
Sample Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, (hereinafter called OWNER) and _____ (hereinafter called CONTRACTOR). OWNER and CONTRACTOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - WORK

CONTRACTOR shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Work is generally described in **Exhibit 1 – Scope of Work**.

ARTICLE 2 - THE PROJECT

The Project for which the Work under the Contract Documents may be the whole or only a part is generally described as follows:

Project Name:	Annual Maintenance of West Wetlands at West Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
RFP Number:	2018004
Project Address:	8405 8th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32968

ARTICLE 3 - CONTRACT TIMES

3.01 This agreement shall be effective from February 1, 2018 until January 31, 2020, unless terminated earlier as authorized within this agreement. One additional two-year renewal is available, subject to vendor acceptance, satisfactory performance, and staff's determination that a renewal would be in the best interest of the County.

ARTICLE 4 - CONTRACT PRICE

4.01 OWNER shall pay CONSULTANT for completion of the Work at the prices stated in CONSULTANT's Cost Proposal, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

ARTICLE 5 - PAYMENT PROCEDURES

5.01 *Monthly Payments.*

- A. The OWNER shall make monthly payments to the CONSULTANT on the basis of an approved invoice and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Florida Statutes section 218.70 et. seq.

5.02 *Pay Requests.*

- A. Each request for a progress payment shall contain the CONSULTANT'S certification. All progress payments will be on the basis of progress of the work measured by the schedule

of values established, or in the case of unit price work based on the number of units completed.

5.03 Paragraphs 5.01 and 5.02 do not apply to construction services work purchased by the County as OWNER which are paid for, in whole or in part, with federal funds and are subject to federal grantor laws and regulations or requirements that are contrary to any provision of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act. In such event, payment and retainage provisions shall be governed by the applicable grant requirements and guidelines.

ARTICLE 6 - INDEMNIFICATION

6.01 CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the CONTRACTOR and persons employed or utilized by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of the Work.

ARTICLE 7 - CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

7.01 In order to induce OWNER to enter into this Agreement CONTRACTOR makes the following representations:

- A. CONTRACTOR has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and the other related data identified in the Invitation to Bid documents.
- B. CONTRACTOR has visited the Site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
- C. CONTRACTOR is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
- D. CONTRACTOR has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all additional or supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface, and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the Site which may affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by CONTRACTOR, including applying the specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction, if any, expressly required by the Contract Documents to be employed by CONTRACTOR, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto.
- E. CONTRACTOR does not consider that any further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.
- F. CONTRACTOR is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by OWNER and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.

- G. CONTRACTOR has correlated the information known to CONTRACTOR, information and observations obtained from visits to the Site, reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents, and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data with the Contract Documents.
- H. CONTRACTOR has given OWNER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that CONTRACTOR has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by OWNER is acceptable to CONTRACTOR.
- I. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

ARTICLE 8 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

8.01 *Contents*

A. The Contract Documents consist of the following:

- (1) This Agreement (pages 1 to __, inclusive);
- (2) Certificate of Liability Insurance
- (3) Request for Proposals 2018004
- (4) Addenda (numbers __ to __, inclusive);
- (5) CONTRACTOR'S Proposal (pages __ to __, inclusive);
- (6) Sworn Statement Under Section 105.08, Indian River County Code, on Disclosure of Relationships (pages __ to __, inclusive);
- (7) Certification Regarding Lobbying
- (8) The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto:
 - a) Written Amendments;
 - b) Work Change Directives;
 - c) Change Order(s).

ARTICLE 9 - MISCELLANEOUS

9.01 *Terms*

A. Terms used in this Agreement will have the meanings indicated in the Request for Proposals .

9.02 *Assignment of Contract*

- A. No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Agreement will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.

9.03 *Successors and Assigns*

- A. OWNER and CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

9.04 *Severability*

- A. Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR, who agree that the Contract Documents shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

9.05 *Venue*

- A. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any lawsuit brought by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of this Agreement shall be in Indian River County, Florida, or, in the event of a federal jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

9.06 *Public Records Compliance*

- A. Indian River County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Contractor shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law. Specifically, the Contractor shall:
 - (1) Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
 - (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 or as otherwise provided by law.
 - (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 contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.

(4) Upon completion of the contract, 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 service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, 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 contract, 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 Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

B. 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:

(772) 226-1424

publicrecords@ircgov.com

Indian River County Office of the County Attorney

1801 27th Street

Vero Beach, FL 32960

C. Failure of the Contractor to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

9.07 *Entire and Sole Agreement*

A. Except as specifically stated herein, the Agreement Documents constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all other agreements, representations, warranties, statements, promises, and understandings not specifically set forth in the Agreement Documents. Neither party has in any way relied, nor shall in any way rely, upon any oral or written agreements, representations, warranties, statements, promises or understandings not specifically set forth in the Agreement Documents.

9.08 *Amendments*

A. The parties may modify this Agreement at any time by written agreement. Neither the Agreement Documents nor any term thereof may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally, except by an instrument in writing signed by the party against which enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge or termination is sought.

9.09 *Construing Provisions*

A. This Agreement shall not be construed against the party who drafted the same, as both parties have obtained experts of their choosing to review the legal and business adequacy of the same. In any conflict between the Scope of Services provided in the RFP, and the general terms of this agreement, the provisions of the latter shall prevail.

9.10 *Independent Contractor*

A. CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor. Neither Contractor nor Contractor's employees are employees of the City. Contractor may perform services for others, which solely utilize

Contractor's facilities and do not violate any confidentiality requirements of this Agreement. Contractor is solely responsible for compliance with all labor and tax laws pertaining to Contractor, its officers, agents, and employees, and shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from any failure to comply with such laws. Contractor's duties with respect to Contractor, its officers, agents, and employees, shall include, but not be limited to: (1) providing Workers' Compensation coverage for employees as required by law; (2) hiring of any employees, assistants, or subcontractors necessary for performance of the Work; (3) providing any and all employment benefits, including, but not limited to, annual leave, sick leave, paid holidays, health insurance, retirement benefits, and disability insurance; (4) payment of all federal, state and local taxes income or employment taxes, and, if Contractor is not a corporation, self-employment (Social Security) taxes; (5) compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq., including payment of overtime in accordance with the requirements of said Act; (6) providing employee training for all functions necessary for performance of the Work; (7) providing equipment and materials necessary to the performance of the Work; and (8) providing office or other facilities for the performance of the Work. In the event the City provides training, equipment, materials, or facilities or otherwise facilitate performance of the Work, this shall not affect any of Contractor's duties hereunder or alter Contractor's status as an independent contractor.

ARTICLE 10 – FEDERAL CLAUSES

10.01 OWNER and CONTRACTOR will adhere to the following, as applicable to this work

A. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency

and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

B. Compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act.

(1) Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

(2) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

(3) Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

C. Clean Air Act:

(1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the OWNER and understands and agrees that the OWNER will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

D. Federal Water Pollution Control Act:

(1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

(2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the OWNER and understands and agrees that the OWNER will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of

Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

E. **Energy Policy and Conservation Act** – The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

F. **Suspension and Debarment**

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Indian River County. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the State of Florida and Indian River County), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

G. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment** (31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)—Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

H. **Procurement of Recycled/Recovered Materials:**

(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>. The list of EPA-designate items is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm>.

- I. **Access to Records** The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:
- (1) The contractor agrees to provide OWNER, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
 - (2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
 - (3) The contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- J. **DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags:** The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre-approval.
- K. **Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders:** This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the contract only. The contractor will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.
- L. **No Obligation by Federal Government:** The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.
- M. **Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts:** The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.
- N. **AFFIRMATIVE STEPS:** CONTRACTOR shall take the following affirmative steps to ensure minority business, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms are used when possible:
- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists.
 - (2) Ensuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
 - (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
 - (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
 - (5) Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

Article 11: TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- A. The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute a default by CONTRACTOR and shall provide the OWNER with a right to terminate this Contract in accordance with this Article, in addition to pursuing any other remedies which the OWNER may have under this Contract or under law:
- (1) if in the OWNER's opinion CONTRACTOR is improperly performing work or violating any provision(s) of the Contract Documents;
 - (2) if CONTRACTOR neglects or refuses to correct defective work or replace defective parts or equipment, as directed by the Engineer pursuant to an inspection;
 - (3) if in the OWNER's opinion CONTRACTOR's work is being unnecessarily delayed and will not be finished within the prescribed time;
 - (4) if CONTRACTOR assigns this Contract or any money accruing thereon or approved thereon; or
 - (5) if CONTRACTOR abandons the work, is adjudged bankrupt, or if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for CONTRACTOR or for any of his property.
- B. OWNER shall, before terminating the Contract for any of the foregoing reasons, notify CONTRACTOR in writing of the grounds for termination and provide CONTRACTOR with ten (10) calendar days to cure the default to the reasonable satisfaction of the OWNER.
- C. If the CONTRACTOR fails to correct or cure within the time provided in the preceding Sub-Article B, OWNER may terminate this Contract by notifying CONTRACTOR in writing. Upon receiving such notification, CONTRACTOR shall immediately cease all work hereunder and shall forfeit any further right to possess or occupy the site or any materials thereon; provided, however, that the OWNER may authorize CONTRACTOR to restore any work sites.
- D. The CONTRACTOR shall be liable for:
- (1) any new cost incurred by the OWNER in soliciting bids or proposals for and letting a new contract; and
 - (2) the difference between the cost of completing the new contract and the cost of completing this Contract;
 - (3) any court costs and attorney's fees associated with any lawsuit undertaken by OWNER to enforce its rights herein.
- E. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: OWNER may at any time and for any reason terminate CONTRACTOR's services and work for OWNER's convenience. Upon receipt of notice of such termination CONTRACTOR shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and immediately cease ordering of any materials, labor, equipment, facilities, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Contract. Upon such termination Contractor shall be entitled to payment only as follows:
- (1) the actual cost of the work completed in conformity with this Contract and the specifications; plus,
 - (2) such other costs actually incurred by CONTRACTOR as are permitted by the prime contract and approved by the OWNER.
- Contractor shall not be entitled to any other claim for compensation or damages against the County in the event of such termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and CONTRACTOR have signed this Agreement in duplicate. One counterpart each has been delivered to OWNER and CONTRACTOR. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or identified by OWNER and CONTRACTOR or on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on _____, 20__ (the date the Agreement is approved by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, which is the Effective Date of the Agreement).

OWNER:

CONTRACTOR:

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY _____

By: _____
Peter D. O'Bryan Chairman

By: _____
(Contractor)

By: _____
Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Attest _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

Address for giving notices:

Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court and Comptroller

License No. _____
(Where applicable)

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)

Agent for service of process: _____

Designated Representative:

Name:
Title:
Address:
Phone
Email

Designated Representative:
Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

(If CONTRACTOR is a corporation or a partnership, attach evidence of authority to sign.)