, the time for performance shall be extended by an amount of time equal to the period of delay caused by such acts, and all other obligations shall remain intact.

- L. Headings. All headings herein are intended for convenience and ease of reference purposes only and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent thereof, or of this Agreement, nor in any way affect this Agreement.
- M. No Third Party Rights. This Agreement shall be exclusively for the benefit of the Parties and shall not provide any third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right.
- N. Successors and Assigns. Each Party binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other Party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives with respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the County and the Contractor have executed this Agreement effective as of the date first above written.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]



**CONTRACTOR: Vendor NAME**

**CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
[NAME AND TITLE]

\_\_\_\_\_,  
[NAME AND TITLE]

[CORPORATE SEAL]

[COUNTY SEAL]

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED  
in the presence of:

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED  
in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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Notary Public

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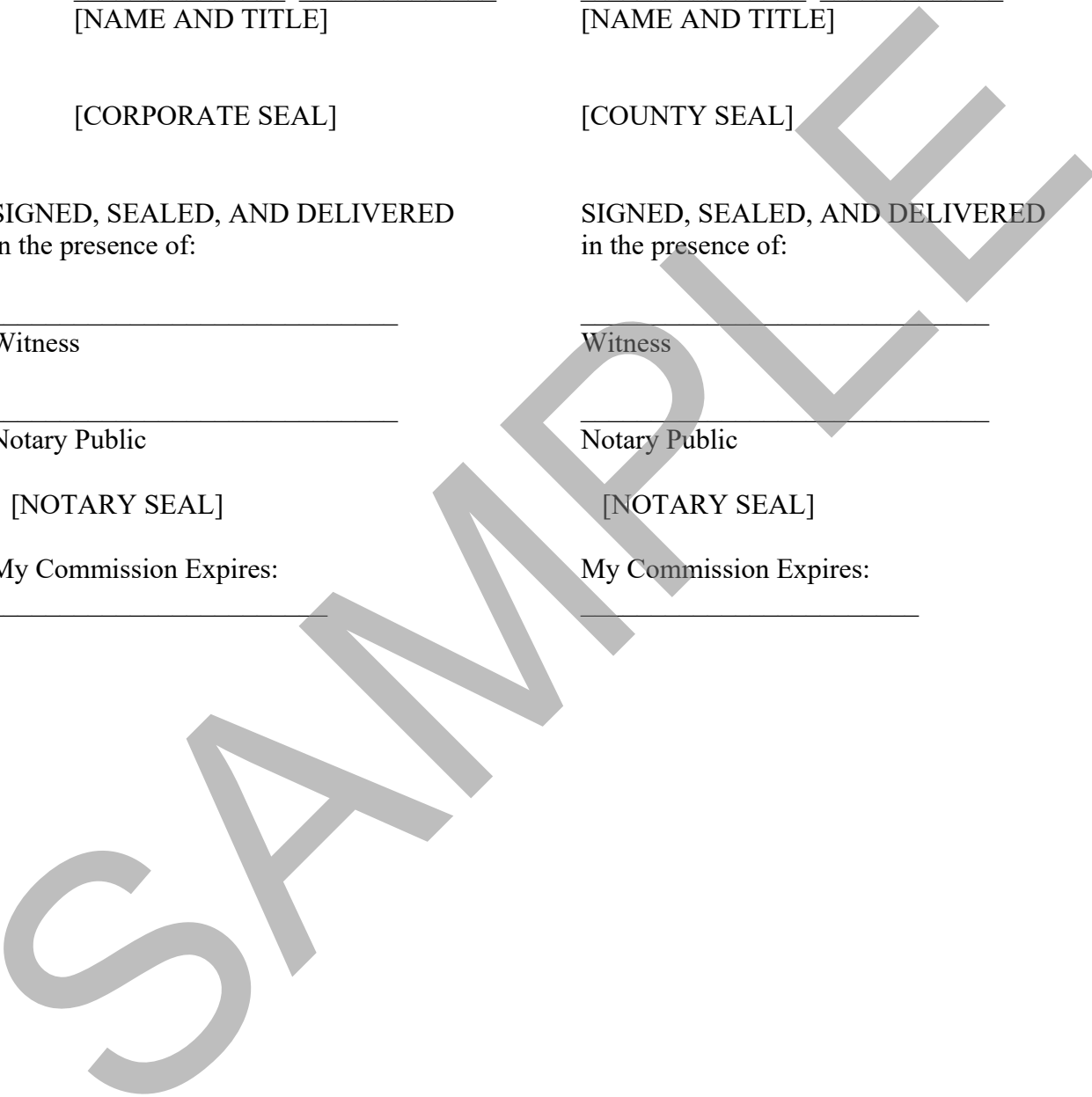
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**EXHIBIT “A”**

[INSERT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/BIDS]

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT “B”**

[INSERT BID/PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS FROM CONTRACTOR]

SAMPLE

EXHIBIT "C"

**PERFORMANCE BOND**

**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as CONTRACTOR, hereinafter referred to as the "Principal"), and \_\_\_\_\_  
(as SURETY COMPANY, hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR'S SURETY"), are held  
and firmly bound unto Cherokee County, Georgia (as OWNER, hereinafter referred to as the  
"County"), for the use and benefit of any "Claimant," as hereinafter defined, in the sum of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), lawful money of the United States  
of America, for the payment of which the Principal and the Contractor's Surety bind themselves,  
their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these  
presents.

**WHEREAS**, the Principal has entered, or is about to enter, into a certain written agreement  
with the County, dated the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ which is incorporated herein by  
reference in its entirety (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACT"), for the construction of a  
project known as \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred  
to as "the PROJECT").

**NOW THEREFORE**, the conditions of this obligation are as follows:

1. That if the Principal shall fully and completely perform each and all of the terms,  
provisions and requirements of the Contract, including and during the period of any  
warranties or guarantees required thereunder, and all modifications, amendments,  
changes, deletions, additions, and alterations thereto that may hereafter be made,  
and if the Principal and the Contractor's Surety shall indemnify and hold harmless

the County from any and all losses, liability and damages, claims, judgments, liens, costs and fees of every description, including but not limited to, any damages for delay, which the County may incur, sustain or suffer by reason of the failure or default on the part of the Principal in the performance of any and all of the terms, provisions, and requirements of the Contract, including all modifications, amendments, changes, deletions, additions, and alterations thereto, and any warranties or guarantees required thereunder, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect;

2. In the event of a failure of performance of the Contract by the Principal, which shall include, but not be limited to, any breach of default of the Contract:
  - a. The Contractor's Surety shall commence performance of its obligations and undertakings under this Bond no later than thirty (30) days after written notice from the County to the Contractor's Surety; and
  - b. The means, method or procedure by which the Contractor's Surety undertakes to perform its obligations under this Bond shall be subject to the advance written approval of the County.

The Contractor's Surety hereby waives notice of any and all modifications, omissions, additions, changes, and advance payments or deferred payments in or about the Contract, and agrees that the obligations undertaken by this Bond shall not be impaired in any manner by reason of any such modifications, omissions, additions, changes, and advance payments or deferred payments. The Parties further expressly agree that any action on this Bond may be brought within the time allowed by Georgia law for suit on contracts under seal.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Principal and Contractor’s Surety have hereunto affixed their corporate seals and caused this obligation to be signed by their duly authorized officers or attorneys-in-fact, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**CONTRACTOR (“Principal”):**

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR’S SURETY:**

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (print)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(ATTACH SURETY’S POWER OF ATTORNEY)

EXHIBIT "C"

**PAYMENT BOND**

**CHEROKEE COUNTY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT** \_\_\_\_\_

(as CONTRACTOR, hereinafter referred to as the "Principal"), and \_\_\_\_\_

(as SURETY COMPANY, hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR'S SURETY"), are held

and firmly bound unto Cherokee County (as OWNER, hereinafter referred to as the "County"), for

the use and benefit of any "Claimant," as hereinafter defined, in the sum of

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_), lawful money of the United States of

America, for the payment of which the Principal and the Contractor's Surety bind themselves, their

heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these

presents.

**WHEREAS**, the Principal has entered, or is about to enter, into a certain written agreement

with the County, dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, which is incorporated

herein by reference in its entirety (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACT"), for the

construction of a project known as \_\_\_\_\_,

(hereinafter referred to as "the PROJECT").

**NOW THEREFORE**, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Principal shall

promptly make payment to any Claimant, as hereinafter defined, for all labor, services, and

materials used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, then this

obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

A "Claimant" shall be defined herein as any Subcontractor, person, Party, partnership, corporation, or other entity furnishing labor, services, or materials used or reasonably required for use in the performance of the Contract, without regard to whether such labor, services, or materials were sold, leased, or rented, and without regard to whether such Claimant is or is not in privity of the Contract with the Principal or any Subcontractor performing Work on the Project.

In the event of any claim made by the Claimant against the County, or the filing of a Lien against the property of the County affected by the Contract, the Contractor's Surety shall either settle or resolve the Claim and shall remove any such Lien by bond or otherwise as provided in the Contract.

The Parties further expressly agree that any action on this Bond may be brought within the time allowed by Georgia law for suit on contracts under seal.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Principal and Contractor's Surety have hereunto affixed their corporate seals and caused this obligation to be signed by their duly authorized officers on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**CONTRACTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)



(Signatures Continued from Previous Page)

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S SURETY:**

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Attest:

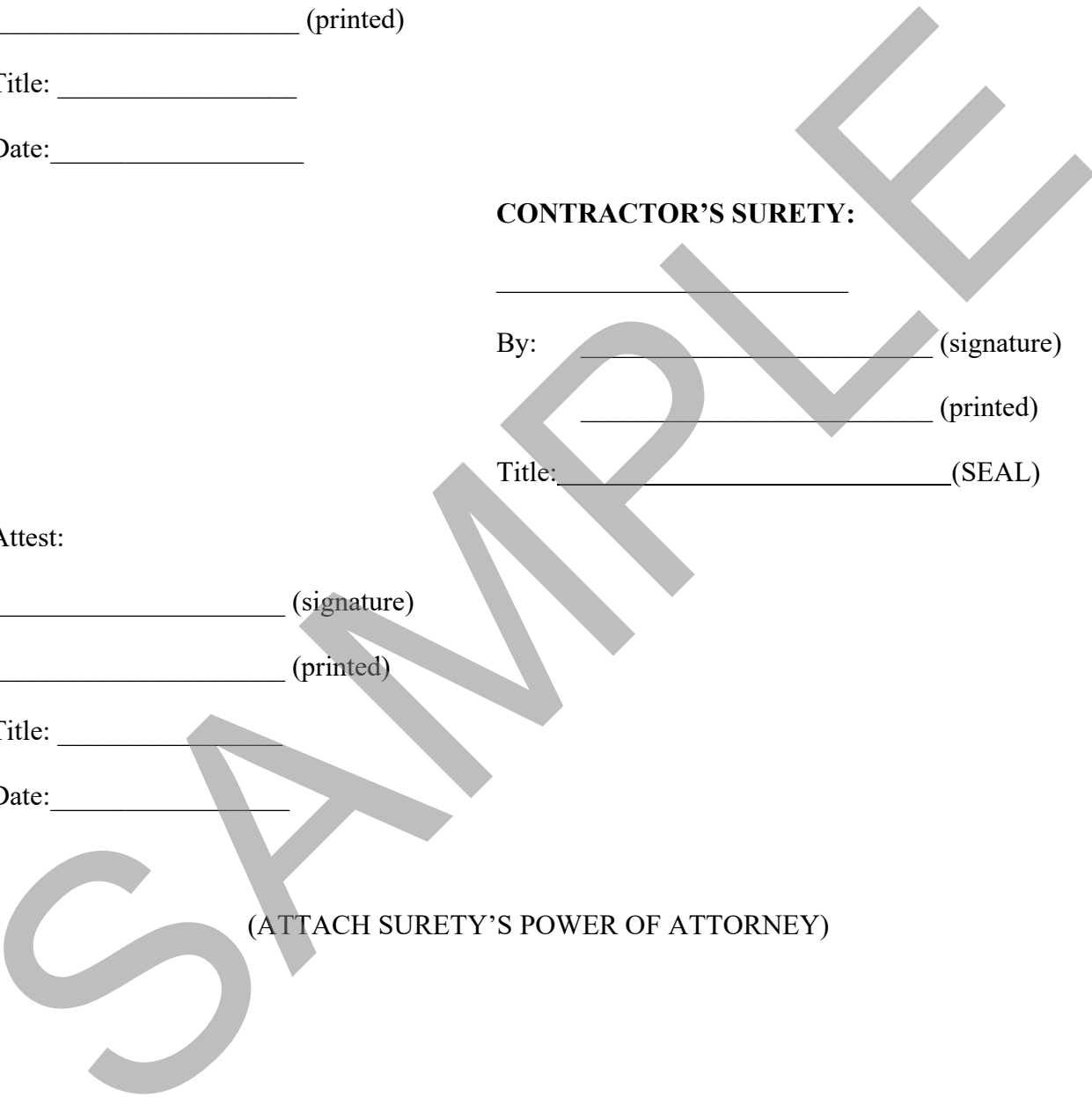
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\_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(ATTACH SURETY'S POWER OF ATTORNEY)



**EXHIBIT "D"**

**NONCOLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF PRIME**

**(BIDDER/PROPOSER)**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He is \_\_\_\_\_ (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative, or Agent) of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "\_\_\_\_\_" (Bidder/proposer)) that has submitted the attached \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/proposal);

(2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/proposal) and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal);

(3) Such \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal) is genuine and is not a collusive or sham \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal);

(4) Neither the said \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder/proposer) nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, included in this affidavit, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder/proposer), firm or person to submit a collusive or sham \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal) in connection with the Contract for which the attached \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal) has been submitted to or refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract, or has in any collusion or communication or conference with any other \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder/proposer), firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal) or of any other \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder/proposer), or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against Cherokee County or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and,

(5) The price or prices quoted in the attached \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal) are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder/proposer) or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, included in this affidavit.

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder/proposer) has not directly or indirectly violated any law, ordinance or regulation related to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Bid/Proposal).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME  
ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "E"**

**FINAL AFFIDAVIT**

**TO CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that all suppliers of materials, equipment and service, subcontractors, mechanics, and laborers employed by \_\_\_\_\_ or any of its subcontractors in connection with the construction of \_\_\_\_\_ for Cherokee County have been paid and satisfied in full as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and that there are no outstanding obligations or claims of any kind for the payment of which Cherokee County on the above named project might be liable, or subject to, in any lawful proceeding at law or in equity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Personally appeared before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, who under oath deposes and says that he is \_\_\_\_\_ of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_, that he has read the above statement, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief same is an exact true statement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires

\_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "F"**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COUNTY OF CHEROKEE**

**CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of Cherokee County has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b).

Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Work Authorization User Identification  
Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Authorization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Project

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(city), \_\_\_\_\_ (state).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or  
Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME  
ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT "G"**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COUNTY OF CHEROKEE**

**SUBCONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT**

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of contractor) on behalf of Cherokee County has registered with, is authorized to use, and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned subcontractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, and the undersigned subcontractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-subcontractors who present an affidavit to the subcontractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Additionally, the undersigned subcontractor will forward notice of the receipt of an affidavit from a sub-subcontractor to the contractor within five (5) business days of receipt. If the undersigned subcontractor receives notice that a sub-subcontractor has received an affidavit from any other contracted sub-subcontractor, the undersigned subcontractor must forward, within five (5) business days of receipt, a copy of the notice to the contractor.

Subcontractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Work Authorization User Identification  
Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Authorization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Subcontractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Project

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_, 201\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (city),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (state).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or  
Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME  
ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “H”**

[PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO BE INSERTED]

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT "I"**  
**KEY PERSONNEL**

The following individuals are designated as Key Personnel under this Agreement and as such are necessary for the successful prosecution of the Work:

<b><u>Individual</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>

**EXHIBIT “J”**

[INSERT AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (IF ISSUED)]

SAMPLE



**EXHIBIT “K”**

[INSERT GENERAL CONDITIONS (IF ISSUED)]

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT “L”**

[INSERT SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS (IF ISSUED)]

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT “M”**

[INSERT NOTICE OF AWARD]

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT “N”**

[INSERT TERM IF FIXED-FEE RE-DETERMINABLE AGREEMENT]

SAMPLE