

**STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES  
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

**FOR**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY**

**AND**

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**FORM F: CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TASK ORDERS**

**(Revised June 2016)**

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## AGREEMENT

This is an Agreement between Escambia County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, its successors and assigns, with its administrative offices located at 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida 32502-1590, (hereinafter referred to as "County,") and \_\_\_\_\_, a for-profit corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, its successors and assigns, whose federal identification number is \_\_\_\_\_, and whose business address is, \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant").

### **WITNESSETH:**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, covenants and payments hereinafter set forth, the County and the Consultant agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement and the various covenants, conditions, terms and provisions which follow, the definitions and identifications set forth below are assumed to be true and correct and are therefore agreed upon by the parties.

1.1 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

The Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of Escambia County, Florida.

1.2 CONSULTANT:

\_\_\_\_\_ is the Consultant selected to perform professional services pursuant to this Agreement.

1.3 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:

Whenever the term Contract Administrator is used herein, it is intended to mean (Dept. Name), (Title), Escambia County (Dept.). In the administration of this Agreement, as contrasted with matters of policy, all parties may rely upon instructions or determinations made by the Contract Administrator.

1.4 COUNTY:

Escambia County, Florida is a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

1.5 NOTICE TO PROCEED:

The Notice to Proceed is the written authorization as defined in Section 1.10 issued by the County or the Contract Administrator to commence the project.

1.6 PROJECT:

The project is the task, as defined in Section 1.10, assigned to the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

1.7 PROJECT MANAGER:

The project manager shall mean the staff person within the County's (Dept. Name) who is assigned by the Contract Administrator to oversee the task order work.

1.8 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The intent of this Agreement is to make available certain design, engineering, surveying, and inspection services for Escambia County as requested and as outlined herein.

1.9 SCOPE OF WORK:

The scope of work is the specific information relating to those certain services provided to the Consultant on an individual project task order including, but not limited to: project description with boundaries, intent of project, anticipated services required, and expected deliverables.

1.10 TASK ORDER:

The task order is a formal written assignment of work, based upon negotiation, which is issued to the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**PREAMBLE**

In order to establish the background, context and frame of reference for this Agreement and to generally express the objectives and intentions of the respective parties herein, the following statements, representations, and explanations shall be accepted as predicates for the undertakings and commitments included within the provisions which follow and that may be relied upon by the parties as essential elements of the mutual considerations upon which this Agreement is based.

2.1 Negotiations pertaining to hourly rates for professional services to be performed by the Consultant were undertaken between the Consultant and a committee selected by the Board of County Commissioners, and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiations.

2.2 The Board of County Commissioners has met the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, and has selected (Consultant Firm Name), to perform such services hereunder.

2.3 Escambia County will budget funds for each task order issued under the Agreement.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

3.1 The Consultant will provide \_\_\_\_\_ (briefly describe) \_\_\_\_\_ as

hereinafter described in this Article 3 for tasks outlined in Escambia County's RFP Specification No. P.D. \_\_\_\_\_. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the RFP and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

3.2 The basic professional services to be provided are as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, and unless otherwise specifically excluded from any particular task order, these services shall comport with County guidelines for construction and retrofitting of projects, and local ordinances, State, and Federal laws and regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 4** **ORDERING OF THE WORK**

4.1 The Consultant is one of several firms selected to perform professional services on same or similar terms pursuant to this Agreement. The County expressly reserves the exclusive right to assign specific task orders to the firm it deems best suited for the type of work to be accomplished. This Agreement does not guarantee any amount or type of task orders to be assigned to the Consultant.

4.2 The scope of work, provided by the County, will constitute the basis for negotiation of each task order. When requested by the County, the Consultant will provide a proposal to the County to perform the services requested under this scope of work. The County and the Consultant will enter negotiations to determine a fair and reasonable number of hours, by discipline, for such requested services pursuant to Section 3.2.

4.3 In the event a mutually agreeable number of hours is reached, the County will issue a task order which describes the services to be provided by the Consultant and the amount of compensation to be provided by the County. In the event a mutually agreeable number of hours cannot be reached, the Consultant will be requested to provide a best and final offer to the County. If this best and final offer is not acceptable to the County, negotiations will cease with the Consultant, and the County will open negotiations for the same scope of work with another firm.

#### **ARTICLE 5** **TIME FOR PERFORMANCE**

5.1 As a part of its task order proposal, the Consultant shall submit to the County a schedule for completion of the scope of work. Pursuant to Article 4 above, this schedule is a negotiable item during task order negotiations.

5.2 Prior to beginning the performance of any basic professional services under this Agreement, the Consultant must receive a written Notice to Proceed from the County. For those task orders where a mutual agreement of a fair and reasonable price has been reached, a copy of the fully executed task order will serve as the Consultant's written approval to begin the performance of the Consultant's services. Prior to granting approval for the Consultant to proceed to a subsequent phase of a task order, the Contract Administrator may at his or her sole discretion require the Consultant to submit such documents and drawings as may be reasonably necessary for review and approval by the County.

#### **ARTICLE 6** **COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

6.1 COMPENSATION:

(a) The County agrees to pay the Consultant as compensation for its services under Section 3.1 of this Agreement a fee to be computed as described below and based upon the schedule set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Individual task orders submitted to the Consultant will be paid through a budget line item recommended by the (Dept. Name) and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. For each such task order, the consultant will be compensated by a lump sum fee as negotiated, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties hereto.

(b) The term "salary costs" as used herein shall mean the hourly rate as shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof, including but not limited to, principals, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, clerks, plus costs for sick leave, vacation, unemployment, excise and payroll taxes, contributions for social security, employment compensation insurance, retirement benefits, and medical and insurance benefits. Said salary costs shall be only for time directly chargeable to a task order under this Agreement. A detailed breakdown for these costs shall be kept current and readily accessible to the County.

6.2 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of Florida law and Article II of Chapter 46, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, the County's performance and obligation to fund this Agreement shall be contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners.

6.3 YEARLY ADJUSTMENT OF CONSULTANT'S RATES:

(a) On or before August 31 of each contract year, either party may request an adjustment in the Consultant's existing hourly rate schedule. Both the Consultant and the County agree to enter into negotiations concerning such changes upon receipt of a written request from the other detailing the proposed changes and specifying the reasons for such changes. Should the parties fail to reach agreement on the Consultant's revised hourly rates within thirty (30) days after the commencement of such negotiations, this Agreement shall terminate by operation of law on October 1 of that contract year, and the Consultant shall no longer be eligible to offer its services to the County pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) The effective date of any such adjustment shall be October 1 of the contract year. The Consultant agrees that throughout the life of this Agreement, at no time will the negotiated rates charged to the County be in excess of any other published or unpublished rates paid by any other client of the same class under similar terms and conditions of use and service.

(c) Rate adjustments shall be made a part of this Agreement by the issuance of a written contract amendment executed by the parties.

6.4 DIRECT EXPENSES:

(a) Direct expenses directly attributable to a task order will be borne by the Consultant and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Transportation expenses in connection with any task order.
2. Living expenses in connection with travel inside and outside of Escambia County and other related expenses.
3. Long distance communications and other miscellaneous communications expenses.
4. Cost of printing drawings and specifications which are required by or of the Consultant to deliver services set forth in this Agreement.
5. Cost of any software or hardware used or developed for any task order.

(b) Direct expenses to be borne by the Consultant shall not include project permit fees or compensation owed to subcontractors engaged according to Section 10.5 of this Agreement.

6.5 METHOD OF BILLING AND PAYMENT:

(a) The Consultant shall submit monthly estimates (payment requisitions) for the amount and value of the work accomplished and services performed by the Consultant which meet standards of quality established under this Agreement. The estimates shall be prepared by the Consultant and shall be accompanied by any supporting data required by the County. Where the monthly estimate includes work done by a subcontractor, the Consultant shall attach copies of that subcontractor's invoice for such work. The Consultant agrees no markup for overhead and profit on subcontractor's invoices shall be allowed on any project task order.

(b) For lump sum contracts, the Consultant may submit bills at the completion and approval of each phase or for partial completion of each phase on a pro-rata basis. However, requests for payment shall not be made more frequently than once a month.

(c) Upon approval of the estimate by the County, payment upon properly executed payment requisitions shall be made to the Consultant within forty five (45) days.

(d) Payments under this Agreement and interest on any late payments shall be governed by the Florida Prompt Payment Act, §§ 218.70, et seq., Florida Statutes, as amended.

6.6	Payment requisitions will be sent to:	Notices will be sent to:
	(Contact Name & Title) (Dept. Name) (Address) Pensacola, Florida (Zip) (850) (Telephone #) (850) (Fax #)	County Administrator Escambia County Administrator 221 Palafox Place Pensacola, Florida 32502-1590 (850) 595-4900 (850) 595-4908

6.7 Payments and notices will be made to the Consultant at:

(Principle Name & Title)  
(Consulting Firm's Name)  
(Address)  
(City, State, Zip)

(a) Any notice required hereunder or desired by the party giving such notice shall be given in writing and delivered by hand or through the instrumentality of certified mail of the United States Postal Service or other private courier service, such as Federal Express.

(b) Unless otherwise notified in writing of a new address, notices, payments, and invoices shall be made to each party at the listed addresses. Rejection, or other refusal by the addressee to accept, or the inability of the courier service, or the United States Postal Service to deliver because of a changed address of which no notice was given, shall be deemed to be receipt of the notice sent. Any party shall have the right, from time to time, to change the address to which notices shall be sent by giving the other party at least ten (10) days prior notice of the address change.

#### **ARTICLE 7** **ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND** **CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES**

7.1 The County or the Consultant may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services provided under this Agreement. Such changes must be in accordance with the procurement policies of Escambia County and must be contained in a written amendment, executed by the parties thereto, with the same formality and of equal dignity prior to any deviation from the terms of this Agreement, including the initiation of any extra work.

7.2 The County or the Consultant may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Work of individual project task orders. Such changes must be negotiated and mutually agreed upon by both parties. This mutual agreement will be formalized by a written change order to the task order issued by the County to the Consultant.

7.3 The County shall have authority to order extensions in the Consultant's schedule for completion of the Scope of Work of individual project task orders by providing written notice to the Consultant.

#### **ARTICLE 8** **COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

8.1 The County shall assist the Consultant by placing at its disposal all available information pertinent to the project including previous reports and any other data relative to design or construction of the project.

8.2 The County shall make available to the Consultant, as required for performance of the Consultant's basic services, data prepared by or services of others, including without limitation (as may be appropriate) core borings, probings, and subsurface explorations, hydraulic surveys, laboratory tests and inspections of samples, materials and equipment; appropriate professional interpretations of all of the foregoing; environmental assessment and impact statements;

property boundary, easement, rights-of-way, topographic and utility surveys; property descriptions; zoning, deed and other land use restriction; and other special data or consultations.

8.3 The County shall arrange for access to and make all provisions for the Consultant to enter upon public and private property as required for the Consultant to perform its services.

8.4 The County shall examine, within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of the Consultant, all studies, reports, sketches, drawings, specifications, proposals and other documents presented by the Consultant, obtain advice of an attorney, insurance counselor and other consultants, as the County deems appropriate, for such examination and the rendering of written opinions or decisions pertaining thereto.

8.5 The County will assist in obtaining approvals and permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the project and such approvals and consents from others as may be necessary for completion of the task order by the Consultant.

8.6 The County shall give prompt written notice to the Consultant whenever the County observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope of timing of the Consultant's services, or any defect in the work of the Consultant.

8.7 The County will perform an evaluation of the services provided by the Consultant at the completion of work of each task order. This evaluation will consider the timeliness as well as the quality of services provided during that task order for the purpose of determining whether additional task orders will be awarded to the Consultant by the County.

## **ARTICLE 9** **CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **9.1 QUALITY OF SERVICES:**

(a) The Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) To that end, the Consultant shall correct or shall revise, without additional compensation, any errors or deficiencies in its work product or shall make such revisions as are necessary as the result of the failure of the Consultant to provide an accurate, more efficient, and properly constructable product in its designs, drawings, specifications, or other services.

(c) Neither the County's review of, approval of, or acceptance of, nor payment for, the services required by this Agreement shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement. Additionally, the Consultant shall be and remain liable to the County in accordance with applicable law for all damages to the County caused by the Consultant's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Agreement.

(d) The rights and remedies of the County provided for under this Agreement are in addition to any other rights and remedies otherwise provided by law.

## 9.2 CONSULTANT PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION:

(a) The design services provided to the County by the Consultant shall be certified by professional engineers registered to practice and in good standing in the State of Florida. Any project inspection services also shall be reviewed and shall be approved by such professional engineers.

(b) The survey services provided to the County by the Consultant shall be certified by professional land surveyors registered to practice and in good standing in the State of Florida.

(c) Permit applications to State and Federal agencies prepared by the Consultant shall be signed and shall be sealed by the Consultant, as the project's Engineer of Record. For all such permit applications, post-construction certification also shall be made by the Consultant to the appropriate State or Federal permitting agency.

## **ARTICLE 10 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### 10.1 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

(a) Drawings, specifications, designs, models, photographs, reports, surveys, calculations, and other data provided in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of the County whether the project for which they are made is executed or not. Such finished or unfinished documents, data, calculations, studies, surveys, specifications, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Consultant shall be delivered by the Consultant to the County at the conclusion of the project or the termination of the Consultant's services.

(b) When such documents are provided to other parties, the Consultant shall ensure return of the County's property by collecting a deposit equal to the cost of reproduction. Such deposit shall be returned if the documents are timely returned in a useable condition. Otherwise, such deposit shall be retained by the Consultant.

### 10.2 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF WORK:

(a) The County, in writing, may order the Consultant to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work of a task order for the period of time that the County determines to be appropriate for the convenience of the County. The Consultant expressly acknowledges and agrees that it shall receive no damages for delays. The Consultant's sole remedy, if any, against the County will be the right to seek an extension to the contract time as provided for the completion of the project.

(b) This Agreement may be terminated by either party for cause, or by the County for convenience, upon fourteen (14) days written notice by the terminating party to the other party of such termination in which event the Consultant shall be paid its compensation for services performed to termination date, including all reimbursable expenses then due or incurred to the date of termination.

(c) Termination of the Consultant for cause shall include, but not be limited to, misuse of funds, fraud, lack of compliance with applicable rules, laws, regulations, and

ordinances, and failure to perform in a timely manner any provision of this Agreement.

(d) In no event shall a termination for convenience by the County be deemed a default, and any such termination shall not subject the County to any penalty or other claim for damages. If the Consultant abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, the Consultant shall indemnify the County against any loss pertaining to this termination up to a maximum of 1.3 times the full contracted fee amount of the project.

(e) Vendor suspension or debarment proceedings brought by the County pursuant to Article II of Chapter 46, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

### 10.3 RECORDS:

(a) The Consultant shall keep such records and accounts and shall require any subcontractors to keep records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries as to personnel hours charged to this engagement and any expenses for which the Consultant expects to be reimbursed. Such books and records will be available at all reasonable times for examination and audit by the County, and shall be kept for a period of three (3) years after the completion of all work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. Incomplete or incorrect entries in such books and records will be grounds for disallowance by the County of any fees or expenses based upon such entries.

(b) The Consultant acknowledges that this Agreement and any related financial records, audits, reports, plans, correspondence, and other documents may be subject to disclosure to members of the public pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as amended. The Consultant shall maintain all such public records and, upon request, provide a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected within a reasonable time. The Consultant shall also ensure that any public records that are exempt or exempt and confidential from disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law. Upon the expiration or termination of the Agreement, Consultant agrees to maintain all public records for a minimum period of five (5) fiscal years in accordance with the applicable records retention schedules established by the Florida Department of State. In the event the Consultant fails to abide by the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the County may, without prejudice to any right or remedy and after giving the Consultant and its surety, if any, seven (7) days written notice, during which period the Consultant still fails to allow access to such documents, terminate the employment of the Consultant. In such case, the Consultant shall not be entitled to receive any further payment. Reasonable terminal expenses incurred by the County may be deducted from any payments left owing the Consultant (excluding monies owed the Consultant for subcontractor work).

**IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**Escambia County**  
**Office of the County Administrator**  
**221 Palafox Place, Suite 420**  
**Pensacola, Florida 32502**  
**(850) 595-4947**

10.4 **NO CONTINGENT FEES:**

The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, the County shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability and at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

10.5 **SUBCONTRACTORS**

In the event the Consultant, during the course of the work under this Agreement, requires the services of any subcontractors or other professional associates in connection with services covered by this Agreement, the Consultant must secure the prior written approval of the County unless such work is specifically detailed in the task order.

Any subcontractors or other professional associates retained by Consultant must carry the appropriate insurance coverage as specified in paragraph 10.8 below in an amount equal to or greater than the coverage carried by the Consultant.

10.6 **ASSIGNMENT:**

This Agreement, or any interest herein, shall not be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances, by the Consultant, without the prior written consent of the County. However, the Agreement shall run with the Escambia County Government and its successors.

10.7 **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY**

The Consultant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County and its agents, officers, and employees from all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, incurred by County to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of Consultant or by any person, firm, or corporation to whom any portion of the performance of this Agreement is subcontracted to or used by the Consultant, or by any other person for whom the Consultant is legally liable. Consultant's obligation as provided herein shall be limited to its proportionate share of liability to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of Consultant or by any person, firm or corporation to whom any portion of the Work is subcontracted by Consultant, and Consultant shall not be required to indemnify and hold harmless County where County's negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct is determined by a court of

competent jurisdiction to be the sole cause of its liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including attorney's and paralegal fees.

County and Consultant agree one percent (1%) of the Contract Amount paid by County to Consultant shall be given as separate consideration for this indemnification, and any other indemnification of County by Consultant provided for within the Contract Documents, the sufficiency of such separate consideration being acknowledged by Consultant by Consultant's acceptance and execution of the Agreement.

Consultant agrees that such indemnification by the Consultant relating to any matter which is the subject of this Agreement shall extend throughout the term of this Agreement and any statutes of limitations thereafter. The Consultant's obligation shall not be limited by, or in any way to, any insurance coverage or by any provision in or exclusion or omission from any policy of insurance.

#### 10.8 INSURANCE:

The Consultant is required to carry the following insurance:

(a) Commercial General Liability with \$1,000,000 minimum per occurrence, including coverage parts of bodily injury, property damage, broad form property damage, personal injury, independent contractors, blanket contractual liability, and completed operations.

(b) Automobile Liability with \$1,000,000 per occurrence minimum combined single limits for all hired, owned, and non-owned vehicles.

(c) Professional Liability coverage with \$1,000,000 minimum limit, except where the estimated construction contract price for the project described in the Agreement is greater than \$5 Million dollars, the minimum limit of professional liability coverage shall be equal to 25% of the estimated construction contract price for the project. Said coverage shall be continuously maintained and in effect for a period of not less than **five (5) years** from the effective date of this Agreement. The policy limit of liability shall not include legal fees and other defense costs. If a claims made form of coverage is provided, the retroactive date of coverage shall be no later than the effective date of this Agreement and shall not be advanced.

If at any time during the aforementioned policy period there should be a cancellation, non-renewal, or lapse in coverage, professional liability coverage shall be extended for the remainder of the five year period with a supplemental extended reporting period (SERP) endorsement to take effect upon expiration of the policy period referenced above. The limits of liability applicable to the SERP coverage shall be equal to the limits of liability applicable to the policy referenced above and to which the endorsement attaches.

(d) Florida statutory workers' compensation and employers' liability with employer's liability limits of at least \$100,000 each accident and \$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy limit for disease.

(e) It is understood and agreed by the parties that in the event that the Consultant, as defined in Section 1.2, consists of a joint venture, partnership, or other association of professional or business firms, each such firm shall be required to individually carry the

above cited coverages.

(f) All liability coverage shall be through carriers admitted to do business in the State of Florida. Carriers shall be a minimum financial size of VII according to the latest edition of the AM Best Rating Guide. An A or better Best Rating is "preferred"; however, other ratings if "Secure Best Ratings" may be considered. Liability policies shall be underwritten on the occurrence basis, except the professional and environmental impairment coverage may be provided on a claims made basis. Escambia County and the Board of County Commissioners shall be "additional insureds" on all liability policies (except professional liability). Certificates of insurance shall be provided to Joe Pillitary, Purchasing Manager, P.O. Box 1591, Pensacola, Florida 32597-1591 prior to commencement of work hereunder. Certificates shall reflect the additional insured status of Escambia County and shall provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days notice of cancellation. Escambia County and the Board of County Commissioners also shall be the certificate holders.

#### 10.9 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES:

(a) A claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties to this Agreement seeking an adjustment or interpretation of the terms of the contract documents, payment of money, extension of time or other relief with respect to the terms of the contract documents. The term "claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between the County and the Consultant arising out of or relating to the contract documents. The responsibility to substantiate a claim shall rest with the party making the claim.

(b) Claims by the Consultant shall be made in writing to the County with supporting data. All claims shall be submitted during the performance term of the Agreement or else the Consultant shall be deemed to have waived that claim.

(c) The Consultant shall proceed diligently with its performance, as directed by the County, regardless of any pending claim, legal action, suit, or administrative proceeding, unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing. The County shall continue to make payments in accordance with the contract documents during the pendency of such claim.

#### 10.10 REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY AND CONSULTANT:

(a) It is recognized that questions in the day-to-day conduct of the project will arise. The Contract Administrator, upon request by the Consultant, shall designate and shall advise the Consultant in writing, persons to whom all communications pertaining to the day-to-day conduct of the project shall be addressed.

(b) The Consultant shall inform the Contract Administrator in writing of the representative of the Consultant to whom matters involving the conduct of the project shall be addressed.

#### 10.11 ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

(a) This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained

herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements whether oral or written.

(b) It is further agreed that no modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

#### 10.12 TERM OF AGREEMENT:

This Agreement shall be for a one (1) year term beginning ( Month Day, Year ) and continuing through ( Month Day, Year ), with an option to renew for two (2) successive one (1) year periods.

#### 10.13 TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE:

Signature of this Agreement by the Consultant shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation of this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the County determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of this Agreement.

#### 10.14 HEADINGS:

Headings and subtitles used throughout this Agreement are for the purpose of convenience only, and no heading or subtitle shall modify or be used to interpret the text of any section.

#### 10.15 GRATUITIES:

Neither the Consultant nor any of its employees, agents, and representatives shall offer or give to an officer, official, or employee of the County gifts, entertainment, payments, loans, or other gratuities. The Consultant acknowledges knowledge of the State of Florida's ethics statutes and to the extent applicable to the Consultant, the Consultant agrees to abide with such statutes.

#### 10.16 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The Consultant hereby certifies that it will completely disclose to the County all facts bearing upon any possible conflicts, direct or indirect, with its performance which it believes that any officer, employee, or agent of the Consultant now has or will have. Said disclosure shall be made by the Consultant contemporaneously with the execution of this Agreement and at any time thereafter that such facts become known to the Consultant. The Consultant at all times shall perform its obligations under this Agreement in a manner consistent with the best interests of the County. Failure to abide by this section shall result in the immediate termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article II of Chapter 46 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

10.17 SURVIVAL:

All other provisions which, by their inherent character, sense, and context are intended to survive termination of this Agreement, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

10.18 GOVERNING LAW:

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and the parties stipulate that venue for any matter which is a subject of this Agreement shall be in the County of Escambia.

10.19 INTERPRETATION:

For the purpose of this Agreement, the singular includes the plural and the plural shall include the singular. References to statutes or regulations shall include all statutory or regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, or replacing the statute or regulation referred to. Words not otherwise defined that have well-known technical or industry meanings, are used in accordance with such recognized meanings. References to persons include their respective permitted successors and assigns and, in the case of governmental persons, persons succeeding to their respective functions and capacities.

(a) If the Consultant discovers any material discrepancy, deficiency, ambiguity, error, or omission in this Agreement, or is otherwise in doubt as to the meaning of any provision of the Agreement, the Consultant shall immediately notify the County and request clarification of the County's interpretation of this Agreement.

(b) This Agreement shall not be more strictly construed against either party hereto by reason of the fact that one party may have drafted or prepared any or all of the terms and provisions hereof.

10.20 SEVERABILITY:

The invalidity or non-enforceability of any portion or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision. Any invalid or unenforceable portion or provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the balance hereof shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreement did not contain such invalid or unenforceable portion or provision.

10.21 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:

The Consultant shall keep fully informed regarding and shall fully and timely comply with all current laws and future laws that may affect those engaged or employed in the performance of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant shall observe all rules and regulations of federal, state, and local officials relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

10.22 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (E-VERIFY):

In accordance with State of Florida, Office of the Governor, Executive Order 11-116 (superseding Executive Order 11-02; Verification of Employment Status), in the event performance of this Agreement is or will be funded using state or federal funds, the

CONTRACTOR must comply with the Employment Eligibility Verification Program ("E-Verify Program") developed by the federal government to verify the eligibility of individuals to work in the United States and 48 CFR 52.222-54 (as amended) is incorporated herein by reference. If applicable, in accordance with Subpart 22.18 of the Federal Acquisition Register, the CONTRACTOR must (1) enroll in the E-Verify Program, (2) use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires working in the United States, except if the CONTRACTOR is a state or local government, the CONTRACTOR may choose to verify only new hires assigned to the Agreement; (3) use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all employees assigned to the Agreement; and (4) include these requirement in certain subcontracts, such as construction. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify Program can be obtained via the internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

#### 10.23 PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PROCEEDINGS:

At the County's request, the Consultant shall allow itself to be joined as a party in any legal proceeding that involves the County regarding the design, construction, or installation of any matter which is the subject of this Agreement. This provision is for the benefit of the County and not for the benefit of any other party.

#### 10.24 FURTHER DOCUMENTS:

The parties shall execute and deliver all documents and perform further actions that may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement.

#### 10.25 NO WAIVER:

The failure of the Consultant or the County to insist upon the strict performance of the terms and conditions hereof shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any other provision or of either party's right to thereafter enforce the same in accordance with this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: Escambia County, Florida through its Board of County Commissioners, signing by its County Administrator, duly authorized to execute this Agreement and (Consultant Firm's Name), signing by and through its President, duly authorized to execute same.

**COUNTY:**

ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida acting by and through its duly authorized Board of County Commissioners.

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Administrator

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

BCC Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSULTANT:**

(Consultant Firm's Name), a for-profit corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

ATTEST: Corporate Secretary

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

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

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

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