

**BID FORM**

**ARTICLE 1 - BID RECIPIENT**

1.01 This Bid is submitted to:

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

1.02 The undersigned Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an Agreement with Owner in the form included in the Bidding Documents to perform all Work as specified or indicated in the Bidding Documents for the prices and within the times indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.

**ARTICLE 2 - BIDDER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

2.01 Bidder accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of Bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the Bid opening, or for such longer period of time that Bidder may agree to in writing upon request of Owner.

**ARTICLE 3 - BIDDER'S REPRESENTATIONS**

3.01 In submitting this Bid, Bidder represents that:

A. Bidder has examined and carefully studied the Bidding Documents, other related data identified in the Bidding Documents, and the following Addenda, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No.

Addendum Date

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

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

B. Bidder 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. Bidder is familiar with and is satisfied as to all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.

D. Bidder has considered the information known to Bidder; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; and the Bidding Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder, including applying the specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required by the Bidding Documents; and (3) Bidder's safety precautions and programs.

E. Based on the information and observations referred to in Paragraph 3.01.D above, Bidder does not consider that further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of this Bid for performance of the Work at the price(s) bid and within the times required, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents.

- F. Bidder 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 Bidding Documents.
- G. Bidder has given Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Bidder has discovered in the Bidding Documents, and the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Bidder.
- H. The Bidding Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for the performance of the Work for which this Bid is submitted.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION**

4.01 Bidder certifies that:

- A. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed individual or entity and is not submitted in conformity with any collusive agreement or rules of any group, association, organization, or corporation;
- B. Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid;
- C. Bidder has not solicited or induced any individual or entity to refrain from bidding; and
- D. Bidder has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for the Contract. For the purposes of this Paragraph 4.01.D:
  - 1. "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value likely to influence the action of a public official in the bidding process;
  - 2. "fraudulent practice" means an intentional misrepresentation of facts made (a) to influence the bidding process to the detriment of Owner, (b) to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels, or (c) to deprive Owner of the benefits of free and open competition;
  - 3. "collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of Owner, a purpose of which is to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
  - 4. "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the bidding process or affect the execution of the Contract.

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**ARTICLE 5 – CONTRACT PRICE**

5.01 Owner shall pay Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents an amount in current funds equal to the sum of the amounts determined pursuant to Paragraphs 5.01.A, below:

For all Price Work, an amount equal to the sum of the established unit price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the actual quantity of that item:

Unit No.	Description	Estimated Quantity		Unit Price	Total Price
1	Master Duplex Lift Station including Installation, Foundation, Electrical Controls Building, Paving, Drainage, Electrical and SCADA Work, Associated Force Main and Gravity Sewer Piping, Jack and Bore Installation and connections, Demolition, Installation and Removal of Erosion Controls and Additional Auxiliary Equipment Required for An Operable Station, Grading, Spreading/Disposal of Excess Excavated Material, Traffic Control, Remove and Replace Signs, Remove and Replace Monuments, Tree Protection, Mobilization; Clean-Up, Insurance, Bonds and Other Miscellaneous Items Not Specifically Listed but Necessary for A Complete Job.	1	LS	\$	\$
2	Diesel Driven Bypass Pump and Auxiliary Equipment Required for A Complete Installation	1	LS	\$	\$
3	Biological Odor Control Unit System and All Auxiliary Equipment Required for A Complete Installation	1	LS	\$	\$
4	Remove and Replace Unsuitable Material, Dispose off-site. Replace with Approved Off-Site Fill Material	20	CY	\$	\$
<b>Total Bid</b>					\$

**Escalation/De-escalation Clause:**

In the event of a significant price increase of material occurring during the performance of the contract through no fault of the Contractor, the Contract Sum shall be equitably adjusted by Change Order in accordance with the procedures of the Contract Documents as well as those set forth herein. A change in price of an item of material will be considered significant when the price of an item increases or decreases by 20% percent between the date of this Contract and the date of installation. In order to receive an escalation change order, Contractor shall share with the Owner, in writing, prior to the time of execution

of this Agreement, its estimated costs for the relevant materials that it believes may be subject to potential escalation (the “Escalation List”). The Escalation List shall be made an exhibit to this Agreement. Prior to purchasing any of the listed materials, the Contractor must provide the Owner with three (3) timely and credible proposals from suppliers as well as a third-party price index such as RS Means, Steel Market Update or the like to confirm the credibility of the proposals. If the pricing escalation cannot be overcome through value engineering, substitutions or early purchasing/warehousing, the parties may enter into a change order in the amount of the lowest proposal or price index amount. These change orders shall not include overhead or profit mark-ups on the increases from either the Contractor or its Subcontractors. Failure to include a material in the initial Escalation List shall be considered a waiver of the right to seek escalation for such materials without the Owner’s consent which may be withheld in the Owner’s sole discretion.

In addition, if prices decrease from what was in the Contractor’s original estimate, the Owner shall be entitled to a deduct if there is a significant decrease in the price as outlined above.

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**ARTICLE 6 - TIME OF COMPLETION**

- 6.01 Bidder agrees to commence work within fourteen (14) days after the Notice to Proceed is issued and to complete all Work within 270 calendar days from Notice To Proceed.
- 6.02 Bidder accepts the provisions of the Agreement as to liquidated damages.

**ARTICLE 7 - ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BID**

- 7.01 The following documents are submitted with and made a condition of this Bid:
  - A. Required Bid security
  - B. Evidence of authority to do business in the state of the Project;
  - C. Drug Free Workplace Certification (Attachment A);
  - D. Promise of Non Discrimination Statement (Attachment B);
  - E. Disclosure of Responsibility Statement - Bidders Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion (Attachment C);
  - F. Non Collusion Affidavit - (Attachment D);
  - G. Contractor Affidavit and Agreement (E-VERIFY) (Attachment E);
  - H. Subcontractor Affidavit if applicable (E-VERIFY) (Attachment F);
  - I. List of Proposed Subcontractors (Attachment H);

**ARTICLE 8 - DEFINED TERMS**

- 8.01 The terms used in this Bid with initial capital letters have the meanings stated in the Instructions to Bidders, the General Conditions, and the Supplementary Conditions.

**ARTICLE 9 - BID SUBMITTAL**

- 9.01 This Bid is submitted by:

If Bidder is:

An Individual

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Individual's signature)

Doing business as: \_\_\_\_\_

A Partnership

Partnership Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Signature of general partner -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

A Corporation

Corporation Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

State of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Type (General Business, Professional, Service, Limited Liability): \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Signature -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Qualification to do business in Georgia is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

A Joint Venture

Name of Joint Venture: \_\_\_\_\_

First Joint Venturer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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

(Signature of first joint venture partner -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Second Joint Venturer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

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

(Signature of second joint venture partner -- attach evidence of authority to sign)

Name (typed or printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Each joint venturer must sign. The manner of signing for each individual, partnership, and corporation that is a party to the joint venture should be in the manner indicated above.)

Bidder's Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMITTED on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

State Contractor License No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR  
FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between Effingham County Board of Commissioners (“Owner”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”).

Owner and Contractor hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 – WORK**

Contractor shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Work is generally described as follows:

All Tools, Materials, Labor, Supervision, and Equipment for the Improvements of the Existing Effingham County Lift Station #4 Located on Hodgeville Road Including Purchase and Installation of the Prefabricated Booster Pump Skid, Odor Control Unit, Diesel Bypass Pumping System, Foundation, Electrical Controls Building, Paving, Drainage, Electrical and SCADA Work, Associated Force Main and Gravity Sewer Piping, Jack and Bore Installation and Connections, Valves, Demolition, Installation and Removal of Erosion Controls and Additional Auxiliary Equipment Required for an Operable Station, Grading, Spreading/Disposal of Excess Excavated Material, Traffic Control, Remove and Replace Signs, Remove and Replace Monuments, Tree Protection, Mobilization; Clean-Up, Insurance, Bonds and Other Miscellaneous Items not Specifically Listed But Necessary for A Complete Job.

The Project for which the Work under the Contract Documents may be the whole or only a part is generally described as follows: **ITB 22-105-003 – Hodgeville Lift Station #4 Improvements**

**ARTICLE 2 – ENGINEER**

2.01 The Project has been designed by Effingham County Engineering Department’s Consultant Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. of Savannah, Georgia, which is to act as Owner’s representative, assume all duties and responsibilities, and have the rights and authority assigned to A/E in the Contract Documents in connection with the completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**ARTICLE 3 – CONTRACT TIMES**

3.01 *Time of the Essence*

All time limits for Milestones, if any, Substantial Completion, and completion and readiness for final payment as stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract.

3.02 *Days to Achieve Completion and Final Payment*

*The Work will be completed within 270 calendar days from receipt of a Notice Proceed.*

**ARTICLE 4 – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

4.01 Contractor and Owner recognize that time is of the essence as stated in Paragraph 3.01 above and that Owner will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed within the times specified in Paragraph 3.02 above, plus any extensions thereof allowed. The parties also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or arbitration proceeding the actual loss suffered by Owner if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such



proof, Owner and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty), Contractor shall pay Owner **\$300** for each day that expires after the time specified in Paragraph 4.02 above for Completion until the Work is complete.

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## **ARTICLE 6 – PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

### *6.01 Submittal and Processing of Payments*

- A. Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Section 1.30 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by A/E as provided in the General Conditions.

### *6.02 Progress Payments; Retainage*

- A. Owner shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of Contractor’s Applications for Payment on or about the **25th** day of each month during performance of the Work as provided in Paragraph 6.02.A.1 below as long as the pay request is received by the **1<sup>st</sup>** of the month. All such payments will be measured based on the number of units completed times the unit price of each completed unit.
  - 1. Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the percentage indicated below but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously made and less such amounts as A/E may determine or Owner may withhold, including but not limited to liquidated damages, in accordance with Paragraph 4.01 above.
    - a. **90** percent of Work completed (with the balance being retainage). Until 50% of the value of the contract (including change orders and additions), or if the Contractor fails to maintain his construction schedule to the satisfaction of the A/E, the County will retain 10% of the gross value of the completed work as indicated by the current estimate approved by the A/E. After the contract (including change orders and additions) is 50% complete, there shall be no additional retainage withheld unless the work is determined to be unsatisfactory or has fallen behind schedule; and
    - b. **90** percent of cost of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work (with the balance being retainage).

- B. Upon Substantial Completion, Owner shall pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to Contractor to 100 percent of the Work completed, less such amounts as Engineer shall determine and less 150 percent of A/E's estimate of the value of Work to be completed or corrected as shown on the tentative list of items to be completed or corrected.

6.03 *Final Payment*

- A. Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work, Owner shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by A/E.

**ARTICLE 7 – INTEREST**

- 7.01 All moneys not paid when due as provided in Section 1.30 of The General Conditions and Paragraph 6.02 above, shall bear interest at the rate of 1 percent per annum.

**ARTICLE 8 – CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS**

- 8.01 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 Bidding 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 considered the information known to Contractor; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; the Contract Documents; and the Site-related reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on (1) the cost, progress, and performance of the Work; (2) the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor, including any specific means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction expressly required by the Contract Documents; and (3) Contractor's safety precautions and programs. Based on the information and observations referred to in Paragraph 8.01.D above, Contractor does not consider that 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.
  - E. 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.
  - F. Contractor has given A/E written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by A/E is acceptable to Contractor.

- G. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

## **ARTICLE 9 – CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

### 9.01 *Contents*

- A. The Contract Documents consist of the following:
1. This Agreement (pages 1 to 9, inclusive).
  2. General Conditions (pages 1 to 7, inclusive).
  3. Supplemental Conditions (pages 1 to 4, inclusive).
  4. Specifications as listed in the table of contents of the Project Manual.
  5. Addenda (numbers \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive).
  6. Exhibits to this Agreement (enumerated as follows):
    - a. Contractor's Bid (pages 1 to 7, inclusive).
    - b. Documentation submitted by Contractor prior to Notice of Award (pages \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, inclusive).
  7. The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto:
    - a. Notice of Award (pages 1 to 1, inclusive).
    - b. Notice to Proceed (pages 1 to 1, inclusive).
    - c. Work Change Directives.
    - d. Change Orders.
- B. The documents listed in Paragraph 9.01.A are attached to this Agreement (except as expressly noted otherwise above).
- C. There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 9.
- D. The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions, and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof by either a Change Order or a Work Change Directive.
- E. The requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented, and minor variations and deviations in the Work may be authorized, by one or more of the following ways:
- A Field Order;
1. A/E's approval of a Shop Drawing or Sample; or
  2. A/E's written interpretation or clarification.

## **ARTICLE 10 – COUNTY’S RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR TERMINATE WORK**

- A. Termination for Convenience. County may, for its own convenience and at its sole option, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of County, elect to terminate the Contract by delivering to the Contractor, at the address listed for giving notices in this Contract, a written notice of termination specifying the effective date of termination. Such notice shall be delivered to Contractor at least seven (7) days prior to the effective date of termination.
- B. Termination for Default. If the Contractor is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the Contractor or for any of his property, or if he files a petition to take advantage of any debtor’s act or to reorganize under the bankruptcy or applicable laws, or if he fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, make payments to Subcontractors or for labor, materials or equipment, or if he disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction of the Work, or if he otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, then the County may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy, and after giving the Contractor and his surety a maximum of seven (7) days from delivery of a written notice, declare the Contract in default and terminate this Contract. In that event, the County may take possession of the Project and of all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the Contractor. The County may cause the Work to be completed and corrected by whatever method it deems expedient. If called upon by the County to finish the Work, the Contractor’s surety shall promptly do so. In any case, the Contractor and its surety shall be liable to the County for any and all damages and costs incurred by the County as a result of any default by the Contractor, including without limitation all costs of completion or correction of the Work, liquidated damages, attorneys’ fees, expert fees, and other costs of dispute resolution. Termination of this Contract pursuant to this paragraph may result in disqualification of the Contractor from bidding on future County contracts for a period of time not to exceed five (5) years.
- C. If Contractor’s services are terminated by the County pursuant to paragraph A or B above, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of the County then existing or which may thereafter accrue against Contractor or its surety. Any retention or payment of moneys due Contractor by County will not release Contractor from liability. If it is determined that the Contractor was not in default or that the failure to perform is excusable, a termination for default will be considered to have been a termination for the convenience of the County, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed accordingly.
- D. In case of termination of this Contract before completion of the Work, Contractor will be paid only for materials and equipment accepted by the County and the portion of the Work satisfactorily performed through the effective date of termination as determined by the County.
- E. Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, neither party shall be entitled to recover lost profits, special, consequential or punitive damages, attorney’s fees or costs from the other party to this Contract for any reason whatsoever.

- F. The parties' obligations pursuant to this Contract shall survive any Acceptance of Work, or expiration or termination of this Contract.

## **ARTICLE 11 – INDEMNIFICATION**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Effingham County, Georgia, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments, of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons caused by or resulting from the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONTRACTOR or other persons or entities employed or utilized by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of the contract. The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth herein above shall include, but not be limited to, any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition, disparagement of product or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. CONTRACTOR further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Effingham County, Georgia, at his sole expense, and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims, suits, etc., are groundless, false, or fraudulent, including any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the CONTRACTOR or his subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them. The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify Effingham County under this Section shall not be limited in any way by the agreed-upon contract price, or to the scope and amount of coverage provided by any insurance maintained by the CONTRACTOR.

## **ARTICLE 12 – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

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

## **ARTICLE 13 – MISCELLANEOUS**

### **13.01 *Terms***

- A. Terms used in this Agreement will have the meanings stated in the General Conditions and the Supplementary Conditions.

### 13.02 *Assignment of Contract*

- A. No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract 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.

### 13.03 *Successors and Assigns*

- A. County 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.

### 13.04 *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 County 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.

### 13.05 *Contractor's Certifications*

- A. Contractor certifies that it has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for or in executing the Contract. For the purposes of this Paragraph 10.05:
  - 1. "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value likely to influence the action of a public official in the bidding process or in the Contract execution;
  - 2. "fraudulent practice" means an intentional misrepresentation of facts made (a) to influence the bidding process or the execution of the Contract to the detriment of County, (b) to establish Bid or Contract prices at artificial non-competitive levels, or (c) to deprive County of the benefits of free and open competition;
  - 3. "collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more Bidders, with or without the knowledge of County, a purpose of which is to establish Bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels; and
  - 4. "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the bidding process or affect the execution of the Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and Contractor have signed this Agreement. Counterparts have been delivered to County and Contractor. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or have been identified by County and Contractor or on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on \_\_\_\_\_ (which is the Effective Date of the Agreement).

COUNTY:

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

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

Title: Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: County Clerk

Address for giving notices:

804 S. Laurel Street  
Springfield, GA 31329

CONTRACTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address for giving notices:

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