

ESCAMBIA COUNTY FLORIDA

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Professional Services for Water Quality Monitoring, Sampling and Analysis

Specification Number PD 05-06.031

Letters of Interest Will Be Received Until: **CONTINUOUS**

**Office of Purchasing, Room 230
213 Palafox Place, Pensacola, FL 32501
Matt Langley Bell III Building
Post Office Box 1591
Pensacola, FL 32597-1591**

Board of County Commissioners

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From:
Claudia Simmons
Purchasing Manager

All requests for assistance should be made in writing when possible. Responses will be provided to all known submitters in writing. No verbal responses will be provided.

Procurement Assistance:

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NOTICE

It is the specific legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners that NO CONTRACT under this solicitation shall be formed between Escambia County and the awardee vendor until such time as the contract is executed by the last party to the transaction.

Escambia County Florida
Request For Letters Of Interest
Proposer's Checklist
**Professional Services for Water Quality Monitoring, Sampling and Analysis
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Please Review This Document Carefully. Offers That Are Accepted By The County Are Binding Contracts. **Incomplete Proposals Are Not Acceptable.** All Documents And Submittals Shall Be Received By The Office Of Purchasing.

The Following Documents Shall Be Returned With Proposal:

One (1) Electronic Copy (Government Forms Software)

<http://submittals.myescambia.com/>

- Letter Of Interest
- GSA Standard Form 330
- Project Approach
- Statements And Documentation
 - Proof of licenses/certifications
 - Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances Corporate Identification
 - Conflict of Interest Statement
 - Other Work/Litigation Experience
 - Drug-Free Workplace Form
- Any additional information to represent firm
 - Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance Form

The Following Submittals Are Required Upon Notice Of Award:

- Certificate Of Insurance

This Form Is For Your Convenience To Assist In Filling Out Your Proposal Only.
Do Not Return With Your Proposal

I. INFORMATION PACKAGE

Scope of Work

The scope of services described in these specifications will include sample collection, preservation, transportation, analysis, and documentation for surface water, groundwater, leachate and miscellaneous sampling events at landfills located in Escambia County, Florida. All activities will be in accordance with Florida Administrative Code (FAC), chapters 62-300, 62-500 and 62-700, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities SOP-001/01 dated January 1, 2002, revised 2004 and COUNTY requirements. The sampling frequencies vary from semi-annually to annually for each of five solid waste facilities and may include unscheduled regulatory directed events. Sampling services shall be supervised by COUNTY staff.

There are an estimated 200 sampling points per year and include, but are not limited to, surface water, groundwater, landfill leachate, ECUA lift station, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NDPES), and groundwater remediation systems sampling points. A current Comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan for Sampling and Analysis approved by FDEP for all services is required. The **VENDOR** shall be responsible for coordinating sampling events with the Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), the Engineering and Environmental Quality Division, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as necessary.

The **VENDOR** will provide all required equipment needed to perform the specified sampling activities, including but not limited to, water quality meters, sampling pumps and controllers, balers, sample bottles and coolers. The **VENDOR** will also perform all necessary actions to obtain the required samples, including but not limited to, well purging, sample collection, collection of field parametric data, preparation and submission of sample collection logs and chain of custody forms and transportation of samples to a **VENDOR** provided laboratory, certified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The **VENDOR** will provide or contract for all analytical services for each sample event. **VENDOR** will provide one copy of sample results, sample analysis and technical evaluation, groundwater hydrograph, signed and sealed by a hydro-geologist licensed in the state of Florida, in hardcopy, electronic format (CD or DVD) and FDEP **Validator** format (CD or DVD).

The resulting “continuing contract” shall provide for issuance of individual Task Orders based on specific scopes of work. Task Orders will be individually negotiated based on a “Fee Schedule” and any additional negotiated services required within the scope of work.

“Fee Schedules” for the continuing contract shall be established based on the following:

- Maximum Overhead – 168%
- Maximum Profit – 12%
- Maximum FCCM – 1.50%
 - Maximum Multiplier – 301.66% (providing no single item above is exceeded)
- Existing Hourly Rates for each firm (based on an audited or auditable financial package)

Please do not provide these numbers with your letter of interest. Your acceptance of the above maximums will suffice.

II. FIRMS' EVALUATIONS AND SELECTION

The County shall follow the procedures of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, Title XIX, Chapter 287, Section 055 of the Florida Statutes. The selection committee shall consider such factors as:

- Capabilities
- Adequacy of personnel
- Experience of the firm
- Abilities of professional personnel
- Whether firms are certified minority business enterprises
- Past performance or past record
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Location
- Recent, current, and projected workload
- Volume of work previously awarded to firms by the County with the object of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified firms, provided such distribution does not violate the principle of selection of the most qualified firms.
- Any additional requirements as defined in State of Florida Statute 287.055.

Award(s) resulting from this solicitation shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 1-9-5, CONSULTANTS of the Ordinances of Escambia County and Procedure PP-250 VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS of the Purchasing Policies and Procedures of Escambia County.

IV. SUBMITTAL FORMAT

The Submittal shall be divided into sections with tab dividers. The GSA Standard Form (SF)330 shall be used with the addition of two (2) sections as described below:

First Item Letter of Interest

Letter of Interest prepared by a corporate officer or principal of the firm authorized to obligate the firm contractually, followed by:

GSA Standard Forms 330 electronic format (Government Forms) available at <http://submittals.myescambia.com/>

Tab 1 Standard Form (SF) 330, Part I, A-D and Part II

Tab 2 Standard Form (SF) 330, Part I, E

Tab 3 Standard Form (SF) 330, Part I, F

Tab 4 Standard Form (SF) 330, Part I, G

The proposers need not be limited to ten projects. List as many projects as necessary to adequately describe those listed in Block 7g. Include the name and telephone number of the Owner's Representative or Contact in Block 8c. *Escambia County checks references.* Be especially careful to provide names, current telephone numbers and fax numbers of owner's representatives that may be contacted by the County.

Tab 5 Standard Form (SF) 330, Part I, H

Any additional information

Tab 6 Statements And Documentation (PDF Formats)

Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance Form

Proof of licenses/certifications.

Provide proof of proper State of Florida business licensure and professional certifications/registration(s) in the State of Florida. (As applicable for firms and for architectural/engineering key personnel.)

Provide proof of corporate registration to operate in the State of Florida by the Department of State, Division of Corporations. Information concerning certification with the Secretary of State can be obtained at: <http://ccfcorp.dos.state.fl.us/index.html>.

Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances Corporate Identification.

Provide the information on the forms provided herein for the prime firm or each firm in the professional team if joint venture.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Provide a notarized statement certifying that no member of your firm ownership, management or staff has vested interest in any aspect of any department of Escambia County. Submittal shall include the disclosure of any potential conflict of interest due to any other clients, contracts or property interests for this project only or a statement saying that there are no conflicts of interest.

Other Work/Litigation Experience

Proposers shall list any work which their organization failed to complete in the last five (5) years and describe the when, where, how and why of such failure.

Proposers shall list any officer or partner of their team who in the last five (5) years failed to complete a contract handled in his/her name and to discuss the reasons thereof.

Proposers shall list any lawsuits in which their team (firms and individuals) is involved relative to services performed or failed to perform over the last five (5) years.

Include any additional information to represent your firm for consideration.

Drug-Free Workplace Form

V. INSURANCE

The contractor shall procure and maintain the following described insurance, except for coverages specifically waived by the County. Such policies shall be from insurers with a minimum financial size of VII according to the latest edition of the AM Best Rating Guide. An A or better Best Rating is "preferred"; however, other ratings if "Secure Best Ratings" may be considered. Such policies shall provide coverages for any or all claims which may arise out of, or result from, the services, work and operations carried out pursuant to and under the requirements of the contract documents, whether such services, work and operations be by the contractor, its employees, or by subcontractor(s), or anyone employed by or under the supervision of any of them, or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable.

The contractor shall require, and shall be responsible for assuring throughout the time the agreement is in effect, that any and all of its subcontractors obtain and

maintain until the completion of that subcontractor's work, such of the insurance coverages described herein as are required by law to be provided on behalf of their employees and others.

The required insurance shall be obtained and written for not less than the limits of liability specified hereinafter, or as required by law, whichever is greater.

These insurance requirements shall not limit the liability of the contractor. The County does not represent these types or amounts of insurance to be sufficient or adequate to protect the contractor's interests or liabilities, but are merely minimums.

Except for workers compensation and professional liability, the contractor's insurance policies shall be endorsed to name Escambia County as an additional insured to the extent of its interests arising from this agreement, contract or lease.

The contractor waives its right of recovery against the County, to the extent permitted by its insurance policies.

The contractor's deductibles/self-insured retentions shall be disclosed to the County and may be disapproved by the County. They shall be reduced or eliminated at the option of the County. The contractor is responsible for the amount of any deductible or self-insured retention.

Insurance required of the contractor or any other insurance of the contractor shall be considered primary, and insurance of the County, if any, shall be considered excess, as may be applicable to claims obligations which arise out of this agreement, contract or lease.

Workers Compensation Coverage

The contractor shall purchase and maintain workers compensation insurance for all workers compensation obligations imposed by state law and with employers liability limits of at least \$100,000 each accident and \$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy limit for disease, or a valid certificate of exemption issued by the state of Florida, or an affidavit in accordance with Section 440.02(13)(d) and 440.10(1)(g) Florida Statutes.

Contractor shall also purchase any other coverages required by law for the benefit of employees.

General, Automobile and Excess or Umbrella Liability Coverage

The contractor shall purchase and maintain coverage on forms no more restrictive than the latest editions of the commercial general liability and business auto policies of the insurance services office.

Minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for all liability must be provided, with excess or umbrella insurance making up the difference, if any, between the policy limits of underlying policies (including employers liability required in the workers compensation coverage section) and the total amount of coverage required.

General Liability Coverage - Occurrence Form Required

Coverage A shall include bodily injury and property damage liability for premises, operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability covering this agreement, contract or lease, broad form property damage coverages, and property damage resulting from explosion, collapse or underground (X,C,U) exposures.

Coverage B shall include personal injury.

Coverage C, medical payments, is not required.

The contractor is required to continue to purchase products and completed operations coverage, at least to satisfy this agreement, contract or lease, for a minimum of three years beyond the County's acceptance of renovation or construction projects.

Business Auto Liability Coverage

Business auto liability coverage is to include bodily injury and property damage arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of any auto, including owned, non-owned and hired automobiles and employee non-ownership use.

Excess or Umbrella Liability Coverage

Umbrella liability insurance is preferred, but an excess liability equivalent may be allowed. Whichever type of coverage is provided, it shall not be more restrictive than the underlying insurance policy coverages. Umbrella coverage shall drop down to provide coverage where the underlying limits are exhausted.

Professional Liability

\$1,000,000 per occurrence minimum limit.

Evidence/Certificates of Insurance

Required insurance shall be documented in certificates of insurance. If and when required by the County, certificates of insurance shall be accompanied by documentation that is acceptable to the County establishing that the insurance agent and/or agency issuing the certificate of insurance has been duly authorized, in writing, to do so by and on behalf of each insurance company underwriting the insurance coverage(s) indicated on each certificate of insurance.

New certificates of insurance are to be provided to the County at least 30 days prior to coverage renewals. Failure of the contractor to provide the County with such renewal certificates may be considered justification for the County to terminate this agreement, contract or lease.

Certificates should contain the following additional information:

1. Indicate that Escambia County is an additional insured on the general liability policy.
2. Include a reference to the project and the Office of Purchasing number.
3. Disclose any self-insured retentions in excess of \$1,000.
4. Designate Escambia County as the certificate holder as follows:
Escambia County
Attention: Paul R. Nobles, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Coordinator
Office of Purchasing, Room 11.101
P.O. Box 1591
Pensacola, FL 32597-1591
Fax (850) 595-4805
5. Indicate that the County shall be notified at least 30 days in advance of cancellation.

Receipt of certificates or other documentation of insurance or policies or copies of policies by the county, or by any of its representatives, which indicate less coverage than required does not constitute a waiver of the contractor's obligation to fulfill the insurance requirements herein.

If requested by the County, the contractor shall furnish complete copies of the contractor's insurance policies, forms and endorsements, and/or such additional information with respect to its insurance as may be requested.

For commercial general liability coverage the contractor shall, at the option of the County, provide an indication of the amount of claims payments or reserves chargeable to the aggregate amount of liability coverage.

VI. INDEX OF ATTACHED SAMPLE FORMS

- Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance Form
- Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances Corporate Identification
- Drug-Free Workplace Form
- Sample Contract

Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance

In order for a “Continuing Contract” to be established between Escambia County, Florida a fee schedule must be established. The Office of Purchasing on behalf of Escambia County offers a “Fee Schedules” consisting of:

- Maximum Overhead – 168%
- Maximum Profit – 12%
- Maximum FCCM – 1.50%
 - Maximum Multiplier – 301.66% (providing no single item above is exceeded)
- Existing Hourly Rates for each firm (based on an audited or auditable financial package)

Please do not provide these numbers with your letter of interest. Your acceptance of the above maximums will suffice.

Individual Task Orders will be negotiated with the “Fee Schedules” as a “ceiling”.

[] Yes, the “Fee Schedule” formula is acceptable.

Signature

Title

[] No, the “Fee Schedule” formula is not acceptable.

Signature

Title

**SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(3)(a),
FLORIDA STATUTES, ON ENTITY CRIMES**

1. This sworn statement is submitted to _____
(print name of the public entity)

by _____
(print individual's name and title)

for _____
(print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is:

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the Individual signing this sworn statement: _____)

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), **Florida Statutes**, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), **Florida Statutes**, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), **Florida Statutes**, means:
- a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
 - b. An entity under the control any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
 - c. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), **Florida Statutes**, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or

which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

- d. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. **(indicate which statement applies.)**

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. **(attach a copy of the final order)**

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT HIS FORM IS VALID THOROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 19_____

Personally known _____

OR produced identification _____ Notary Public - State of _____

_____ My commission expires _____

(Type of identification)

(Printed typed or stamped commissioned name of notary public)

**Information Sheet
for Transactions and Conveyances
Corporation Identification**

The following information will be provided to the Escambia County legal department for incorporation in legal documents. It is, therefore, vital all information is accurate and complete. Please be certain all spelling, capitalization, etc. is exactly as registered with the state or federal government.

Is this a Florida Corporation: **(Please Circle One)**
Yes or No

If not a Florida Corporation,
In what state was it created:
Name as spelled in that State:

What kind of corporation is it: "For Profit" or "Not for Profit"

Is it in good standing: Yes or No

**Authorized to transact business
in Florida:** Yes or No

State of Florida Department of State Certificate of Authority Document
No.: _____

Does it use a registered fictitious name: Yes or No

Names of Officers:

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Vice President: _____ Treasurer: _____

Director: _____ Director: _____

Other: _____ Other: _____

Name of Corporation (As used in Florida):

(Spelled exactly as it is registered with the state or federal government)

Corporate Address: _____

Post Office Box: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

(Please provide post office box and street address for mail and/or express delivery; also for recorded instruments involving land)

(Please continue and complete page 2)

Federal Identification Number: _____
(For all instruments to be recorded, taxpayer's identification is needed)

Contact person for company:
Telephone Number: _____ Facsimile Number: _____

Name of individual who will sign the instrument on behalf of the company:

(Contract must be signed by the President or Vice-President. Any other officer must have permission to sign via a resolution approved by the Board of Directors on behalf of the company. Awarded contractor shall submit a copy of the resolution together with the executed contract to the Office of Purchasing)
(Spelled exactly as it would appear on the instrument)

Title of the individual named above who will sign on behalf of the company:

END

(850) 488-9000 Verified by: _____ Date: _____

Drug-Free Workplace Form

The undersigned vendor, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that _____ does:

Name of Business

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, employee assistance programs and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in Paragraph 1.
4. In the statement specified in Paragraph 1, notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of Paragraphs 1 through 5.

Check one:

_____ As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with above requirements.

_____ As the person authorized to sign this statement, this firm **does not** comply fully with the above requirements.

Submitter's Signature

Date

**STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

FOR

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ESCAMBIA COUNTY**

AND

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AGREEMENT

This is an Agreement between Escambia County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, its successors and assigns, with its administrative offices located at 223 South Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida 32597-1590, (hereinafter referred to as "County,") and _____, a for-profit corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, its successors and assigns, whose federal identification number is _____, and whose business address is, _____, (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant").

WITNESSETH:

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

ARTICLE 1 **DEFINITIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS**

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

1.1 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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

1.2 CONSULTANT:

_____, is the Consultant selected to perform professional services pursuant to this Agreement.

1.3 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:

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

1.4 COUNTY:

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

1.5 NOTICE TO PROCEED:

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

1.6 PROJECT:

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

1.7 PROJECT MANAGER:

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

1.8 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

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

1.9 SCOPE OF WORK:

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

1.10 TASK ORDER:

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

ARTICLE 2
PREAMBLE

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

2.1 Negotiations pertaining to hourly rates for professional services to be performed by the Consultant were undertaken between the Consultant and a

committee selected by the Board of County Commissioners, and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiations.

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

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

ARTICLE 3 **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

3.1 The Consultant will provide _____ (briefly describe) _____ as hereinafter described in this Article 3 for tasks outlined in Escambia County's RFP Specification No. P.D. _____. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the RFP and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

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

ARTICLE 4 **ORDERING OF THE WORK**

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

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

4.3 In the event a mutually agreeable number of hours is reached, the County will issue a task order which describes the services to be provided by the Consultant and the amount of compensation to be provided by the County. In the event a mutually agreeable number of hours cannot be reached, the Consultant will be requested to provide a best and final offer to the County. If this best and

final offer is not acceptable to the County, negotiations will cease with the Consultant, and the County will open negotiations for the same scope of work with another firm.

ARTICLE 5
TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

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

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

ARTICLE 6
COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

6.1 **COMPENSATION:**

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

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

6.2 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

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

6.3 YEARLY ADJUSTMENT OF CONSULTANT'S RATES:

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

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

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

6.4 DIRECT EXPENSES:

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

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

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

6.5 METHOD OF BILLING AND PAYMENT:

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

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

(c) Upon approval of the estimate by the County, payment upon properly executed payment requisitions shall be made to the Consultant within thirty (30) days.

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

6.6	Payment requisitions will be sent to:	Notices will be sent to:
	(Contact Name & Title)	County Administrator
	(Dept. Name)	Escambia County Administrator
	(Address)	223 Palafox Street
	Pensacola, Florida (Zip)	Pensacola, Florida 32597-1590
	(850) (Telephone #)	(850) 595-4900
	(850) (Fax #)	(850) 595-4908

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 7
ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND
CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

ARTICLE 8
COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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

8.2 The County shall make available to the Consultant, as required for performance of the Consultant's basic services, data prepared by or services of others, including without limitation (as may be appropriate) core borings, probings, and subsurface explorations, hydraulic surveys, laboratory tests and inspections of samples, materials and equipment; appropriate professional interpretations of all of the foregoing; environmental assessment and impact statements; property boundary, easement, rights-of-way, topographic and utility surveys; property descriptions; zoning, deed and other land use restriction; and other special data or consultations.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9 **CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

9.1 **QUALITY OF SERVICES:**

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

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

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

by the Consultant's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Agreement.

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

9.2 CONSULTANT PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION:

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10
GENERAL CONDITIONS

10.1 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

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

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

10.2 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF WORK:

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

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

(c) Termination of the Consultant for cause shall include, but not be limited to, misuse of funds, fraud, lack of compliance with applicable rules, laws, regulations, and ordinances, and failure to perform in a timely manner any provision of this Agreement.

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

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

10.3 RECORDS:

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

(b) The Consultant acknowledges that this Agreement and any related financial records, audits, reports, plans, correspondence, and other documents may be subject to disclosure to members of the public pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as amended. In the event the Consultant fails to abide by the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the County may, without prejudice to any right or remedy and after giving the Consultant and its surety, if any, seven (7) days written notice, during which period the Consultant still fails to allow access to such documents, terminate the employment of the Consultant. In such case, the Consultant shall not be entitled to receive any further payment. Reasonable terminal expenses incurred by the County may be deducted from any payments left owing the Consultant (excluding monies owed the Consultant for subcontractor work).

10.4 NO CONTINGENT FEES:

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

10.5 SUBCONTRACTORS

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

10.6 ASSIGNMENT:

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

10.7 HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY

(a) **HOLD HARMLESS:** The Consultant agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the County and its agents, officers, and employees from any and all claims, suits, actions, damages, liabilities, expenditures, or causes of action of any kind, losses, penalties, interest, demands, judgments, and costs of suit,

including attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, for any expense, damage, or liability incurred by any of them, whether for bodily or personal injury, death, property damage, direct or consequential damages, or economic loss, including environmental impairment, arising directly or indirectly, on account of or in connection with the Consultant's negligent performance of this Agreement or by any person, firm, or corporation to whom any portion of the performance of this Agreement is subcontracted to or used by the Consultant, or by any other person for whom the Consultant is legally liable.

(b) INDEMNIFICATION: The Consultant and the County agree that pursuant to Section 725.06, Florida Statutes, as amended, the first one hundred (\$100) of this Agreement's compensation paid by the County to the Consultant shall be given as separate consideration for this indemnification, and any other indemnification of the County by the Consultant provided for within this contract document, the sufficiency of such separate consideration being acknowledged by the Consultant's acceptance and execution of the Agreement. The parties understand and agree that such indemnification by the Consultant relating to any matter which is the subject of this Agreement shall extend throughout the term of this Agreement and any statutes of limitations thereafter. The Consultant's obligation shall not be limited by, or in any way to, any insurance coverage or by any provision in or exclusion or omission from any policy of insurance. The Consultant agrees to pay on behalf of Escambia County, as well as provide a legal defense for the County, both of which will be done only if and when requested by the County, for all claims as described in the Hold Harmless paragraph. Such payment on the behalf of the County shall be in addition to any and all other legal remedies available to the County and shall not be considered to be the County's exclusive remedy.

10.8 INSURANCE:

The Consultant is required to carry the following insurance:

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

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

(c) Professional Liability with \$1,000,000 per occurrence minimum limit.

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

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

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

10.9 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES:

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

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

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

10.10 REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY AND CONSULTANT:

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

communications pertaining to the day-to-day conduct of the project shall be addressed.

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

10.11 ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

(a) This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements whether oral or written.

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

10.12 TERM OF AGREEMENT:

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

10.13 TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE:

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

10.14 HEADINGS:

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

10.15 GRATUITIES:

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

10.16 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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

10.17 SURVIVAL:

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

10.18 GOVERNING LAW:

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

10.19 INTERPRETATION:

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

- (a) If the Consultant discovers any material discrepancy, deficiency, ambiguity, error, or omission in this Agreement, or is otherwise in doubt as to the meaning of any provision of the Agreement, the Consultant shall immediately

notify the County and request clarification of the County's interpretation of this Agreement.

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

10.20 SEVERABILITY:

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

10.21 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:

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

10.22 PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PROCEEDINGS:

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

10.23 FURTHER DOCUMENTS:

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

10.24 NO WAIVER:

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: Escambia County, Florida through its Board of County Commissioners, signing by its Board Chairman, duly authorized to execute this Agreement through the express delegation of authority set forth in Article II of Chapter 46, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, and (Consultant Firm's Name), signing by and through its President, duly authorized to execute same.

COUNTY:

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

Witness: _____

By: _____

County Administrator

Witness: _____

Date: _____

(Corporate Seal)

CONSULTANT:

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

ATTEST: Corporate Secretary

By: _____

By: _____
Secretary

Its: President

Or

Date: _____

Witness

Witness