

## **CONTRACT BETWEEN**

### **PIERCE LAND CLEARING, LLC AND BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

This Contract is executed by and between Pierce Land Clearing, LLC and Burnet County, Texas, hereinafter called CONTRACTOR and COUNTY, respectively,

It is AGREED and UNDERSTOOD that this Contract is for the labor and materials necessary to clear & crush rocks on approximately 10 acres at the Burnet County Jail.

The CONTRACTOR shall provide all services included in the purchase of materials and installation per Exhibit A: Emailed quote dated July 21, 2022

It is AGREED and UNDERSTOOD that this Contract includes Exhibit B: Burnet County Standard Terms and Conditions attached herein.

#### **The CONTRACTOR responsibilities shall include the following:**

Scope of Work described in Exhibit A attached herein and including the following:

- CONTRACTOR shall perform cleanup of work areas on a daily basis.
- CONTRACTOR shall store project materials, supplies, and equipment in a neat and orderly manner so as not to unduly interfere with the operation and work of County business.
- CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for cleanup and removal of all equipment, surplus material, trash and debris related to this project upon completion of this project from the premises.
- Job project will not be paid until COUNTY is satisfied with completion.

#### **Insurance**

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall carry Workman's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance as required by law.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall carry liability insurance as required in Exhibit B: Burnet County Standard Terms and Conditions.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall supply a copy of proof of insurance coverage to COUNTY upon request and/or upon any change in coverage.

#### **Termination Provisions**

This contract is effective beginning **July 26, 2022** until job completion; except that in a case of default by the CONTRACTOR by failure to meet conditions set forth in this contract, whereby the COUNTY shall have the right to cancel this contract by giving ten (10) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY agrees to give the CONTRACTOR written notice within five (5) days of any noncompliance and allow reasonable time for correction of the discrepancies prior to notifying the CONTRACTOR of its intention to cancel the contract. In the event of cancellation or termination then COUNTY shall not be required nor obligated to pay for services beyond the effective date of the cancellation of the contract.

### **Early Termination of Contract and Late Fees**

In the event that COUNTY cancels before contract matures, a pro-rated statement will be sent showing cost of services to date less the amount paid to date. Statements are due upon receipt. Any amount not paid within thirty (30) days is past due.

### **Contract Amendments**

- A. This contract may be amended by mutual agreement of both the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY.
- B. All amendments shall be in writing and approved by the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR'S authorized representative.

### **Payment Terms**

The COUNTY shall pay to the CONTRACTOR its fee of price not to exceed \$18,000.00 for providing the services as submitted in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes. The COUNTY will make payment to CONTRACTOR within thirty (30) days of the statement date or otherwise pursuant to Texas law for the making of payments by local government entities.

### **Criminal Background Checks**

If requested, CONTRACTOR shall provide information, including, but not limited to, name, date of birth, and driver's license number for each individual who will be performing work on Burnet County property.

If required by Burnet County, CONTRACTOR'S personnel who perform work on Burnet County property must submit to and pass a Sheriff's Department Criminal Background Check. The Burnet County Juvenile Board will determine what it means by "pass" a criminal background check, and the County reserves the right to exclude any worker from access to the facility for security purposes, within the sole discretions. That status, within the County's sole discretion, must be maintained by all of CONTRACTOR's personnel entering COUNTY buildings for the duration of the contract.

The COUNTY reserves the right to conduct additional Criminal Background Checks as it deems necessary.

### **Bonds**

The CONTRACTOR shall submit bonds as required by Texas Government Code 2253.

### **Warranty**

The work performed by CONTRACTOR includes a one year workmanship warranty. If any item manufactured by CONTRACTOR fails under normal wear and tear then it will be replaced at the cost of the CONTRACTOR.

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

The CONTRACTOR shall provide and pay for all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, superintendence, labor, services, insurance, and all water, light, power, fuel, transportation and other facilities necessary for the execution and completion of the work covered by the contract Documents. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be new and both workmanship and materials shall be of a good quality. The CONTRACTOR shall if required, furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials.

RIGHT OF ENTRY. The COUNTY reserves the right to enter the property or location on which the work herein is contracted for by such agent or agents as he may elect, for the purpose of inspecting the work, or for the purpose of constructing or installing such collateral work as said COUNTY may desire.

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION PLANT. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the care, preservation, conservation, and protection of all materials, supplies, machinery, equipment, tools, apparatus, accessories, facilities, all means of construction, and any and all parts of the work, whether the CONTRACTOR has been paid, partially paid, or not paid for such work, until the entire work is completed and accepted.

CHARACTER OF WORKMEN. The CONTRACTOR agrees to employ only orderly and competent men, skillful in the performance of the type of work required under this contract, to do the work; and agrees that whenever the COUNTY shall inform him in writing that any man or men on the work are, in his opinion, incompetent, unfaithful or disorderly, such man or men shall be discharged from the work and shall not again be employed on the work without the COUNTY'S written consent.

PROTECTION AGAINST ACCIDENT TO EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC. The CONTRACTOR shall at all times exercise reasonable precautions for the safety of employees and others on or near the work and shall comply with all applicable provisions of Federal, State, and Municipal safety laws and building and construction codes. All machinery and equipment and other physical hazards shall be guarded in accordance with the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" of the Associated General Contractors of America except where incompatible with Federal, State, or Municipal laws or regulations. The CONTRACTOR shall provide such machinery guards, safe walkways, ladders, bridges, gangplanks, and other safety devices if necessary. The safety precautions actually taken and their adequacy shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR, acting at his discretion as an independent contractor.

PROTECTION OF ADJOINING PROPERTY. The said CONTRACTOR shall take proper means to protect the adjacent or adjoining property or properties in any way encountered, which might be injured or seriously affected by any process of construction to undertaken under this Agreement, from any damage or injury by reason of said process of construction; and he shall be liable for any and all claims for such damage on account of his failure to fully protect all adjoining property. The CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless the COUNTY against any claim or claims for damages due to any injury to any adjacent or adjoining property, arising or growing out of the performance of the contract; but any such indemnity shall apply to any claim of any kind arising out of the existence or character of the work.

PROTECTION AGAINST CLAIMS OF SUB-CONTRACTORS, LABORERS,

MATERIALMEN AND FURNISHERS OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. The

CONTRACTOR agrees that it will indemnify and save the COUNTY harmless from all claims growing out of the lawful demands of sub-contractors, laborers, workmen, mechanics, material men and furnishers of machinery and parts thereof, equipment, power tools, and all supplies, including commissary, incurred in the furtherance of the performance of this contract. When so desired by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish satisfactory evidence that all obligations of the nature hereinabove designated have been paid, discharged or waived. If the CONTRACTOR fails so to do, then the COUNTY may at the option of the CONTRACTOR either pay directly any unpaid bills, of which the COUNTY has written notice, or withhold from the CONTRACTOR'S unpaid compensation a sum of money deemed reasonably sufficient to liquidate any and all such lawful claims until satisfactory evidence is furnished that all liabilities have been fully discharged, whereupon payments to the CONTRACTOR shall be resumed in full, in accordance with the

terms of this contract, but in no event shall the provisions of this sentence be construed to impose any obligation upon the COUNTY by either the CONTRACTOR or his Surety.

**FINAL COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE.** Within ten (10) days after the CONTRACTOR has given the OWNER written notice that the work has been completed, or substantially completed, the COUNTY shall inspect the work and within said time, prepare and send a list of deficiencies. If there are not deficiencies found then COUNTY will process final payment.

**FINAL PAYMENT.** The COUNTY, who shall pay to the CONTRACTOR on or before the 35th day, after the date of Project Completion, the balance due the CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Agreement, provided he has fully performed his contractual obligations under the terms of this contract.

**PAYMENTS WITHHELD.** The COUNTY may, on account of subsequently discovered evidence, withhold payment to such extent as may be necessary to protect itself from loss on account of:

- (a) Defective work not remedied.
- (b) Claims filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of claims.
- (c) Failure of the CONTRACTOR to make payments properly to subcontractors or for Material or labor.
- (d) Damage to another contractor.
- (e) Reasonable doubt that the work can be completed for the unpaid balance of the contract amount.
- (f) Reasonable indication that the work will not be completed within the contract time.

**CHANGE ORDERS:** Without invalidating this Agreement, the COUNTY may, at any time or from time to time, order deletions or revisions to the work; such changes will be authorized by Change Order to be prepared by the COUNTY after formal approval of Burnet County. The Change Order shall set forth the basis for any change in contract price, as hereinafter set forth for Extra Work, and any change in contract time which may result from the change.

**EXAMINATION OF SITE OF PROJECT.** CONTRACTOR shall make a careful examination of the site of the project, soil and water conditions to be encountered, improvements to be protected, disposal sites for surplus materials not designated to be salvaged materials, and methods of providing ingress and egress to private properties and of handling traffic during construction of the entire project.

**TRADE NAMES AND MATERIALS.** Where materials or equipment are specified by a trade or brand name, it is not the intention of the COUNTY to discriminate against an equal product of another manufacturer, but rather to set a definite standard of quality of performance, and to establish an equal basis for the evaluation of bids. Where the words "equivalent", "proper" or "equal to" are used, they shall be understood to mean the equivalent of, or equal to some other thing, in the opinion or judgment of the COUNTY. Unless otherwise specified, all materials shall be the best of their respective kinds and shall be in all cases fully equal to approved samples. Notwithstanding that the words "or equal to" or other such expressions may be used in the specifications in connection with a material, manufactured article or process, the materials, article or process specifically designated shall be used, unless a substitute shall be approved in writing by the COUNTY, and the COUNTY shall have the right to require the use of such specifically designated material, article or process.

**BARRICADES, LIGHTS, AND WATCHMEN.** Where the work is carried on in or adjacent to any street, alley or public place, the CONTRACTOR shall at his own cost and expense furnish and erect such

barricades, fences, lights, and danger signals, shall provide such watchmen, and shall provide such other precautionary measures for the protection of persons or property and of the work as are necessary. Barricades shall be painted in a color that will be visible at night. From sunset to sunrise the CONTRACTOR shall furnish and maintain at least one light at each barricade and sufficient number of barricades shall be erected to keep vehicles from being driven on or into any work under construction. The CONTRACTOR will be held responsible for all damage to the work due to failure of barricades, signs, lights, and watchmen to protect it, and whenever evidence is found of such damage, the COUNTY may order the damaged portion immediately removed and replaced by the CONTRACTOR at its cost and expense. The CONTRACTOR'S responsibility for the maintenance of barricades, signs, and lights, and for providing watchmen shall not cease until the project shall have been accepted by the COUNTY.

**RESTORATION OF SITE & CLEANUP.** Upon completion of the project (or major portions thereof) the CONTRACTOR shall restore the site to its original condition or better. Driveways and streets shall be compacted and resurfaced as originally found. All private property disrupted during construction including fences, patios, retaining walls, sidewalks, wooden decks, etc. shall be mended or repaired to their original condition. At the conclusion of the work, all tools, temporary structures and materials belonging to the Contractor shall be promptly removed, and all dirt, rubbish and other foreign substances shall be disposed of. The CONTRACTOR shall thoroughly clean all equipment and materials installed by and shall deliver over such materials and equipment in an undamaged, clean condition.

#### **SAFETY.**

- In accordance with generally accepted construction practices, the CONTRACTOR alone will be solely and completely responsible for conditions of the job site, including safety of all persons and property during performance of the work. This requirement will apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours.
- The duty of the COUNTY to conduct construction review of the CONTRACTOR'S performance is not intended to include review of the adequacy of the CONTRACTOR'S safety measures, in, on, or near the construction site.

**EXISTING UTILITIES AND SERVICE LINES.** The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the protection of all existing utilities or service lines crossed or exposed by construction operations. Where existing utilities or service lines are cut, broken or damaged, the CONTRACTOR shall replace or repair the utilities or service lines with the same type of original material and construction, or better, at CONTRACTOR'S cost and expense.

**PROTECTION OF PROPERTY.** The CONTRACTOR shall, at no additional expense to the COUNTY, protect by false work, braces, shoring or other property along the line of work or affected directly by CONTRACTOR work, against damage and shall repair the damages or repay the injured COUNTY if such damage occurs. The CONTRACTOR shall exercise care to protect from injury all water pipes, sanitary sewer pipes, gas mains, telephone cables, electric cables, service pipes, and other utilities or fixtures which may be encountered during the progress of the work. All utilities and other service facilities or fixtures if damaged, shall be repaired by the CONTRACTOR without additional compensation. Protection is CONTRACTOR'S responsibility and CONTRACTOR must satisfy as to the existence and location of all utilities and structures.

CONTRACTS IN DEFAULT. The COUNTY may declare a contract in default for any one or more of the following reasons:

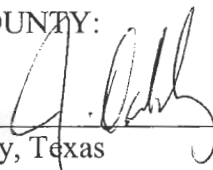
- Failure to complete the work within the contract period or any extension thereof.
- Failure or refusal to comply with an order of the COUNTY within a reasonable time.
- Failure or refusal to remove rejected materials.
- Failure or refusal to perform anew any defective or unacceptable work.
- Bankruptcy or insolvency, or the making of an assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- Failure to provide a qualified superintendent, competent workmen or subcontractors to carry on the work in an acceptable manner or failure to prosecute the work according to the agreed schedule of completion.
- Disregard or violation of any other important provisions of the Contract Documents as determined by the COUNTY.

INDEMNITY: CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold COUNTY harmless from any and all damages, injuries, lawsuits, administrative actions and other claims whether such claims are based on contract, statute or common law theories of recovery. This indemnity and hold harmless provision applies to all acts of alleged negligence, gross negligence and intentional acts *on the part of any party* to this contract, any officers, contractors, employees, elected employees, appointed employees, volunteers or reserve officers.

INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT AND EXHIBIT B: "Burnet County Standard Terms and Conditions" have traditionally been made part of every Burnet County Contract. To the extent that the "Burnet County Terms and Conditions" are found to be in direct conflict with any of the terms and conditions of this document, the terms of this document will control. Otherwise, the Parties agree that this contract should be interpreted so that that the provisions of both documents supplement and support each other, with the greatest protections interpreted in favor of the County.

APPROVED:

BURNET COUNTY:

  
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Burnet County, Texas

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Pierce Land Clearing, LLC

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Date

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Date

**Exhibit A**

**From:** Matt Kimbler <[mkimbler@burnetsheriff.com](mailto:mkimbler@burnetsheriff.com)>

**Date:** July 21, 2022 at 4:02:35 PM CDT

**To:** Karin Smith <[ksmith@burnetcountytexas.org](mailto:ksmith@burnetcountytexas.org)>, James Oakley <[judgejamesoakley@gmail.com](mailto:judgejamesoakley@gmail.com)>, Calvin Boyd <[cboyd@burnetsheriff.com](mailto:cboyd@burnetsheriff.com)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Quote

Here it is... we have some other items they will do once on-site. We will not exceed the \$18000 top cap.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Pierce Land Clearing** <[support@piercelandclearing.com](mailto:support@piercelandclearing.com)>

**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022

**Subject:** Quote

**To:** [Mkimbler@burnetsheriff.com](mailto:Mkimbler@burnetsheriff.com)

Good afternoon,

The estimated time to have the shaded areas rock crushed (approximately 7 acres) would be 3 days. The cost for the rock crusher is \$2,500 per day bringing the estimated total to \$7,500. To have the fence line cleared around the property you would be looking at one day with 350hp mulcher at \$4,000. Finally, a \$1,000 fee to have machines delivered to the property. All in estimated cost would be \$12,500. I have also attached our W9, as requested.

Thank you,

Preston Pierce



Pierce Land Clearing LLC

P:(254) 998 4468

E: [Support@piercelandclearing.com](mailto:Support@piercelandclearing.com)

**Jail Administrator / Captain Matthew Kimbler**

**Burnet County Sheriff Office**

512-715-8600

512-755-4931 cell

**EXHIBIT B  
STANDARD PURCHASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING  
BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

Seller and Buyer agree as follows:

1. **SELLER TO PACKAGE GOODS** - Seller will package goods in accordance with good commercial practice. Each shipping container shall be clearly and permanently marked as follows: (a) Seller's name and address; (b) Consignee's name, address and purchase order or purchase release number and the supply agreement number if applicable; (c) Container number and total number of containers, e.g. box 1 of 4 boxes; and (d) the number of the container bearing the packing slip. Seller shall bear cost of packaging unless otherwise provided. Goods shall be suitably packed to secure lowest transportation costs and to conform to requirements of common carriers and any applicable specifications. Buyer's count or weight shall be final and conclusive on shipments not accompanied by packing lists.
2. **SHIPMENT UNDER RESERVATION PROHIBITED** - Seller is not authorized to ship the goods under reservation and no tender of a bill of lading will operate as a tender of goods.
3. **TITLE & RISK OF LOSS** - The title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to Buyer until Buyer actually accepts the goods at the point or points of delivery.
4. **FOB POINT** - Delivery of all products under this contract shall be made Free On Board to final destination, at the address shown in this contract or as indicated on each Delivery Order placed against this contract. The title and risk of loss of the goods shall not pass to Burnet County until receipt and acceptance takes place at the F.O.B. point.
5. **NO REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE TENDER** - Every tender or delivery of goods must fully comply with all provisions of this contract as to time of delivery, quality and the like. If a tender is made which does not fully conform, this shall constitute a breach and Seller shall not have the right to substitute a conforming tender, provided, where the time for performance has not yet expired, the Seller may seasonably notify Buyer of his intention to cure and may then make a conforming tender within the contract time but not afterward.
6. **PLACE OF DELIVERY** - The place of delivery shall be that set forth in the block of the purchase order release entitled "Ship To". Any change thereto shall be effected by modification as provided for in Clause 20, "Modifications", hereof. The terms of this agreement are "no arrival, no sale".
7. **INVOICES AND PAYMENTS**
  - a. Seller shall submit separate invoices on each purchase order after each delivery. Invoices shall indicate the purchase order number and the supply agreement number, if applicable. Invoices shall be itemized and transportation charges, if any, shall be listed separately. A copy of the bill of lading, and the freight waybill when applicable, should be attached to the invoice. Mail to: Burnet County Auditor's Office, 133 E. Jackson St, Burnet, Texas 77806. Payment shall not be due until the above instruments are submitted after delivery. Suppliers should keep the Auditor's Office advised of any changes in your remittance addresses.
  - b. Buyer's obligation is payable only and solely from funds available for the purpose of this purchase. Lack of funds shall render this contract null and void to the extent funds are not available and any delivered but unpaid for goods will be returned to Seller by Buyer.
  - c. Do not include Federal Excise, State, County, or City Sales Tax. The County shall furnish tax exemption certificate upon request.
8. **GRATUITIES** - The Buyer may, by written notice to the Seller, cancel this contract without liability to Seller if it is determined by Buyer that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise, were offered or given by the Seller, or any agent or representative of the Seller, to any officer or employee of Burnet County with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such a contract. In the event this contract is canceled by Buyer pursuant to this provision, Buyer shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by Seller in providing such gratuities.
9. **SPECIAL TOOLS & TEST EQUIPMENT** - If the price stated on the face hereof includes the cost of any special tooling or special test equipment fabricated or required by Seller for the purpose of filling this order, such special tooling equipment and any process sheets related thereto shall become the property of the Buyer and to the extent feasible shall be identified by the Seller as such.
10. **WARRANTY PRICE**
  - a. The price to be paid by the Buyer shall be that contained in Seller's bid which Seller warrants to be no higher than Seller's current prices on orders by others for products of the kind and specification covered by this agreement for similar quantities under similar or like conditions and methods of purchase. In the event Seller breaches this warranty, the prices of the items shall be reduced to the Seller's current prices on orders by others, or in the alternative, Buyer may cancel this contract without liability to Seller for breach or Seller's actual expense.
  - b. The Seller warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Seller for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the Buyer shall have the right in addition to any other right or rights to cancel this contract without liability and to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.
11. **PRODUCT WARRANTIES** - Seller shall not limit or exclude any implied warranties and any attempt to do so shall render this contract voidable at the option of the Buyer. Seller warrants that the goods furnished will conform to the specifications, drawings, and descriptions listed in the bid invitation, and to the sample(s) furnished by Seller; if any, in the event of a conflict between the specifications, drawings, and descriptions, the specifications shall govern.
12. **SAFETY WARRANTY** - Seller warrants that the product sold to Buyer shall conform to the standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In the event the product does not conform to OSHA standards, Buyer may return the product for correction or replacement at the Seller's expense. In the event the Seller fails to make the appropriate correction within a reasonable time, correction made by Buyer will be at Seller's expense.
13. **NO WARRANTY BY BUYER AGAINST INFRINGEMENTS** - Seller warrants that all applicable patents and Copyrights which may exist on items bid upon have been adhered to and further warrants that Burnet County shall not be liable for any infringement of those rights. Seller agrees to defend Burnet County in any legal cause of action resulting from any violations to existing patents, licenses, or copyrights applicable to items sold hereunder.
14. **RIGHT OF INSPECTION** - Buyer shall have the right to inspect the goods at delivery before accepting them.
15. **CANCELLATION** - Buyer shall have the right to cancel for default all or any part of the undelivered portion of this order if Seller breaches any of the terms hereof including warranties of Seller or if Seller

becomes insolvent or commits acts of bankruptcy. Such right of cancellation is in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies which Buyer may have in law or equity.

16. **TERMINATION** - The performance of work under this order may be terminated in whole or in part by the Buyer in accordance with this provision. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by the delivery to the Seller of a "Notice of Termination" specifying the extent to which performance of work under the order is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Such right of termination is in addition to and not in lieu of rights of Buyer set forth in Clause 15, herein.
17. **FORCE MAJEURE** - If, by reason of Force Majeure, either party hereto shall be rendered unable wholly or in part to carry out its obligations under this Agreement then such party shall give notice and full particulars of such Force Majeure in writing to the other party within a reasonable time after occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, and the obligation of the party giving such notice, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of the inability then claimed, except as hereinafter provided, but for no longer period, and such party shall endeavor to remove or overcome such inability with all reasonable dispatch. The term Force Majeure as employed herein, shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, act of public enemies, orders of any kind of government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquake, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having the difficulty, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable in the judgement of the party having the difficulty.
18. **ASSIGNMENT DELEGATION** - No right or interest in this contract shall be assigned or delegation of any obligation made by Seller without the written permission of the Buyer. Any attempted assignment or delegation by Seller shall be wholly void and totally ineffective for all purposes unless made in conformity with this paragraph.
19. **WAIVERS** - No claim or right arising out of a breach of this contract can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party.
20. **MODIFICATIONS** - This contract can be modified or rescinded only by a writing signed by both of the parties or their duly authorized agents.
21. **INTERPRETATION PAROL EVIDENCE** - This writing is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and is intended also as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in this agreement. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this agreement shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this agreement even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the performance and opportunity for objection. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code is used in this agreement, the definition contained in the Code is to control.
22. **APPLICABLE LAW** - This agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code. Wherever the term "Uniform Commercial Code" is used, it shall be construed as meaning the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in the State of Texas as effective and in force on the date of this agreement.
23. **ADVERTISING** - Seller shall not advertise or publish, without Buyer's prior consent, the fact that Buyer has entered into this contract, except to the extent necessary to comply with proper requests for information from an authorized representative of the federal, state, or local government.
24. **RIGHT TO ASSURANCE** - Whenever one party to this contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he may demand that the other party give written assurance of his intent to perform. In the event a demand is made and no assurance is given within five (5) days, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the contract.
25. **VENUE** - Both parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall be in Burnet County, Texas.
26. **INSURANCE** - Construction and professional service providers shall purchase and maintain the following insurance the entire term of the contract. 1. Worker's Compensation in accordance with statutory requirements. 2. Commercial General Liability Insurance with a combined minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. 3. Automobile Liability Insurance, covering owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with combined minimum limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; or separate limits of \$250,000 for bodily injury (per person), \$500,000 bodily injury (per accident), and \$100,000 for property damage.
27. **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** - An outside consultant or contractor is prohibited from submitting a bid for services on a Burnet County project of which the consultant or contractor was a designer or other previous contributor, or was an affiliated, subsidiary, joint venturer or was in any other manner associated by ownership to any party that was a designer or other previous contributor. If such a consultant or contractor submits a prohibited bid, that bid shall be disqualified on the basis of conflict of interest, no matter when the conflict is discovered by Burnet County. Potential bidders are advised that they may have disclosure requirements pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176. This law requires persons desiring to do business with the County to disclose any gifts valued in excess of \$250.00 given to any County Official or the County Official's family member during the preceding twelve (12) month period. The disclosure questionnaire must be filed with the Burnet County Clerk. Refer to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176 for the details of this law.
28. By accepting this Purchase Order, the seller verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract with Burnet County.