#### **CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the date signed by the last party below (the "Effective Date"), by and between Jefferson County, Florida (the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, located at 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL 32344 and [Contractor], whose principal place of business is [Contractor Address], and whose Federal I.D. Number is [FEIN] (the "CONTRACTOR").

WHEREAS, the County issued a Solicitation to competitively procure certain Services necessary to complete Continuing Minor Road Maintenance Services (the "Services"), and the Consultant submitted a Response to the Solicitation, which is incorporated herein by this reference, was selected pursuant to the Solicitation, and represents that it is capable and prepared to provide such Services; and

WHEREAS, Consultant and County negotiated the terms of this Agreement pursuant for the provision of the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the County and the Consultant agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1 INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS

Wherever used in the Contract Documents and printed with initial or all capital letters, the terms listed below will have the meanings indicated which are applicable to both the singular and plural thereof.

- 1.1 <u>Actual Costs</u>. The real Project costs attributable to:
  - A. labor, including social security, insurance, fringe benefits required by Agreement or custom, and workers' compensation insurance;
  - B. materials, supplies and equipment, including cost of transportation, whether incorporated or consumed;
  - C. rental machinery and equipment, exclusive of hand tools, whether rented from the CONTRACTOR or others;
  - D. premiums for all bonds and insurance, permit fees, and sales, use or similar taxes related to the Work; and
  - E. field supervision and field office personnel directly attributable to the charge, exclusive of the cost of estimating, contract administration, and purchasing.

1.2 <u>Addenda</u>. Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the Contract Documents.

1.3 <u>Agreement</u>. The written instrument which is evidence of the Agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR covering the Work. Also referred to as "Contract".

1.4 <u>Bid Package</u>. The Bid Advertisement, Instructions to Bidders, all Addenda, the Bonds, the Notice of Award, and the Notice to Proceed.

1.5 <u>Bonds</u>. The performance bond and payment bond and other instruments of security, furnished by the CONTRACTOR and its surety in accordance with the Contract Documents and in accordance with the laws of Florida.

1.6 <u>Change Order</u>. A written document, which is signed by the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY, that authorizes an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Times, issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

1.7 <u>Claim</u>. Any action, change order, demand, invoice, lawsuit, request, or statement, for money, property, or services made to any agent, employee, or officer of the County. Claim does not include tort claims as that term is used in Section 768.28(5), Fla. Stat., as amended from time to time.

1.8 <u>Contract Documents</u>. The documents that establish the rights and obligations of the parties and include the following:

- A. the Agreement (including Exhibits);
- B. the CONTRACTOR's entire completed Proposal;
- C. the Design Documents;
- D. the Request for Proposal; and
- E. the approved submittals, and other documents provided by, through, or under the CONTRACTOR that fix, depict, and/or describe the size, quality and character of the Project; however, Approved Shop Drawings and the reports and drawings of subsurface and physical conditions are not Contract Documents.
- 1.9 <u>Contract Price</u>. The monies paid to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents.

1.10 <u>Contract Times</u>. The number of days or the dates stated in the Agreement to: (A) achieve Substantial Completion; and (B) complete the Work so that it is ready for final payment as evidenced by the COUNTY's written recommendation of final payment.

1.11 <u>CONTRACTOR</u>. The individual or entity with whom the COUNTY has entered into this Agreement.

1.12 <u>Day</u>. A calendar day unless noted otherwise.

1.13 <u>Design Documents</u>. Drawings (Construction Plans) and Specifications, surveys, permits, estimates, photographs, and reports related to any Work Order, together with all Written Amendments, Change Orders, the Work Change Directives, Field Orders, and the COUNTY's written interpretations and clarifications issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement.

1.14 <u>Drawings</u>. That part of the Contract Documents prepared or approved by an engineer that graphically shows the scope, extent, and character of the Work to be performed by the CONTRACTOR (Shop Drawings or other the CONTRACTOR submittals are not Drawings). Also referred to as Construction Plans.

1.15 <u>Effective Date of the Agreement</u>. The date indicated in the Agreement on which it becomes effective (if no such date is indicated, the date on which the Agreement is signed and delivered by the last of the two parties).

1.16 <u>Field Order</u>. A written order issued by the COUNTY that requires minor changes in the Work and may involve a minor change in the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

1.17 <u>Final Completion or Final Acceptance.</u> The completion of all the Work called for under the Contract Documents, including, but not limited to:

- A. satisfactory operation of all equipment supplied by the CONTRACTOR;
- B. correction of all punch list items to the satisfaction of the COUNTY;
- C. payment of all trade contractors, subcontractors, and materialmen;
- D. settlement of all claims, if any;
- E. payment and release of all mechanic's, materialmen's, and similar liens;
- F. delivery of all guarantees, equipment operation and maintenance manuals, Record Drawings, required certificates, and all other required approvals and acceptances by any municipality within Jefferson County, Jefferson County itself, the State of Florida or other authorities or agencies having jurisdiction; and
- G. removal of all rubbish, tools, scaffolding, and surplus materials and equipment from the Work site.

1.18 <u>Notice to Proceed.</u> A written notice given by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR fixing the date on which the Contract Times will commence and on which the CONTRACTOR shall start to perform the Work under the Contract Documents.

1.19 <u>Project Manager</u>. The individual appointed by and acting on behalf of the COUNTY for the duration of the Project; the individual that is responsible for receiving the Applications for Payments from the CONTRACTOR on behalf of the COUNTY.

1.20 <u>Public Record</u>. All documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR.

1.21 <u>Samples</u>. Physical examples of materials, equipment, or workmanship that are representative of some portion of the Work and which establish the standards by which such portion of the Work will be judged.

1.22 <u>Shop Drawings</u>. All drawings, diagrams, illustrations, schedules, and other data or information that are specifically prepared or assembled by or for the CONTRACTOR and submitted by the CONTRACTOR to illustrate some portion of the Work.

1.23 <u>Specifications</u>. That part of the Contract Documents consisting of written technical descriptions of materials, equipment, systems, standards, and workmanship as applied to the Work and certain administrative details applicable thereto.

Substantial Completion. For the purpose of this Agreement, and for the compliance of 1.24 those procedures, duties and obligations as set forth in the Florida Statutes' "Local Government Prompt Payment Act", the term "Substantial Completion" is defined as that point where the COUNTY is able to enjoy beneficial occupancy of the Work and where the Work has achieved that level of completion such that the COUNTY is able to utilize the entire the Project for its intended purposes, including but not limited to the completion of all specified systems and items relating to life, safety and regulatory use, with the exception of incidental or incomplete items except where a lack of completion of such incidental or incomplete items of the Work will adversely affect the complete operation of other areas of the Work. Additional conditions (if any) needed to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work and which are project specific as set forth in Exhibits (if any). The Project should be completed to the point that the Work can be utilized for the purposes for which it was intended, as well as the satisfaction of the following requirements: (A) the items that affect operational integrity and function of the Project must be capable of continuous use; (B) all permits and other regulatory requirements must be satisfied; and (C) where required, a Certificate of Occupancy must be issued.

1.25 <u>Superintendent.</u> The individual appointed by and acting on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, as approved by the COUNTY, for the duration of the Project.

1.26 <u>Surety</u>. The corporate body that is responsible for the CONTRACTOR in connection with the Work as set forth in the Bonds and that is included in the most recent United States Department of the Treasury List of Acceptable Sureties and authorized to issue surety bonds in Florida, and which maintains a surety rating of "A-" or better.

1.27 <u>Underground Facilities</u>. All underground pipelines, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels, or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities, including those that convey electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, water, wastewater, storm water, other liquids or chemicals, or traffic or other control systems.

1.28 <u>Unit Price Work</u>. Services as defined in each individual Work Order to be paid for in accordance with the unit prices indicated in CONTRACTOR's bid.

1.29 <u>Work Order</u>. A formal document that is dated, serially numbered, and executed by both the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR in response to COUNTY's request for proposal, by which COUNTY accepts CONTRACTOR's proposal for specific Services and CONTRACTOR indicates a willingness to perform such specific Services under the terms and conditions specified in this AGREEMENT.

#### ARTICLE 2 WORK / PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish and complete all authorized and approved work, materials, supplies, tools, furnishings, fixtures, labor, services, equipment, site development, permitting, regulatory matters, environmental mitigation, traffic control, accounting, coordination, and construction of the Project, more specifically described in the Design Documents, as applicable.

2.2 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to produce a color audio-visual recording of the Project site prior to construction and upon completion of construction. The CONTRACTOR shall provide the audio-visual recordings on a DVD or USB Flash Drive/Thumb Drive. The purpose of the audio-visual recording is to document the condition of the Project site prior to construction with attention focused on the existence of any faults, fractures, or defects. Therefore, the recording shall be produced by a skilled videographer that is regularly engaged in the production of preconstruction recordings. The video recording shall be produced with sharp picture and accurate colors and shall be free of vibrations, distortion, or other significant picture imperfections; it shall be recorded during daylight hours and when the Project site is free of debris or obstructions. The pan rate, rate of travel, camera height, and zoom rate shall be maintained steady and clear at all times. The audio commentary shall be produced with proper volume and clarity and shall be free of distortion; it shall be simultaneously recorded with the video to assist the COUNTY with the orientation, location, identification, and description of the recorded features that are included in or adjacent to the Project site, which include, but are not limited to: (A) each side of the roadways; (B) sidewalks, bicycle paths, and other modes of transportation facilities; (C) buildings, walls, retaining walls, and seawalls; (D) elements of the stormwater management system, including ponds, culvert ends, and visible drainage structures; and (E) landscaping/trees, visible components of the irrigation system, and fencing.

2.3 Prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed, the COUNTY shall schedule a preconstruction meeting with the CONTRACTOR. At the pre-construction meeting, the CONTRACTOR shall submit for the COUNTY's review its audio-visual recording of the Project site, the proposed Critical Path Method (CPM) Schedule, the Final Schedule of Values, personnel and subcontractor lists, and the proposed mobilization requirements. It is the intent of the preconstruction meeting to ensure that the Project Manager and the Superintendent have a clear understanding of the proposed Work and the requirements of this Agreement and to establish the appropriate Date of Commencement, which may or may not coincide with the date of the preconstruction meeting.

2.4 The Date of Commencement of the Work shall be the date indicated in the Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed shall be issued by the Project Manager after the CONTRACTOR has delivered to the COUNTY the executed Agreement together with the Bonds and Insurance Certificates required in accordance with the Agreement and the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners has approved this Agreement. No Work shall be performed by the CONTRACTOR or its Professionals, subconsultants, or subcontractors, and no irrevocable commitments to vendors shall be made prior to the Date of Commencement, at which time, the CONTRACTOR may commence to perform the Work.

2.5 Requirement to <u>E-Verify</u>. *As a condition precedent to entering into this AGREEMENT*, and in compliance with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor and its subcontractors shall, register with and use the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all employees.

- A. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of the subcontractor's affidavit as part of and pursuant to the records retention requirements of this AGREEMENT.
- B. The COUNTY, Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Fla. Stat., or the provisions of this section shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.
- C. The COUNTY, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of this section, but Contractor otherwise complied, shall promptly notify Contractor and Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
- D. A contract terminated under the provisions of this section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered such. Any contract termination under the provisions of this section may be challenged pursuant to Section 448.095(5)(d), Fla. Stat. Contractor acknowledges that upon termination of this AGREEMENT by the COUNTY for a violation of this section by Contractor, Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year. Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the COUNTY as a result of termination of any contract for a violation of this section.
- E. *Subcontracts.* Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section, including this subsection, requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this section.

2.6. <u>Order of Precedence.</u> Concerning the Contract Documents, the order of precedence shall be as follows: (1) Work Orders; (2) Change Orders; (3) the Agreement, including amendments and Exhibits; (4) Design Documents; (5) Field Orders; (6) the Bid Package; and (7) CONTRACTOR's entire completed Bid.

#### ARTICLE 3 CONTRACT PRICE; TERM

3.1 The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for the performance of Work outlined in each individual Work Order issued in accordance with the Contract Documents, the fixed Contract Price outlined in each individual Work Order, based on the unit costs in the Bid. The obligations of the COUNTY under this Agreement are subject to the availability of funds lawfully appropriated for the Project by the COUNTY.

3.2 The CONTRACTOR fully understands that the Lump Sum and/or Unit Price for all items includes a sufficient allowance for the completion of all Work associated with the Project, as depicted in the Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, all profit and overhead, incidentals, all labor, supervision, testing, County inspections, machinery, equipment, tools, utility coordination, clean up, and other means of construction necessary to complete the Work in accordance with all applicable regulatory agencies.

3.3 <u>Term</u>. This Agreement shall be in effect from the effective date for a period of \_\_\_\_.

3.4 <u>The Two 1-Year Renewal Options</u>. As stated on page 1 of this Agreement, there are two 1-year renewal options. Specifically, the COUNTY may, or may not, *in its sole discretion*, exercise the option of renewing this Agreement for one additional year on or before the end of the Contract Term, and if the County exercises its option of renewing this Agreement for one additional year, at or before the expiration of the additional year, the COUNTY may, or may not, in its sole discretion, exercise the option of renewing this Agreement for another year. Nothing herein shall be construed to mean CONTRACTOR is entitled or has a legal right to a renewal. This Agreement shall expire on the last day of the Contract Term or after the first or second additional year as applicable. This Agreement may be extended subject to execution of a written agreement between the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR for up to 90 additional days beyond the term and agreed upon renewal options. This option shall be exercised only if all prices, terms and conditions remain the same, or decrease.

#### ARTICLE 4 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 CONTRACTOR represents that it has familiarized itself with, and assumes full responsibility for having familiarized itself with, the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, specifications set forth in each Work Order, Work, locality, and with all local conditions and federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that may in any manner affect performance of the Work, and represents that it has correlated its study and observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents. CONTRACTOR also represents that it has studied all

surveys and investigation reports of subsurface and latent physical conditions referred to in the Specifications and made such additional surveys and investigations as it deems necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and that it has correlated the results of all such data with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

4.2 The CONTRACTOR shall give all notices and comply with all municipal, local, state and federal laws, ordinances, codes, rules, licenses, and regulations applicable to the Work. If the CONTRACTOR observes that any of the Agreement is contradictory to such laws, rules, and regulations, it shall notify the Project Manager promptly in writing. If the CONTRACTOR performs any the Work that it knows or should have known to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, it shall bear all related costs.

4.3 The CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that all documents and materials provided with the Request for Bid (RFB) package and any addenda are general and preliminary, and that the CONTRACTOR shall not rely on the accuracy or completeness thereof. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its duties hereunder shall not be excused or discharged in any respect based on the incompleteness or inaccuracy of any such documents or materials.

4.4 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to the COUNTY for acts and omissions of the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's agents, employees, professionals, subconsultants, subcontractors, and all other parties performing the Work by, though, and under the CONTRACTOR.

4.5 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the management, coordination and supervision of all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures for completion of the Work.

4.6 The CONTRACTOR agrees to bind specifically every professional, subconsultant and subcontractor to the applicable terms and conditions of the Agreement, for the benefit of the COUNTY.

4.7 The CONTRACTOR represents that it is fully experienced and properly qualified to perform the Work under the Contract Documents and that it is properly licensed, equipped, organized, and financed to perform such the Work.

4.8 The CONTRACTOR shall act as an independent contractor and not as the agent of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall supervise and direct the Work and shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction subject to compliance with the Contract Documents.

4.9 The CONTRACTOR shall employ and maintain a full-time on-site Superintendent who shall have been designated in writing by the CONTRACTOR and pre-approved by the COUNTY. The Superintendent shall be dedicated to this the Project full time and shall have full authority to act on behalf of the CONTRACTOR. The superintendent shall be capable of properly interpreting the Contract Documents and be thoroughly experienced in the type of work being performed. The

Superintendent shall have full authority to receive instructions from the Engineer and to execute the orders or directions of the Engineer, including promptly supplying any materials, tools, equipment, labor, and incidentals that may be required. A Superintendent shall be provided regardless of the amount of work sublet. The Superintendent shall speak and understand English, and the CONTRACTOR shall maintain at least one other responsible person who speaks and understands English, on the project during all working hours. All communications given to the Superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the CONTRACTOR. Copies of written communications given to the Superintendent of the CONTRACTOR shall be mailed to the address set forth in the Agreement for notices. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as modifying the CONTRACTOR's duty of supervision and fiscal management as provided by Florida law. The COUNTY shall have the right of direct removal of any Superintendent of the CONTRACTOR. Any change in the Superintendent of the CONTRACTOR assigned to the Project shall be subject to the COUNTY's prior written approval. The Superintendent shall have full authority to receive instructions from the Owner and/or Engineer, and to execute the orders or directions of the Owner and/or Engineer, including promptly supplying any materials, tools, equipment, labor, and incidentals that may be required. The Superintendent shall provide such superintendence regardless of the amount of work sublet.

4.10 The CONTRACTOR shall perform at least 30% (thirty percent) of the total amount of the Work in-house. The foregoing 30% (thirty percent) is exclusive of general conditions and material ordered for work performed by sublets.

4.11 The CONTRACTOR shall not employ any subcontractor or Consultant against whom the COUNTY may have reasonable objection in the COUNTY'S sole discretion.

4.12 The CONTRACTOR represents to the COUNTY that the CONTRACTOR (and its officers, directors, partners, or shareholders holding ten 10% (ten percent) or more of the outstanding stock of the CONTRACTOR), does not have any financial interest in or with (i.e. is not an officer, director, partner or 10% (ten percent) plus shareholder) any person, entity, subcontractor, consultant, design professional, materialmen, supplier, or any other subcontractor performing the Work or the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain prior written consent from the COUNTY before entering into any agreement on this the Project in which it has a common financial interest.

4.13 The CONTRACTOR shall keep on-site one record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Modifications, and Shop Drawings that is annotated to show all changes made during the construction process. Final acceptance of the Work will be withheld until all such modifications have been properly inserted electronically into the design documents, thus creating Record Drawings, and the Record Drawings are accepted by the COUNTY.

4.14 The CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY two copies of the Record Drawings verifying the as-built conditions for all installed and constructed components of the Work, including, but not limited to, the surface water management, traffic control, lighting, water distribution, and wastewater collection systems. The Record Drawings, which shall be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer or Surveyor and Mapper, licensed in the State of Florida, must demonstrate to the Project Manager that the Project components were constructed in substantial

conformance with the approved Construction Plans and applicable permits and that the Project will function as designed and intended. The Record Drawings must be certified based on an As-Built Survey prepared in accordance with the Standards of Practice established in Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 5J-17.051 and 5J-17.052. If the Project Manager determines that the as-built conditions of one or more components are not constructed in substantial conformance with the approved Construction Plans or that the Record Drawings do not sufficiently demonstrate conformance with the Construction Plans, one set of the Record Drawings will be returned to the CONTRACTOR that identify the deficient component(s) of the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall correct the component(s) or the Record Drawing in the timeframes set forth in Article 6 of this Agreement. Upon acceptance by the Project Manager, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY with one (1) copy of the Record Drawings electronically in AutoCAD<sup>®</sup> and Adobe Acrobat<sup>®</sup>. The Adobe Acrobat<sup>®</sup> file shall be a replica of the signed and sealed Record Drawing. Unless the COUNTY agrees otherwise in writing, the Adobe Acrobat<sup>®</sup> file shall be digitally signed by the Professional Engineer or Surveyor and Mapper, licensed in the State of Florida.

4.15 The CONTRACTOR shall, at its expense, attend any and all meetings called by the COUNTY to discuss the Work under the Agreement.

4.16 The CONTRACTOR shall not establish and shall not allow its employees to engage in any non-Project related commercial activities on the Project site.

4.17 The CONTRACTOR shall, at its expense, arrange for, develop, and maintain all utilities required to execute the Work. Such utilities shall be furnished by the CONTRACTOR at no additional cost to the COUNTY, including, but not be limited to: telephone service for the CONTRACTOR's use; construction power; and potable water, and sanitary sewer. Prior to Final Acceptance of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall, at its expense, satisfactorily remove and dispose of all temporary utilities developed to meet the requirements of the Agreement.

4.18 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the proper control, maintenance, and detour of traffic in the construction area, at all times during the course of the Work. Contractor shall provide and maintain Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) / Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) by a certified Advanced Work Zone Traffic Control officer. All traffic control and maintenance procedures shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Florida Department of Transportation, Jefferson County, or the local municipality, within their respective area of jurisdiction. It shall be the CONTRACTOR's responsibility, as Bidder, prior to submitting its Bid, to determine the requirements of these agencies so that its Bid reflects all costs to be incurred. No claims for additional payment will be considered for costs incurred in the proper control, maintenance, detour of traffic. The CONTRACTOR shall notify all such agencies and the COUNTY at least 7 (seven) days in advance of any traffic detour. No road closures will be permitted unless approved by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall notify all such agencies and the COUNTY at least 14 (fourteen) days in advance of any road closure.

4.19 The CONTRACTOR is responsible for adequate NPDES-compliant drainage at all times. Existing functioning storm sewers, gutters, ditches, and other run-off facilities shall not be obstructed. Stabilization measures, as defined by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Generic Permit For Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities, as amended, shall be initiated as soon as practicable, but in no case more than 7 days, in portions of the site where construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased.

4.20 The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all fire hydrants on or adjacent to the Project shall be kept accessible and no obstruction shall be placed within fifteen feet of any hydrant.

4.21 The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that heavy equipment is not operated close enough to COUNTY assets or other structures to cause their displacement.

4.22 By executing this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR certified that neither it nor any of its affiliates or subcontractors have been convicted of a Public Entity Crime as defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, nor placed on the Convicted Vendor List. Moreover, CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are not Scrutinized Companies as identified in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. Further, CONTRACTOR certifies that neither it nor its subcontractors are on the Discriminatory Vendor List maintained by the Florida Department of Management Services pursuant to Section 287.134(3)(d), Florida Statutes. CONTRACTOR shall have a continuing obligation to disclose, to the County in writing if it, its principals, or any of its subcontractors are on the Convicted Vendors, Scrutinized Companies, or Discriminatory Vendor Lists maintained by the Florida Department Services.

4.23 Throughout the term of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR has a responsibility to promptly disclose to the County, in writing, upon the occurrence of all civil or criminal litigation, investigation, arbitration, or administrative proceedings related to or affecting CONTRACTOR'S ability to perform the work under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 5 PAYMENT

5.1 A Schedule of Values shall be approved by the COUNTY prior to the commencement of the Work. The approved Schedule of Values will serve as the basis for progress payments and will be incorporated into a form of Application for Payment acceptable to the COUNTY. Progress payments on account of Unit Price Work will be based on the number of units completed.

#### 5.2 Applications for Payments

A. The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the COUNTY for review, an Application for Payment filled out and signed by the CONTRACTOR covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and accompanied by such supporting documentation as required by the Contract Documents. Such supporting documents shall include but not be limited to: (i) a current release from the CONTRACTOR releasing all claims, other than those previously submitted pursuant to Article 10 herein, through the date of the Application for Payment; and (ii) a monthly dated Critical Path Method (CPM) Schedule for the Project. Written consent from the surety in a form acceptable to the County regarding the project or payment may be given in lieu of waivers. Submission of this supporting documentation shall be a condition precedent to the CONTRACTOR's entitlement to receive payment. If payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the Site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by a bill of sale, invoice, or other documentation warranting that the COUNTY has received the materials and equipment free and clear of all Liens and evidence that the materials and equipment are covered by appropriate property insurance or other arrangements to protect the COUNTY's interest therein, all of which must be satisfactory to the COUNTY.

B. Beginning with the second Application for Payment, each Application shall include:
(i) an affidavit by the CONTRACTOR stating that all previous progress payments received on account of the Work have been applied on account to discharge the CONTRACTOR's legitimate obligations associated with prior Applications for Payment and

(ii) a "Conditional Waiver of Right to Claim Against Payment Bond and Jefferson County" completed by the CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors.

- C. Pursuant to Section 255.078(1), Fla. Stat., the COUNTY will withhold from each progress payment made to the CONTRACTOR the amount of 5% of the payment as retainage. Pursuant to Section 255.078(3), Fla. Stat., the COUNTY may elect not to pay or release any amounts (such as retainage) that are the subject of a good faith dispute in writing, the subject of a claim brought pursuant to Section 255.05, Fla. Stat., or otherwise the subject of a claim or demand by the COUNTY or CONTRACTOR.
- D. The Application for Final Payment shall be made after the CONTRACTOR has, in the opinion of the COUNTY, satisfactorily completed all corrections identified during the Final Inspection and has delivered, in accordance with the Contract Documents, all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, Bonds, certificates or other evidence of insurance certificates of inspection, and other documents.
- E. The Application for Final Payment shall be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by: (i) all documentation called for in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the evidence of insurance required; (ii) consent of the surety, if any, to final payment; and (iii) complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to the COUNTY) of all Lien rights arising out of or Liens filed in connection with the Work.
- F. In lieu of the releases or waivers of Liens and as approved by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR may furnish receipts or releases in full and an affidavit of the CONTRACTOR that: (i) the releases and receipts include all labor, services, material, and equipment for which a Lien could be filed; and (ii) all payrolls, material and equipment bills, and other indebtedness connected with the Work for which the COUNTY or the COUNTY's property might in any way be responsible have been paid or otherwise satisfied. If any subcontractor or supplier fails to furnish such a release or receipt in full, the CONTRACTOR may furnish a Bond or other collateral satisfactory to the COUNTY to indemnify the COUNTY against any Lien.

#### 5.3 <u>Review of Applications</u>

- A. The COUNTY's approval of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will constitute a representation by the COUNTY that to the best of the COUNTY's knowledge, information and belief:
  - (i) the Work has progressed to the point indicated;

(ii) the quality of the Work is generally in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of the Work as a functioning whole prior to or upon Substantial Completion, to the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, to a final determination of quantities and classifications for Unit Price the Work, and to any other qualifications stated in the recommendation); and

(iii)the conditions precedent to the CONTRACTOR's being entitled to such payment appear to have been fulfilled in so far as it is the COUNTY's responsibility to observe the Work.

- B. The COUNTY's approval of any payment requested in an Application for Payment will not thereby be deemed to have represented that: (i) inspections made to check the quality or the quantity of the Work performed have been exhaustive, extended to every aspect of the Work, or were detailed inspections of the Work; or (ii) there may not be other matters or issues between the parties that might entitle the CONTRACTOR to be paid additionally by the COUNTY or entitle the COUNTY to withhold payment to the CONTRACTOR.
- C. The COUNTY may reject the payment request or invoice within 20 (twenty) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice is stamped as received by the COUNTY. The rejection must be in writing and must specify the deficiency in the payment request or invoice and the action necessary to make the payment request or invoice proper. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the Application.
- D. The COUNTY may refuse to make payment of the full amount because:

(i) claims have been made against the COUNTY on account of the CONTRACTOR's performance or furnishing of the Work;

(ii) Liens have been filed in connection with the Work, except where the CONTRACTOR has delivered a specific Bond satisfactory to the COUNTY to secure the satisfaction and discharge of such Liens;

(iii)there are other items entitling the COUNTY to a set-off against the amount recommended.

(iv) the Work is defective or the completed Work has been damaged, requiring correction or replacement;

(v) the Work for which payment is requested cannot be verified;

(vi) the CONTRACTOR failed to make proper payments to subcontractor(s) for labor, materials or equipment in connection with the Work;

(vii) the Contract Price has been reduced because of modifications or there is reasonable evidence that the Work cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Price;

(viii) the COUNTY has been required to correct defective Work or complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents;

(ix) the CONTRACTOR failed to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, or otherwise unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work;

(x) of any other breach of, default under, violation of, or failure to comply with the provisions of the Contract Documents.

E. If the COUNTY refuses to make payment of the full amount, the COUNTY must give the CONTRACTOR written notice within 10 (ten) days of receipt of invoice stating the reasons for such action and promptly pay the CONTRACTOR any amount remaining after deduction of the amount so withheld. The COUNTY shall promptly pay the CONTRACTOR the amount so withheld, or any adjustment thereto agreed to by the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR, when the CONTRACTOR corrects the reasons for such action to the COUNTY's satisfaction.

5.4 All payments made to the CONTRACTOR, whether Progress or Final, shall be in strict accordance with the "Local Government Prompt Payment Act" addressing payment, retainage, and punchlist procedures for the performance of the Work.

5.5 The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to all the Work covered by an Application for Payment, whether incorporated in the Work or not, shall pass to the COUNTY prior to the making of the Application for Payment, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests, purchase money security interest, chattel paper or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever ("Liens").

5.6 The CONTRACTOR shall promptly pay all subcontractors, laborers, materialmen, and suppliers upon receipt of payment from the COUNTY out of the amount paid to the CONTRACTOR on account of such person's portion of the Work, the amount to which such person is entitled, reflecting percentages actually retained from payments to the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall, by appropriate agreement with each subcontractor or other person, require each subcontractor or other person to make payments to sub-subcontractors in similar manner.

5.7 A Certificate of Payment, a progress payment, or partial or entire use of the Project by the COUNTY shall not constitute acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

5.8 In accordance with the provisions of §255.05, Florida Statutes, where the CONTRACTOR requires a waiver from laborers, materialmen, subcontractors, or sub-subcontractors (as each such term is defined by §713.01, Florida Statutes) of the right to make a claim against the Payment Bond in exchange for or to induce payment of a progress payment or a final payment, such waivers shall comply with the form set forth in §255.05, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

5.9 If one or more Notice of Non-Payment is received by the COUNTY, no further payments will be approved until non-payment(s) have been satisfied and a Release of Claim for each Notice of Non-Payment has been submitted to the COUNTY. Upon request, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish acceptable evidence that all such claims or liens have been satisfied. If the CONTRACTOR fails to satisfy the non-payment, the COUNTY may make payment and back-charge the CONTRACTOR for any and all costs associated with such payment.

5.10 If at any time during the progress of the Work, the CONTRACTOR's actual progress is inadequate to meet the requirements of the Agreement, the COUNTY may, but is not required to, notify the CONTRACTOR to implement some or all of the following remedial actions at the sole cost and expense of the CONTRACTOR:

- A. Increase construction manpower in such quantities and crafts as necessary to eliminate the schedule progress deficiency;
- B. Increase the number of working hours per shift, shifts per working day, working days per week, the amount of construction equipment, or any combination of the foregoing to eliminate the schedule progress deficiency;
- C. Reschedule the Work in conformance with the specification requirements.

5.11 Neither such notice by the COUNTY nor the COUNTY's failure to issue such notice shall relieve the CONTRACTOR of its obligation to achieve the quality of the Work and rate of progress required by the Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 6 TIME OF PERFORMANCE

#### TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

6.1 Prior to requesting an inspection for Substantial Completion the CONTRACTOR shall confirm that:

- A. All construction is complete, the project components are clean, and all systems fully functional.
- B. All utilities are installed or adjusted, as required, and are fully functional.

- C. The Project site is clear of the CONTRACTOR's excess equipment, temporary facilities and/or trailers.
- D. All operations and maintenance manuals for all equipment have been delivered to the COUNTY.
- E. All operations and maintenance training related literature, software, and back-up disks have been delivered to the COUNTY.
- F. All manufacturers' certifications and warranties have been delivered to the COUNTY.
- G. All required spare parts, materials, as well as any special measuring devices and tools have been delivered to the COUNTY.

6.2 The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from the Project after the date of Substantial Completion, but the COUNTY shall allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the punch list.

6.3 When the CONTRACTOR considers the Work ready for its intended use, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY, in writing, that the Work is substantially complete (except for items specifically listed by the CONTRACTOR as incomplete) and request that the COUNTY issue a certificate of Substantial Completion. Promptly thereafter, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR shall make an inspection of the Work to determine the status of completion. For the purpose of this Agreement, and for the compliance of those procedures, duties, and obligations as set forth in §218.70 et seq. and §218.735 et seq., Florida Statutes, the term "Substantial Completion" is defined as that point where the COUNTY is able to enjoy beneficial occupancy of the Work and where the Work has achieved that level of completion such that the COUNTY is able to utilize the entire Project for its intended purposes, including but not limited to the completion of all specified systems and items relating to life, safety, and regulatory use, with the exception of incidental or incomplete items except where a lack of completion of such incidental or incomplete items of the Work will adversely affect the complete operation of other areas of the Work. Additional conditions (if any) needed to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work and which are project specific are as set forth in attached Exhibits. If the COUNTY does not consider the Work substantially complete, the COUNTY will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If the COUNTY considers the Work substantially complete, the COUNTY will issue and deliver to the CONTRACTOR a certificate of Substantial Completion, which shall fix the date of Substantial Completion. In addition to §218.735(7)(a), Florida Statutes, punch list procedures for construction projects having an estimated cost of less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) to render the Work complete, satisfactory, and acceptable are established as follows:

A. For construction projects having an estimated cost of less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars), the intent of this section is for the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR to cooperate to develop a Punchlist no later than 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of reaching Substantial Completion. For construction projects having an estimated cost of

\$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) or more, the intent of this section is for the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR to cooperate to develop a Punchlist no later than 30 (thirty) calendar days from the date of reaching Substantial Completion, unless otherwise extended by contract not to exceed 45 (forty-five) calendar days.

- B. Within 5 (five) days of Substantial Completion of the Project, the CONTRACTOR shall schedule a walkthrough with the COUNTY ("Punchlist Walkthrough"). The purpose of the Punchlist Walkthrough is to 1) determine that the project has achieved Substantial Completion, and if so, to develop a Punchlist of items to be performed by the CONTRACTOR, based upon observations made jointly between the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY during the Punchlist Walkthrough and 2) to establish an estimated cost to complete each item on the Punchlist. The COUNTY may include within such cost estimation the total costs for completing such item of work, including the administrative costs as well as costs to address other services needed or areas of work which may be affected in order to achieve full completion of the Final Punchlist item. The COUNTY shall issue the Final Punchlist, including the estimated cost for each item, within 30 (thirty) days of the Substantial Completion date.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall endeavor to address and complete as many items as possible noted on the Punchlist either during the Punchlist Walkthrough itself or within 20 (twenty) days from the date of the Punchlist Walkthrough.
- D. No more than 20 (twenty) days following the issuance of the Final Punchlist, the CONTRACTOR shall again initiate and request a second walkthrough ("Final Walkthrough") of the Project with the COUNTY. The purpose of the Final Walkthrough is to identify which items on the Punchlist remain incomplete and to supplement that list as legally necessary (based, for example, upon work which may have been damaged as a result of the CONTRACTOR's performance of completion of items contained on the Punchlist.
- E. Within twenty (20) business day after the Punchlist is created, the COUNTY must pay the contractor the remaining contract balance less an amount equal to 150% of the estimated cost to complete any items remaining on the Punchlist.
- F. The CONTRACTOR shall complete the Final Punchlist items within 30 (thirty) days of the date of its issuance by the COUNTY.
- G. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that no item contained on the Final Punchlist shall be considered a warranty item until such time as: (i) the Final Punchlist is 100% (one hundred percent) complete; and (ii) the COUNTY has been able to operate or utilize the affected Punchlist item for 15 (fifteen) days, whichever occurs last.
- H. The CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that the COUNTY may, at their option, during performance of the Work and prior to Substantial Completion, issue lists of identified non-conforming or corrective work for the CONTRACTOR to address. The intent of any such lists prior to Substantial Completion is to streamline the Punchlist

process upon achieving Substantial Completion, and to allow for the CONTRACTOR to address needed areas of corrective work as they may be observed by the COUNTY during performance of the Work.

6.4 If Substantial Completion has not been obtained at the Punchlist Walkthrough inspection called by the CONTRACTOR, for reasons that are the fault of the CONTRACTOR, the cost of any subsequent inspections requested by the CONTRACTOR for the purpose of determining Substantial Completion shall be at the cost of the CONTRACTOR and shall be assessed against the final payment application. Punch list items recorded as a result of inspections for Substantial Completion are to be corrected by the CONTRACTOR within the timeframe established.

6.5 Use by the COUNTY, at the COUNTY's option, of any substantially completed part of the Work which has specifically been identified in the Contract Documents, or which the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree constitutes a separately functioning and usable part of the Work that can be used by the COUNTY for its intended purpose without significant interference with the CONTRACTOR's performance of the remainder of the Work, may be accomplished prior to Substantial Completion of all the Work subject to the following conditions.

- A. The COUNTY may request, in writing, the CONTRACTOR permit the COUNTY to use any such part of the Work which the COUNTY believes to be ready for its intended use and substantially complete. If the CONTRACTOR agrees that such part of the Work is ready for its intended use and substantially complete, the CONTRACTOR will certify to the COUNTY that such part of the Work is substantially complete and will request the COUNTY issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work. The CONTRACTOR may notify, in writing, the COUNTY that the CONTRACTOR considers any such part of the Work ready for its intended use and substantially complete and request the COUNTY issue a certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Work. Within a reasonable time after either a request or notification is made, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR shall inspect that part of the Work to determine its status of completion. If the COUNTY does not consider that part of the Work to be substantially complete, the COUNTY will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore.
- B. No occupancy or separate operation of part of the Work may occur prior to compliance with the requirements of this Agreement regarding property insurance.

6.6 Upon written notice from the CONTRACTOR that the entire Work, or an agreed portion thereof, is complete, the COUNTY will promptly make a final inspection with the CONTRACTOR and will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work is incomplete or defective. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately take such measures necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.

#### ARTICLE 7 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES; FORCE MAJEURE

7.1 Upon failure of the CONTRACTOR to Substantially Complete the Agreement within the specified period of time, plus approved time extensions, the CONTRACTOR shall pay to the COUNTY daily liquidated damages in the amount shown on Page 1 of this Agreement to reflect the COUNTY's estimated damages resulting from the delay to Substantial Completion.

7.2 Upon failure of the CONTRACTOR to Finally Complete the Agreement within the specified period of time, plus approved time extensions, the CONTRACTOR shall pay to the COUNTY daily liquidated damages in the amount shown on Page 1 of this Agreement to reflect the COUNTY's estimated damages resulting from the delay to Final Completion.

7.3 Milestones, milestone completion dates, and applicable Liquidated Damages shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents.

7.4 If the milestones are not strictly complied with, then Liquidated Damages will be assessed against the CONTRACTOR, which are agreed upon, and it is further agreed that such Liquidated Damages bear a reasonable relationship to damages to be incurred by the COUNTY and are not a penalty.

7.5 Force Majeure. A party shall not be liable for any failure of or delay in the performance of this agreement for the period that such failure or delay is beyond the reasonable control of a party, materially affecting the performance of any of its obligations under this agreement, and could not reasonably have been foreseen or provided against, but will not be excused for failure or delay resulting from only general economic conditions or other general market effects. If either party invokes this provision to avoid performance of any obligation under this Agreement and a Court determines that party wrongfully invoked this provision to evade performance of such an obligation, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs for obtaining the Court's determination of the same.

#### ARTICLE 8 CLAIMS FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

8.1 If the CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement is delayed, either by delays that are beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors or by changes ordered in the Work, and in either event where such delay or change in the Work affects the critical path, then the Agreement Time shall be extended by Change Order as determined by the COUNTY. If the CONTRACTOR wishes to make Claim for an increase in the Contract Time, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY a written notice of claim upon discovering the cause of the alleged delay. Such notice of claim shall include the following information, or else be waived:

A. Nature of the delay or change in the Work;

- B. Dates of commencement and cessation of the delay or change in the Work;
- C. Activities on the current progress schedule affected by the delay or change in the Work;
- D. Identification and demonstration that the delay or change in the Work affects the critical path;
- E. Identification of the source of delay or change in the Work;
- F. Anticipated extent of the delay or change in the Work; and
- G. Recommended action to minimize the delay.

8.2 The CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any extension of time for delays resulting from any cause unless the CONTRACTOR has notified the COUNTY in writing within 7 (seven) days of commencement of the delay.

8.3 No Damages for Delay; Exclusive Remedy. The CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to and hereby waives any and all claims for damages which it may suffer by reason of delay, acceleration, loss of efficiency, or other related time or impact-based claims (hereinafter collectively "delay") or for delay attributable to any foreseen or unforeseen condition, or for delays claimed to be the result of active, intentional, knowing, or passive interference by the COUNTY, or its agents, and waives damages that it may suffer by reason of such claims for lost profits, loss or impairment of bonding capacity, destruction of business, extended overhead, supervision, extended, unabsorbed home office overhead; the extension of time granted herein, being the CONTRACTOR's sole remedy, with the exception that in the event of demonstrated critical, compensable, non-concurrent delay suffered by the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR may claim as its sole and exclusive remedy any associated, extended direct jobsite general conditions expended by the CONTRACTOR (hereinafter "applicable extended general conditions") in a sum not to exceed \$250.00 per each day of delay. Apart from extensions of time or acceleration costs approved by the COUNTY and any applicable extended general conditions, no payment of claim for delay damages shall be made to the CONTRACTOR as compensation for damages for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever in the progress of the Work, whether such delay be avoidable or unavoidable. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, provided the CONTRACTOR has otherwise satisfied the requirements of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price based upon approved general condition, insurance, and bond premium costs resulting from delays for which the COUNTY has approved by Change Order or Construction Change Directive, provided, however, the COUNTY shall not be required to pay such additional amounts for any days following the date on which the CONTRACTOR achieves Final Completion for the appropriate portion of the Work.

8.4 The time during which the CONTRACTOR is delayed in the performance of the Work by the acts or omissions of the COUNTY, acts of God, unusually severe and abnormal climatic conditions or other conditions beyond the CONTRACTOR's control and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have foreseen and provided against, shall be added to the Contract Time stated in the Agreement; provided, however, that no claim by the CONTRACTOR

for an extension of time for such delays be considered unless made in accordance with Paragraph 8.1.

8.5 The COUNTY shall not be obligated or liable to the CONTRACTOR for and the CONTRACTOR hereby expressly waives any claims against any damages, costs, or expenses of any nature whatsoever which the CONTRACTOR, its subcontractors or sub-subcontractors may incur as a result of any delays, interferences, suspensions, rescheduling, changes in sequence, congestion, disruptions or the like, arising from or out of any act or omission of the COUNTY, or any of the events referred to in Paragraph 8.4 above, it being understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR's sole and exclusive remedy in such event shall be an extension of Contract Time, but only if claim is properly made in accordance with Paragraph 8.1.

8.6 If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a Claim for additional time, such Claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time, could not have been reasonably anticipated, and had an adverse effect on the scheduled critical path of construction. Based on 30-Year, National Weather Service historical rainfall averages for Jefferson County, the CONTRACTOR shall anticipate the amount of rainfall days affecting the schedule as normal conditions outlined in the following months below:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2	2	3	2	3	5	5	6	6	5	3	2

#### ARTICLE 9 SITE CONDITIONS

9.1 <u>Field Measurements</u>. Before undertaking each part of the construction, the CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to the COUNTY any conflict, error, or discrepancy that the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors or Suppliers may discover and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the COUNTY before proceeding with any Work affected. The CONTRACTOR shall remain liable to the COUNTY for failure to report any conflict, error, ambiguity, or discrepancy in the Contract Documents prepared by the CONTRACTOR.

9.2 <u>Differing Site Conditions</u>. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the COUNTY in writing of: (A) subsurface or latent physical conditions at the site differing materially from those indicated in this Agreement; or (B) unknown physical conditions at the site of an unusual nature, differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the Work of the character provided for in this Agreement. The COUNTY will promptly investigate the conditions, and if it finds that such conditions do materially so differ and cause an increase or decrease in the CONTRACTOR's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the Work under this Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the Agreement modified in writing accordingly. The CONTRACTOR's failure to provide notice upon discovery of the differing site condition shall waive any entitlement to such an adjustment in the Contract Price or Contract Time.

9.3 Physical Conditions (Including Underground Facilities). The CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for physical conditions, and Underground Facilities owned by the COUNTY or others, as shown or indicated in the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for reviewing and checking all such information and data. The COUNTY shall not be responsible for accuracy or completeness of data, plans, and specifications and the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for checking all information and data. If the Contract Documents necessitate amending to order changes in the Work due to Underground Facilities owned by the COUNTY or others, whether they be shown or indicated or newly discovered, the COUNTY shall authorize the required changes in the Work by Change Order. If those Underground Facilities owned by the COUNTY or others cause or will cause delays in the performance or extend completion of all or part of the work, the CONTRACTOR shall absorb all related delay, extension, or acceleration costs, however caused, except that if the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree that the delays require a change in Contract Time, the COUNTY shall authorize the necessary change in Contract Time only to the extent that such delays exceed 30 (thirty) days impact to controlling work items. However, an extension in Contract Time, when and if so granted shall be the CONTRACTOR's sole and exclusive remedy with respect to the COUNTY for any delay, disruption, interference, inefficiency, acceleration, extension or hindrance, and associated costs, however caused, resulting from variance in the location or configuration of Underground Facilities owned by the COUNTY or others as shown or indicated, or from newly discovered Underground Facilities owned by the COUNTY or others.

9.4 <u>Special Requirements for Underground Facilities</u>. The CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for the following list. Except as otherwise provided, all costs involved and time required to perform these responsibilities shall be considered as having been included in the Contract Price and in the CONTRACTOR's schedule for the performance of the Work within the Contract Time, even if the Contract Documents need amending to authorize minor deviations or changes in the Work due to those Underground Facilities including utilities.

- A. Field locating any and all Underground Facilities including utilities shown or indicated as to depth and alignment in advance of excavation;
- B. Notifying the COUNTY of any newly discovered Underground Facility and promptly notifying that the COUNTY of that discovery;
- C. Shoring, blocking and protecting Underground Facilities including utilities shown, indicated or discovered;
- D. Coordination, scheduling and sequencing the Work with the COUNTY's of all Underground Facilities shown, indicated or discovered;
- E. Repairing any damage to the satisfaction of the COUNTY, to the extent that the damage was due to the CONTRACTOR's failure to adhere to the requirements, or to the fault or negligence of the CONTRACTOR; and
- F. The safety and protection of any affected the Work, and for repairing any damage done to the work.

9.5 If those Underground Facilities owned by the COUNTY or others cause or will cause delays in the performance or extend completion of all or part of the work, the CONTRACTOR shall absorb all related delay, extension or acceleration costs, however caused, except that if the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree that the delays require a change in Contract Time, the COUNTY shall authorize the necessary change in Contract Time only to the extent that such delays exceed 30 (thirty) days impact to controlling work items. However, an extension in Contract Time, when and if so granted shall be the CONTRACTOR's sole and exclusive remedy with respect to the COUNTY for any delay, disruption, interference, inefficiency, acceleration, extension or hindrance and associated costs, however caused, resulting from variance in the location or configuration of Underground Facilities owned by the COUNTY or others.

9.6 Unless it prejudices the Work already excavated and uncovered, the CONTRACTOR shall schedule layout, excavation and uncovering of the Work or Underground Facilities a sufficient time in advance to allow the COUNTY'S design professional's review, and the possible amending or supplementing of the Contract Documents.

#### ARTICLE 10 INDEMNIFICATION

The CONTRACTOR hereby assumes entire responsibility and liability for any and all damage or injury of any kind or nature whatever (including death resulting therefrom) to all persons, whether employees of any tier of the CONTRACTOR, its SUBCONTRACTS, CONSULTANTS or SUPPLIERS or otherwise, and to all property caused by, resulting from, arising out of or occurring in connection with the execution of the Agreement, or in preparation for the work and services under this Agreement, or any extension, modification, or amendment thereto by change order to otherwise.

The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY and its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, lawsuits, and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of the CONTRACTOR or persons employed or utilized by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 11 TERMINATION

11.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR may be held in default of its contractual obligation under this Agreement if the CONTRACTOR:

- A. refuses or fails to supply enough properly skilled workers or proper and sufficient materials and equipment;
- B. fails to make payment to subcontractor for materials or labor in accordance with the respective agreements between the CONTRACTOR and the subcontractors;

- C. disregards laws, ordinances, or rules, regulations or orders of a public authority having jurisdiction;
- D. performs the Work that does not conform to Contract Documents requirements;
- E. fails to meet the Contract Schedule or fails to make progress on the Work so as to endanger performance of the Agreement;
- F. abandons or refuses to proceed with any or all the Work; or
- G. otherwise breaches, fails to comply fully with, or is in default of any provision of the Contract Documents.

11.2 The COUNTY must provide written notice to the CONTRACTOR notifying it that the COUNTY is declaring it in default and providing the CONTRACTOR with 3 (three) business days after receipt of such written notice of default, to cure such default. In the event that the CONTRACTOR fails to cure the default within the 3 (three) business day default period, the COUNTY may:

- A. take possession of the Work site and of all materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the CONTRACTOR; and
- B. accept assignment of subcontracts pursuant to this Agreement; and

(i) finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the COUNTY may deem expedient, and charge all completion costs against any monies owed or to be owed to the CONTRACTOR, or back charge the CONTRACTOR for any and all such completion costs, or

(ii) terminate the CONTRACTOR and hire a completion contractor to finish the Work by whatever reasonable method the COUNTY may deem expedient, and charge all completion costs, including costs for construction, architectural, engineering, project management, and any other expenses, against any monies owed or to be owed to the CONTRACTOR, or backcharge the CONTRACTOR for any and all such completion costs, or

C. set off any and all such completion costs against any monies then due or to become due on any other projects that the COUNTY has with the CONTRACTOR.

11.3 Upon default, the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive further payment until the Work is finished.

11.4 If, after notice of termination, it is determined for any reason that the CONTRACTOR was not in default, or that the delay was excusable under the provisions of the Contract Documents, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been a Termination by the COUNTY for Convenience.

11.5 Pursuant to Section 287.135, Fla. Stat., the COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause if the CONTRACTOR, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification per Section 4.22 of this Agreement; or if the CONTRACTOR, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are placed on any applicable scrutinized companies list or engaged in prohibited contracting activity during the term of this Agreement. As provided in Section 287.135(8), Fla. Stat., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

11.6 Termination by the COUNTY for Convenience. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in the Contract Documents, the COUNTY reserves the right at any time and in its sole and absolute discretion to terminate the services of the CONTRACTOR with respect to the Work by giving written notice to the CONTRACTOR. In such event, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to, and the COUNTY shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR for, an equitable portion of the Contract Price based on the portion of the Work completed prior to the effective date of termination and for any other reasonably expended costs attributable to such termination. However, the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive its anticipated profits for any unperformed Work.

#### ARTICLE 12 SUSPENSION OF WORK

The COUNTY may, without cause, order the CONTRACTOR in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt the Work in whole or in part for such period of time as the COUNTY may determine.

#### ARTICLE 13 CHANGES IN THE WORK

13.1 The COUNTY may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the Work by requesting a proposal from the CONTRACTOR detailing the proposed additions, deletions, or revisions to the Work. The proposal shall include such details as manhours, man-hour rates, quantities, quantity unit rates, equipment, equipment unit rates, and mark-ups. The CONTRACTOR shall complete and return the proposal to the COUNTY within 10 (ten) days from receipt thereof. The proposal shall include any increases or decreases in Contract Time or Contract Price and shall include any additional modifications required by virtue of the requested change, whether or not such additional modifications were specifically identified in the request for proposal. The proposal may then be: (A) issued as a Change Order in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents; (B) modified and thereafter issued as a Change Order in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents; or (C) withdrawn.

13.2 The COUNTY may authorize minor changes or alterations in the Work involving minimal cost or time and not inconsistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Order. If the CONTRACTOR believes that any minor change or alterations authorized by the COUNTY entitles it to an increase in the Contract Price or extension of Contract Time, it shall treat the Field Order as a request for proposal and issue a proposal for the change in Contract Price and Contract Time prior to proceeding with the Work covered in the Field Order. The procedures outlined in the Contract Documents shall then be followed.

Acceptance of the Final Payment by the CONTRACTOR shall constitute acknowledgment by the CONTRACTOR that all payments due for modifications required under Field Orders have been incorporated into the Final Payment.

13.3 Additional Work performed by the CONTRACTOR without authorization of a written Change Order will not entitle it to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time.

13.4 It is the CONTRACTOR's responsibility to notify its Surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the Work or change in the Contract Price and the amount of the applicable Bonds shall be adjusted accordingly. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish proof of such adjustment to the COUNTY.

13.5 The COUNTY may, at any time, without notice to the Surety, by Field Order or by properly executed Change Order, make any change in the Work within the general scope of the Contract Documents, including but not limited to changes:

- A. in the Drawings and designs, and Specifications;
- B. in the method or manner of performance of the Work;
- C. directing acceleration in the performance of the Work.

13.6 Except as herein provided, no order, statement, or conduct of the COUNTY shall be treated as a Change Order or Field Order or entitle the CONTRACTOR to an equitable adjustment hereunder.

13.7 No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Agreement.

13.8 The value of any Work covered by a Field Order, Change Order or of any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be determined in one of the following ways at the sole discretion of the COUNTY:

- A. where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved;
- B. by negotiated lump sum; or
- C. cost plus. If this option is selected, the COUNTY reserves the right to request any and all documentation from the CONTRACTOR in support of its foregoing Actual Costs, and the CONTRACTOR agrees promptly to supply such information.

13.9 For changes in the Work performed by the CONTRACTOR's own forces, the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to a percentage 10% (ten percent) mark-up for Actual Costs as defined in Section 1.

13.10 For changes in the Work performed by subcontractors: (A) the subcontractor shall be entitled to mark-up the cost of the change(s) by 10% (ten percent); and (B) the CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to mark-up the subcontractor's total by 5% (five percent). The foregoing shall be the maximum amount allowable for subcontractor's and the CONTRACTOR's Actual Costs as defined in Section 1.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

# MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND WORKMANSHIP; SUBSTITUTIONS

14.1 Only new, unused items of recent manufacture, of designated quality, free from defects, will be accepted. Rejected items shall be removed immediately from the Work and replaced with items of specified quality. Failure by the COUNTY to order removal of rejected materials and equipment shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for quality of the materials supplied or from any other obligation under the Contract Documents.

14.2 No Work defective in construction or quality, or deficient in meeting any requirement of the Contract Drawings and Specifications, will be acceptable regardless of the COUNTY's failure to discover or to point out defects or deficiencies during construction; nor will the presence of field representatives at the Work or the satisfaction of the Work meeting applicable code requirements relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for the quality and securing progress of the Work as required by the Contract Documents.

14.3 Prior to proposing any substitute item, the CONTRACTOR shall satisfy itself that the item proposed is, in fact, equal or better to that specified, that such item will fit into the space allocated, that such item affords comparable ease of operation, maintenance and service, that the appearance, longevity and suitability for the climate are comparable, and that by reason of cost savings, reduced construction time, or similar demonstrable benefit, the substitution of such item will be in the COUNTY's interest, and will in no way have a detrimental effect upon the Project completion date and schedule.

- A. The burden of proof of equality of a proposed substitution for a specified item shall be upon the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall support its request with sufficient test data and other means to permit the COUNTY to make a fair and equitable decision on the merits of the proposal. The CONTRACTOR shall submit drawings, samples, data and certificates and additional information as may be required by the COUNTY for proposed substitute items as required by the Contract Documents.
- B. Any item by a manufacturer other than those specified or of brand name or model number or of generic species other than those specified will be considered a substitution. The COUNTY will be the sole judge of whether or not the substitution is equal in quality, utility, and economy to that specified.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall allow an additional 15 (fifteen) days for the COUNTY's review of requested substitutions. All requests for substitutions with submittal data must be made at least 50 (fifty) days prior to the time the CONTRACTOR must order,

purchase or release for manufacture or fabrication. Approval of a substitution shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for compliance with all requirements of the Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate the change with all trades and bear the expense for any changes in other parts of the Work caused by any substitutions.

D. If the COUNTY rejects the CONTRACTOR's requested substitute item on the first submittal, the CONTRACTOR may make only one additional request for substitution in the same category. Upon the second request, the CONTRACTOR shall be invoiced the expenses of the COUNTY allocable to the review of such submittal data. The foregoing amounts shall be deducted, as applicable, from the next succeeding partial payment to the CONTRACTOR, or from the final payment.

# ARTICLE 15 COMPLIANCE

15.1 All work, labor, materials and equipment provided under this Agreement shall be performed in strict compliance with any and all applicable building and fire, life and safety codes and strictly in accordance with plans and specifications. The CONTRACTOR must satisfy itself that the Plans, Drawings and Specifications in fact comply with all applicable codes. The CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY prior to commencement of the Work of any requirement of the plans and specifications not in strict compliance with such codes. There will be no extra payment for compliance to existing codes or any item of interpretation regarding enforcement of existing codes. The CONTRACTOR is representing by acceptance of this Agreement that it has thoroughly researched all applicable codes and regulations affecting the Project.

15.2 If, during the term of this Agreement, there are any changed or new laws, ordinances or regulations not known or foreseeable at the time of signing this Agreement which become effective and which affect the cost or time of performance of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the COUNTY in writing and submit detailed documentation of such effect in terms of both time and cost of performing the Agreement. Upon concurrence by the COUNTY as to the effect of such changes, an adjustment in the Contract Price and/or time of performance will be made. If any discrepancy or inconsistency should be discovered between the Contract Documents and any law, ordinance, regulation, order or decree, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately report the same in writing to the COUNTY who will issue such instructions as may be necessary. However, it shall not be grounds for a Change Order that the CONTRACTOR was unaware of or failed to investigate the rules, codes, regulations, statutes, and all ordinances of all applicable governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Project or the Work.

15.3 The CONTRACTOR shall give all notices and at all times comply with all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations in effect during the time of performance of the Work.

15.4 The CONTRACTOR shall deliver a product which will meet or exceed the Design package standards, provide a complete and functional facility including but not limited to all necessary interfaces between this facility and adjacent existing facilities, and/or anticipated future facilities.

All built-in equipment, systems, controls, devices and finishes necessary for the efficient use and maintenance of the facility and its related site work (if applicable), except as otherwise noted and/or clarified herein, shall be included in the Work.

#### ARTICLE 16 NON-DISCRIMINATION

The CONTRACTOR covenants and agrees that the CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of the Agreement with the respect to hiring, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of age, sex, physical handicaps (except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification) marital status, race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.

#### ARTICLE 17 DEFECTIVE WORK

17.1 The COUNTY shall have authority to disapprove or reject the Work which is "defective" (which term is hereinafter used to describe the Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or defective, or does not conform to the requirements of the Contract Documents or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to final acceptance). Such parties shall also have authority to require special inspection or testing of the Work as such parties may individually or severally deem necessary, whether or not the Work is fabricated, installed or completed.

Upon presentation of a Defective the Work Notice to the CONTRACTOR or the 17.2 CONTRACTOR's the Project Superintendent, the CONTRACTOR shall meet within 24 (twentyfour) hours with the COUNTY to discuss and develop a plan of remedial action and time-line to correct the defective the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall have no more than three (3) working days to begin corrective action and repairs in accordance with the agreed upon schedule; provided, however, all repairs to natural gas, telephone, radio, computer security, water, waste water, electric air conditioning services and all emergency services shall be commenced within twelve (12) hours of notification, or by 7:00 a.m. whichever is earlier, and the CONTRACTOR shall complete the repairs in an expeditious manner befitting the nature of the deficiency. If the CONTRACTOR refuses to comply with the 24 (twenty four) hour meeting requirement, or the agreed upon correction schedule, the COUNTY has the right to do any of the following: (A) correct any the Work so performed by the CONTRACTOR and deduct the expenses for doing so from the final payment due the CONTRACTOR; or (B) hold back final payment due the CONTRACTOR until such time as the Work is completed to the satisfaction of the COUNTY and in compliance with the Contract Documents. The COUNTY shall have the sole discretion to determine if the Work is satisfactory and in compliance with Contract Documents. The foregoing remedies are not exclusive and the COUNTY reserves the right to pursue any and all other remedies it deems applicable.

#### ARTICLE 18 BONDS AND INSURANCE

18.1 Payment and Performance Bonds. The CONTRACTOR shall, upon execution and return of this Agreement to the COUNTY, furnish a Public Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, pursuant to §255.05, Florida Statutes, in at least an amount equal to the Contract Price, for any Agreement (Work Order) over \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars), covering the faithful performance of this Agreement and all the CONTRACTOR's faithful performance and payment of all the CONTRACTOR's obligations under the Contract Documents. The Bonds shall be recorded at the Jefferson County Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office at the CONTRACTOR's expense and a copy provided to the County's Purchasing Division (grojas@jeffersoncountyfl.gov). The Surety must be included in the most recent United States Department of the Treasury List of Acceptable Sureties, authorized to issue surety bonds in Florida, and which maintains a surety rating of "A-" or better. A complete copy of the fully executed Payment Bond shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the Project site. If the Surety on any Bond furnished by the CONTRACTOR is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, its authorization to do business in the State of Florida is terminated, it ceases to be listed on the United States Department of Treasury List of Acceptable Sureties, or its surety rating ceases to be an "A-" or better, the CONTRACTOR shall within 5 (five) days thereafter substitute another Payment Bond, Performance Bond, and Surety, each of which shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents and acceptable to the COUNTY. An action to enforce any claim against a payment bond must be brought within one year from the last furnishing of labor, services, or materials, or as otherwise stated in §95.11 (5)(e), Florida Statutes. An action to enforce any claim against a performance bond must be brought within five years in accordance with §95.11(2)(b), Florida Statutes, and applicable case law.

#### 18.2 Insurance

- A. <u>Certificate of Insurance</u>. One certified true copy of the policy or policies must be furnished by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY prior to commencement of any demolition, Site Work, Site preparation or construction Work. The Certificate(s) of Insurance must state Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners as an Additional Insured on all policies except the Workers Compensation. The statement "Additional Insured" is to be listed in the Description Block of the Insurance Certificate along with the Project name. The indication that Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is a Certificate Holder is not sufficient for this issue. The Additional Insured endorsement must be attached to the Certificate of Insurance and shall include coverage for Completed Operations under the General Liability policy.
- B. <u>General Insurance Requirements.</u> The CONTRACTOR and, where designated, each of its subcontractors and sub-subcontractors shall obtain and maintain during the full duration of the Work required under this Agreement, and through any period of limitation allowed by law for actions for personal injury, bodily injury, disease, death, property damages and other losses or damages required to be insured hereunder, the following insurance coverages, in the type, amounts, terms and in conformance with the following minimum requirements.

(i) All policies and endorsements shall be issued on Insurance Service Office (ISO) forms or on forms providing broader and no less restrictive coverage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the form and content of all policies and endorsements must be acceptable to the COUNTY. All insurance carriers must carry an A.M. Best Rating of A:IX or better and coverage should apply on a Primary and Noncontributory basis. At the discretion of the COUNTY, other coverage types and /or specific endorsements may be required depending upon the type and scope of work to be performed. All insurance must be acceptable by and approved by the COUNTY as to form and types of coverage.

(ii) The policy(s) shall provide for 30 (thirty) days prior written notice to the COUNTY, by registered or certified mail, if cancellation or any change that will reduce the coverages required herein.

(iii)The policy(s) shall be written for the Contract Times, commencing with the initial demolition, Site Work and/or Site preparation, and ending at the Final Completion and shall contain an endorsement providing for extension of the policy(s) for up to 2 (two) years. The Products and Completed Operations portions of the General Liability shall extend for a period of 10 (ten) years after the Final Acceptance of the Project by the COUNTY and shall include an "Additional Insured" endorsement.

(iv)All liability polices required herein shall be written on an occurrence basis

(v) The policies shall name the COUNTY, its commissioners and staff as additional insured (including Completed Operations coverage under the General Liability) as their interest may appear under this Agreement.

(vi)All insurers shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the COUNTY and each individual member of COUNTY's Board of County Commissioners, Constitutional Officers, or staff.

(vii) It is the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to ensure any independent contractors and subcontractors utilized on the project also comply with these insurance requirements.

- C. <u>Premiums</u>. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance required under this Agreement and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles to which such policies are subject.
- D. Specific Insurance Limits
  - (i) <u>Workers' Compensation</u>. The CONTRACTOR shall carry Workers' Compensation insurance on behalf of all employees who are required to provide a service under this Agreement, as required by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and Employers Liability of limits no less than:

\$ 500,000	each accident
\$ 500,000	disease - policy limit
\$ 500,000	each employee

Should the scope of work performed by the CONTRACTOR qualify its employees for benefits under Federal the Worker's Compensation Statute (i.e. Longshoreman & Harbor the Workers Act or Merchant Marine Act), proof of appropriate Federal Act coverage must be provided.

#### (ii) Commercial General Liability, with limits of not less than:

1,000,000 1,000,000	each occurrence personal/advertising injury
2,000,000	products/completed operations (per project aggregate)
\$ 2,000,000	general aggregate (per project aggregate)
\$ 100,000	fire damage legal (any 1 fire)
\$ 10,000	medical expense (any 1 person)

Coverage to include include bodily injury, property damage liability, personal and advertising injury, products and completed operations, fire damage legal liability and medical expense coverage. Contractual Liability is to be included to cover the hold harmless agreement set forth in the Agreement. Coverage is to extend to independent contractors and fellow employees. XCU coverage is to be included. Coverage is to include a cross liability or severability of interest provision as provided under the standard ISO form separation of insureds clause. There should be no "damage to your work" exclusion for work performed by subcontractors. Policy is to include coverage for pollution release at project location in which the insured is performing non-environmental operations. There shall be no exclusion for mold, silica or respirable dust or bodily injury or property damage arising out of heat, smoke, fumes or ash from a hostile fire. If the project involves environmental exposures, Environmental Impairment Liability coverage shall be maintained.

(iii)<u>Automobile Liability</u> - \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) Combined Single Limit coverage for all owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles.

(iv)<u>Umbrella Liability</u> - to include the Employers Liability, general liability and automobile in underlying policy schedule, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 (one million dollars).

(v) <u>Hazardous Material</u> - if the Work being performed involves hazardous materials, the need to procure appropriate insurance coverage will be addressed in a modification to the Agreement. However, if hazardous materials are identified while carrying out this Agreement, no further the Work is to be performed in the area of the hazardous material until the COUNTY has been consulted as to the need to procure and maintain such coverage.

E. <u>Waiver of Subrogation</u>. The CONTRACTOR hereby waives any and all rights of Subrogation against the COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then the CONTRACTOR shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent.

#### ARTICLE 19 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND WARRANTY

19.1 All materials and equipment incorporated into any Work shall be warrantied and guaranteed as new quality and of the highest grade of quality for their intended use. All Work shall be performed in good workmanship and shall be in accordance with all Contract Documents and industry standards. The Work shall be functionally sound, technically proficient, developed with structural integrity, and shall be in compliance with all governing laws, regulations, and applicable codes. The CONTRACTOR warrants all Work against defects for a period of 1 (one) year (unless longer guarantees or warranties are provided for elsewhere in the Agreement or at law, in which case the longer periods of time shall prevail) from the date of Substantial Completion, regardless of whether the Work was performed by the CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors.

19.2 If defects are identified during the warranty period, the CONTRACTOR shall repair or replace the defect and cure such defect within 48 (forty-eight) hours of receipt of written notice. The CONTRACTOR warrants such repaired or replaced Work for a period of 1 (one) year from the completion of the warranty work or the warranty period specified, whichever is longer. Should the CONTRACTOR fail to timely cure such defects, the COUNTY may proceed to perform the work at the CONTRACTOR's expense and may back charge the CONTRACTOR for all costs associated with the work.

19.3 The CONTRACTOR agrees to require that all of its subcontractors, suppliers, and materialmen provide warranties in their agreements at least sufficient to satisfy the CONTRACTOR's obligations in this Agreement and the CONTRACTOR shall assign all such warranties to the COUNTY as a condition precedent to the receipt of Final Payment. The CONTRACTOR agrees to defend and indemnify the COUNTY against all fees and costs should the CONTRACTOR fail to obtain the warranty protections required herein.

19.4 For all equipment that has a manufacturer's warranty, the CONTRACTOR shall assign such warranty to the COUNTY. The manufacturer's warranty period shall be concurrent with the CONTRACTOR's warranty to the COUNTY. In the event that the equipment manufacturer or supplier is unwilling to provide such a warranty, the CONTRACTOR shall obtain a 2 (two) year equipment warranty commencing at the time of acceptance of the equipment by the COUNTY.

#### ARTICLE 20 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA AND SAMPLES

20.1 <u>Documents and Samples at the Site</u>. From and after commencement of the Construction of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain at the site one record copy of the Construction Documents and any and all amendments thereto, in good order and marked, to record changes to the Contract Documents as approved during the construction of the Project. In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain at the site approved shop drawings, product data, samples, and similar required submittals. These shall be provided to the COUNTY upon completion of the Work.

- 20.2 Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples.
  - A. Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals are not Contract Documents. The purpose of their submittal is to demonstrate, for those portions of the Work for which submittals are required, the way the CONTRACTOR proposes to conform the construction to the Contract Documents.
  - B. The CONTRACTOR shall review and take appropriate action upon Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals. The COUNTY shall review Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, and similar submittals for compliance with the Design Documents and shall provide comments, if any, within 15 (fifteen) days of receiving such documents.
  - C. The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of responsibility for the deviations from requirements of the Contract Documents by the COUNTY's approval of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals unless the CONTRACTOR has specifically informed the COUNTY of such deviation at the time of the submittal and the COUNTY has given written approval to the specific deviation. The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of responsibility for errors or omissions in Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples, or similar submittals to the COUNTY for approval thereof.

#### ARTICLE 21 SAFETY

21.1 The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall take all precautions and follow all procedures for the safety of, and shall provide all protection to prevent injury to, all persons involved in any way in the Work and all other persons, including, without limitation, the employees, agents, guests, visitors, invitees, and licensees of the COUNTY and users who may be affected thereby.

21.2 All the Work, whether performed by the CONTRACTOR, its subcontractors or subsubcontractors, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, and all equipment, appliance, machinery, materials, tools and like items incorporated or used in the Work, shall be in compliance with, and conform to:

- A. all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public, quasipublic, or other authority relating to the safety of persons and their protection against injury, specifically including, but in no event limited to, the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the Trench Safety Act, as amended, and all state, Jefferson County and, where the Project is located in a municipality, municipal, rules and regulations now or hereinafter in effect; and
- B. all codes, rules, regulations and requirements of the COUNTY and its insurance carriers relating thereto. In the event of conflicting requirements, the more stringent shall govern.

21.3 Should the CONTRACTOR fail to provide a safe area for the performance of the Work or any portion thereof, the COUNTY shall have the right, but not the obligation, to suspend the Work in the unsafe area. All costs of any nature resulting from the suspension, by whomever incurred, shall be borne by the CONTRACTOR.

21.4 The CONTRACTOR shall provide, or cause to be provided, to each worker on the Work site, the proper safety equipment for the duties being performed by that worker and will not permit any worker on the Work site who fails or refuses to use the same. The COUNTY shall have the right, but not the obligation, to order the CONTRACTOR to send a worker home for the day or to discharge a worker for his or her failure to comply with safe practices, with which order the CONTRACTOR shall promptly comply.

21.5 In emergencies affecting the safety of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the CONTRACTOR, without special instruction or authorization from the COUNTY, is obligated to act, at its discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. If the CONTRACTOR believes that additional Work done by it in an emergency which arose from causes beyond its control entitles it to an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, it may make a claim therefore as provided in the Contract Documents.

#### ARTICLE 22 PROTECTION OF WORK AND PROPERTY

22.1 The CONTRACTOR: (A) shall, throughout the performance of the Agreement, maintain adequate and continuous protection of all completed Work and temporary facilities against loss or damage from whatever cause; (B) shall protect the property of the COUNTY and third parties from loss or damage from whatever cause arising out of the performance of the Agreement; and (C) shall comply with the requirements of the COUNTY and its insurance carriers and with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations with respect to the prevention of loss or damage to the property. The COUNTY, its insurance carriers or representatives, may, but shall not be required to, make periodic patrols of the Work site as a part of its normal safety, loss control, and security programs. In such event, however, the CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of its

aforesaid responsibilities and the COUNTY shall not assume, nor shall it be deemed to have assumed, any responsibility otherwise imposed upon the CONTRACTOR by this Agreement.

22.2 Before the CONTRACTOR disposes of any existing improvements or equipment which are to be removed as a portion of the Work and for which disposition is not specifically provided for elsewhere in the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall contact the COUNTY and determine if the removal items are to be salvaged. Items to be salvaged by the COUNTY shall be neatly stockpiled or stored in a neat and acceptable manner at the construction site easily accessible to the COUNTY. Equipment and materials which will not be salvaged by the COUNTY shall become the property of the CONTRACTOR to be removed from the site and disposed of in an acceptable manner. To the extent the CONTRACTOR intends to temporarily store materials at a site near or adjacent to the Project site prior to ultimate removal or disposal, the CONTRACTOR must first obtain written authorization from the COUNTY, as well as the property owner.

22.3 <u>Preservation of Trees</u>. Those trees which are designated on the Drawings for preservation shall be carefully protected from damage. The CONTRACTOR shall erect and maintain such protections such as barricades, guards, and enclosures as is necessary for the protection of the trees during all construction operations. The CONTRACTOR shall replace any and all trees damaged during construction activities (other than trees specified to be removed) at no expense to the COUNTY.

22.4 <u>Preservation of Private Property</u>. The CONTRACTOR shall exercise extreme care to avoid unnecessary disturbance of private property as applicable. Trees, shrubbery, gardens, lawn and other landscaping that must be removed shall be replaced and replanted to restore the construction easement to the condition existing prior to construction. All soil preparation procedures and replanting operations shall be under the supervision of a nurseryman experienced in such operations. Any vegetation requiring relocation, temporary or otherwise, which is damaged or destroyed, shall be replaced at no cost to the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall replace any and all such vegetation damaged during construction activities (other than vegetation specified to be removed) at no expense to the COUNTY.

22.5 Until final acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall have full and complete charge and care of and, except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, shall bear all risk of loss of, and injury or damage to, the Work or any portion thereof (specifically including the COUNTY-furnished supplies, equipment or other items to be utilized in connection with, or incorporated in, the Work) from any cause whatsoever.

22.6 Existing manholes, fire alarms, etc., shall not be obstructed by the CONTRACTOR, unless called for in the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR is to make no connections to or operate valves on water mains or otherwise interfere with the operation of the water system, without first giving written approval from the appropriate governmental entity.

#### ARTICLE 23 TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

23.1 If any Work (including the work of others) that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered without written concurrence of the COUNTY, it must be uncovered for observation if requested by the COUNTY. Such uncovering shall be at the CONTRACTOR's expense.

23.2 The CONTRACTOR shall be liable for any additional testing or inspections necessitated by defective work performed or materials supplied by the CONTRACTOR or by any of its subcontractors or vendors of any tier.

#### ARTICLE 24 UTILITY COORDINATION

24.1 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for making all necessary arrangements with governmental departments, utilities, public carriers, service companies and corporations owning or controlling roadways, railways, water, sewer, gas, electrical, cable television, telephone, and telegraph facilities such as pavements, tracks, piping, wires, cables, conduits, poles, guys, etc., including incidental structures connected therewith, that are encountered in the Work in order that such items may be properly shored, supported, and protected, or the CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for coordinating their relocation. The CONTRACTOR: shall (A) give all proper notices; (B) comply with requirements of such parties in the performance of its the Work; (C) permit entrance of such parties on the Work site in order that they may perform their necessary the Work; and (D) pay all charges and fees made by such parties for this the Work. The CONTRACTOR's attention is called to the fact that there may be delays on the Project due to the Work to be done by governmental departments, public utilities, and others in repairing or moving poles, conduits, etc. The CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with the above parties, in every way possible, so that the construction can be completed in the least possible time.

24.2 At all points where the Work constructed by the CONTRACTOR connects to existing utilities and services, the actual the Work of making the necessary connection to the existing service or utility shall be arranged for by the CONTRACTOR at no expense to the COUNTY (unless specifically indicated otherwise). Services and utilities included within (but not limited to) this responsibility are roads, ditches, electrical, sewer, mechanical utilities, water, fencing, etc. Connections shall be made at a time that will result in the least possible interference with existing services.

24.3 FPL calls attention to the fact that there may be energized, high voltage electric lines, both overhead and underground, located in the area of this Project. The CONTRACTOR must visually survey the area and take the necessary steps to identify all overhead and underground facilities prior to commencing construction to determine whether the construction of any proposed improvements will bring any person, tool, machinery, equipment, or object closer to FPL's power lines than the OSHA-prescribed limits. If the CONTRACTOR identifies such, it shall re-design the Project to allow for safe construction given the pre-existing power line location, or make arrangements with FPL to, either deenergize and ground its facilities, or relocate them. The CONTRACTOR must do this before allowing any construction near power lines. If it is necessary for the CONTRACTOR and/or subcontractor to operate or handle cranes, digging apparatus, draglines, mobile equipment, or any other equipment, tools or materials in such a manner that they might come closer to underground or overhead power lines than is permitted by local, state or

federal regulations, the CONTRACTOR or subcontractor must notify FPL in writing of such planned operation prior to the commencement thereof and make all necessary arrangements with FPL in order to carry out the work in a safe manner. Any work in the vicinity of the electric lines should be suspended until these arrangements are finalized and implemented. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to complete a "Notification of FPL Facilities" form prior to the commencement of the Work.

#### ARTICLE 25 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The CONTRACTOR shall obtain all required Federal, State, and local permits and licenses and shall be responsible for the safe and proper handling, transporting, storage, and use of any explosive or hazardous materials brought onto or encountered within the Project, and at its expense, make good any damage caused by its handling, transporting, storage, and use. The CONTRACTOR will notify the COUNTY immediately if explosive or hazardous materials are encountered on the Project site. Transporting explosive or hazardous materials onto the site will require prior written approval from the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and post as necessary Material Hazard Data Sheets for all applicable Hazardous Materials used in the course of its work. In the event that hazardous material is improperly handled or stored by the CONTRACTOR, its subcontractors, or any employee or agent of any of the aforementioned, which results in contamination of the site, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the COUNTY and the appropriate governmental authority and shall take whatever action is necessary or desirable to remediate the contamination at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense.

#### ARTICLE 26 AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR agrees that the COUNTY, or any of its duly authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine any and all books, documents, papers, and records of the CONTRACTOR, and may at its option conduct an audit of the CONTRACTOR's financial books and records concerning this the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees that payment(s) made under this Agreement shall be subject to reduction for amounts charged thereto, which are found on the basis of audit examination, to constitute non-allowable costs under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund by check payable to the COUNTY the amount of such reduction of payments. All required records shall be maintained until the latter of the completion of the audit and all questions arising therefore are resolved, or six (6) years after completion of the Work and issuance of the Final Payment.

#### ARTICLE 27 PUBLIC RECORDS

27.1 The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 119, Fla. Stat. (Public Records Law), in connection with this Agreement and shall provide access to public records in accordance with §119.0701, Fla. Stat. and more specifically Contractor shall:

27.1.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the

Agreement.

27.1.2. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Fla. Stat. or as otherwise provided by law.

27.1.3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the CONTRACTOR does not transfer the records to the County.

27.1.4. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the CONTRACTOR or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the Agreement. If the CONTRACTOR transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

# 27.2 IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (850) 342-0223, smetty@jeffersouncountyfl.gov, 450 W. Walnut Street, Monticello, FL, 32344.

27.3 Failure to comply with the requirements of this Article shall be deemed a default as defined under the terms of this Agreement and constitute grounds for termination.

#### ARTICLE 28 ASSIGNMENT

28.1 The COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its officers, directors, qualifying agents, partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto and to the partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Agreement.

28.2 The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of the Agreement or its right, title, or interest in or to the same or any part thereof, or allow legal action to be brought in its name for the benefit of others, without previous written consent of the COUNTY and Surety.

28.3 If for any reason the COUNTY terminates its Agreement with the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR hereby assigns this Agreement to the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall include in each of its subcontracts language that requires its subcontractors to agree to such assignment and to perform their responsibilities and to fully complete the work required by this Agreement directly for the COUNTY.

#### ARTICLE 29 ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS

29.1 In the event the CONTRACTOR defaults in the performance of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR agrees to pay all damages and costs incurred by the COUNTY in the enforcement of this Agreement, including reasonable attorney's fees, expert fees, court costs, and all expenses, including but not limited to any costs from any state court or federal court proceedings, whether in a trial court or in an appellate court.

29.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the parties expressly agree that each party will bear its own attorney's fees and court costs incurred in connection with this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 30 NOTICES

Whenever either party desires to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing in at least one of the following methods:

- (a) Certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or
- (b) Overnight courier, such as by FedEx or UPS, with a request for receipt acknowledgment; or
- (c) Hand-delivery to a person authorized to accept delivery of notice with a request for a receipt acknowledgment; or
- (d) Email if and only if agreed to in advance by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR in writing specifying the email addresses, and if so agreed, the email shall a request receipt acknowledgement.

The place for giving notice shall remain the same as set forth herein until changed in writing in the manner provided in this section. For the present, the parties designate the following:

FOR COUNTY:

Jefferson County Manager 445 W. Palmer Mill Road Monticello, FL 32344

WITH A COPY TO:

County Attorney Nabors Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. 1500 Mahan Dr. Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32308

FOR CONTRACTOR:

CONTRACTOR shall be required to notify the County, in writing, whenever there is a change in the address of CONTRACTOR (to the place) for which notice is to be sent (giving notice), as required in this section. In the event CONTRACTOR fails to maintain a current address on record with the County as required herein, County shall be deemed to have notified CONTRACTOR by using the last known address on record and County shall not have any responsibility or obligation to investigate the validity of the address that CONTRACTOR has provided. As a result, CONTRACTOR agrees to hold County harmless and defend same for any action or occurrence or non-occurrence as a result of CONTRACTOR not receiving notice due to CONTRACTOR's failure to update its address for notification.

All notices sent in accordance with this section shall be deemed to be effective upon receipt or refusal of same unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 31 RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

31.1 As a condition precedent to the filing of any legal proceedings, the parties shall endeavor to resolve claim disputes or other matters in question by mediation. Mediation shall be initiated by any party by serving a written request for same on the other party. The party shall, by mutual agreement, select a mediator within 15 (fifteen) days of the date of the request for mediation. If the parties cannot agree on the selection of a mediator then the COUNTY shall select the mediator, who, if selected solely by the COUNTY, shall be a mediator certified by the Supreme Court of Florida. The mediator's fee shall be paid in equal shares by each party to the mediator. If a party fails to comply with this section, including, but not limited to, filing a lawsuit without mediating before filing the lawsuit, the party in violation shall be liable for the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the other party in enforcing this provision, and such amounts shall be awarded by the Court.

31.2 <u>Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue</u>. This agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. The exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the state courts of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida. If any claim arising from, related to or in connection with this Agreement must be litigated in federal court, the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court or United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

31.3 <u>Certified claims</u>. If CONTRACTOR submits a claim seeking an increase in the Contract Price or an increase in the Contract Time or both, upon the request of the COUNTY in its sole discretion, CONTRACTOR shall, within thirty (30) days, submit to COUNTY a "certified claim,"

that is, a claim made in writing under oath by a person duly authorized by the CONTRACTOR, and shall contain a statement that:

- (i) The claim is made in good faith;
- (ii) The claim's supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of the person's knowledge and belief;
- (iii) The amount of the claim accurately reflects the amount that the claimant believes is due from the COUNTY; and
- (iv) The certifying person is duly authorized by the claimant to certify the claim.

# FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS SHALL CONSTITUTE A FORFEITURE OF THE ENTIRE CLAIM.

31.4 <u>False, fraudulent, or inflated claim</u>. If a court finds a certified claim is false, fraudulent, or inflated, whether in whole or in part, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (i) Be liable to the COUNTY for an amount equal to three (3) times the amount of the claim that is false, fraudulent, or inflated;
- (ii) Immediately, fully, and irrevocably forfeit the entire amount of the claim;
- (iii) Be liable to the COUNTY for all costs and fees (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, expert fees, and consulting fees) incurred by the COUNTY to review, defend, and evaluate the claim; and
- (iv) Be subject to debarment from COUNTY contracting for a period not to exceed five(5) years.

31.5 <u>Innocent claimant, notice</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONTRACTOR is an innocent claimant and not liable for a false, fraudulent, or inflated claim if CONTRACTOR submitted a certified claim to the COUNTY reasonably believing that such claim was free of any material misstatements, or any exaggerated, inflated, or unsubstantiated assertions or damages and had no reasonable basis to doubt the truth, veracity, or accuracy of such claim at the time it was submitted, and within fifteen (15) days of discovering the falsity of the claim, took immediate steps to modify, correct, or withdraw such claim and provided the COUNTY with immediate written notice thereof.

#### ARTICLE 32 MISCELLANEOUS

32.1 <u>Taxes.</u> The COUNTY is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Taxes. The CONTRACTOR shall not be exempt from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the COUNTY, nor is the CONTRACTOR authorized to use the

COUNTY's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all federal, state, and local taxes and fees applicable to the Work and same shall be included in the Contract Price.

32.2 <u>Pledge of Credit.</u> The CONTRACTOR shall not pledge the COUNTY's credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any Agreement, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness. The CONTRACTOR further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of the Agreement.

32.3 <u>Entirety of Agreement.</u> All prior and contemporaneous negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein are merged into this Agreement. No modification, amendment, or alteration of this Agreement may be made unless made in writing pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

32.4 <u>Severability.</u> If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, then the remaining provisions survive and are fully binding and enforceable.

32.5 <u>Copies</u>. Multiple copies of this Agreement may be fully executed by all parties, each of which shall be deemed to be an original. Faxed, photostatic, or electronically scanned copies of the fully-executed Agreement shall be as effective and authentic as the original for any purpose including but not limited to the enforcement of any provision of this Agreement. Electronic signatures shall be deemed to have the same effect as a written signature and shall be governed by the provisions of Section 668.50, Florida Statutes.

## REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COUNTY and the CONTACTOR have executed this Agreement as of the last date written below.

#### **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

Austin Hosford Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Date Signed by County

Cecil "Trey" Hightower, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

# **REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Evan J. Rosenthal, County Attorney

Attest:

## [CONTRACTOR]

Name:	
Its:	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Its: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed by Contractor

# EXHIBIT A

# **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

#### EXHIBIT B

#### SAMPLE WORK ORDER

#### RFB#

#### ENTER CONTRACT NAME HERE (I.E. GENERAL CONTRACTING SERVICES) WORK ORDER NO.\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to that certain Contract ("**Contract**") between Jefferson County ("**County**") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Contractor**") dated \_\_\_\_\_, **Contractor** hereby agrees to provide the services specified on Exhibit "A", under the terms and conditions and at a cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_ all as more specifically described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by this reference. The terms of the **Contract** shall be deemed to be incorporated in each individual Work Order as if fully set forth herein.

Substantial Completion Time: \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days

Final Completion Time: \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days

Liquidated Damages: \$\_\_\_\_\_per day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **County** and the **Contractor** have executed this Work Order effective this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

(CONTRACTOR NAME)

#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Jefferson COUNTY, FLORIDA

(Name) (Title) Department Director Name Title

#### Work orders \$200,000 or greater (or otherwise indicated)

Payment & Performance Bonds shall be recorded in the public records of Jefferson County. A certified copy of completed and recorded bonds must be delivered to and accepted by the County (Attn: Purchasing Division / grojas@jeffersoncountyfl.gov) prior to commencement of the Work. Bond premiums shall be paid by Contractor. Bonds shall be on the form provided by the County and written through a licensed agency that fulfills the requirements of §287.0935, Fla. Stat.

# EXHIBIT C

# **CONTRACTOR'S UNIT PRICE BID**