

**MUTUAL BENEFIT AND USE AGREEMENT**  
**ADOPTION OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, CONTRACT C21-01-109**  
**DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS** it is foreseen that it may be in the public interest to provide for the expedient removal of disaster debris within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Pierce, FL resulting from a natural or manmade event; and

**WHEREAS** the public health and safety of all the citizens will be at serious risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the immediate economic recovery of the City of Fort Pierce, FL and its citizens is a major concern and the primary priority for recovery; and

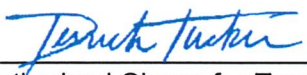
**WHEREAS**, City of Fort Pierce, FL has a community of interest in St. Lucie County, FL with respect to the debris services that may be necessary to affect a recovery from an anticipated storm event; and

**WHEREAS**, St Lucie County, FL has selected through competitive process a firm proficient in providing debris services; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Fort Pierce, FL has reviewed the solicitation, proposal, and evaluation related to the selection of the firm by St. Lucie County, FL and endorses with the process and selection; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Fort Pierce, FL has reviewed the Contract for Disaster Debris Monitoring Management Consulting Services between **St. Lucie County and True North Emergency Management, LLC.** and has found the Scope of Services, prices, and terms, and conditions as set out in this Contract to be reasonable, acceptable, and of benefit to their citizens; and

**THEREFORE**, having reached concurrence and acceptance of the procurement process and the contract stipulations, The City of Fort Pierce, FL agrees to enter into a contract with **True North Emergency Management, LLC.** for Disaster Debris Management & Consulting Services without modification to the original terms, conditions, or pricing. Having full authority, the parties do hereby complete this Agreement by signing below:

  
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Authorized Signor for True North Emergency Management, LLC.

Derrick P. Tucker, P.E.  
Printed Name

Senior Vice President  
Title

June 27, 2023  
Date

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Authorized Signor City of Fort Pierce

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Printed Name

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Title

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Date

21-01-109

**CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING SERVICES**

THIS CONTRACT is made as of the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, by and between **ST. LUCIE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and **TRUE NORTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, LLC**, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant".

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the County solicited proposals for non-exclusive Contracts to perform professional services for Disaster Debris Monitoring Management and Consulting Services from qualified firms for the performance of these services; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the regularly scheduled meeting on January 19, 2021, The Board of County Commissioners approved the short list of firms, permission to negotiation a continuing contract, and authorized the execution of an agreement for Continuing professional services between County and Consultant hereinafter referred to as "Contract"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Consultant is willing and able to render professional services for various projects on an as-needed basis and for the compensation and on the terms hereinafter set forth; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, terms, and condition contained herein, do agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS**

The Recitals set forth above are fully incorporated into the Contract by reference.

2. **SERVICES**

The Consultant's responsibility under this Contract is to provide professional/consultation services in the area of Disaster Debris Monitoring Management and Consulting Services as the Primary Consultant, as further described in St. Lucie County RFP No. 20-037.

3. **TERM**

The term of the Contract shall be for a period of 3 (three) years beginning on the date first written above. Upon mutual written agreement, this Contract may be extended for 2 (two) additional one-year renewal periods pursuant to the same terms and conditions.

4. **TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to work with the County to provide professional services related to disaster debris monitoring management and consulting services for hurricanes,

tornadoes, and other natural and manmade disaster events for St. Lucie County. Each project will require a separate work authorization. The work authorization shall set out the scope of work, time of performance and compensation schedule for each project.

5. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The Contract Documents which comprise the Contract between the County and the Consultant are attached hereto and made part hereof and consist of the following:

- A. This Contract, consisting of pages 01 through 20 inclusive.
- B. Consultant's Proposal, consisting of:
  - Price Proposal Form
  - Vendor Affidavit Regarding Scrutinized Company List
  - Certification Regarding Lobbying
  - Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
  - Signed Addendums No. 01 to 05, inclusive
- C. RFP Documents, consisting of 35 pages, inclusive
- D. Addenda No. 01 to 05, inclusive.
- E. Insurance Certificates which shall be provided by the Contractor, along with the return of an executed copy of this Contract.
- F. Any Modifications, including change orders, duly delivered after execution of this Contract.

Except for duly authorized and executed Modifications including but not limited to change orders and contract amendments, any conflict between the terms and conditions of this Contract and the terms and conditions of any of the other contract documents shall be interpreted in favor of this Contract.

6. **PERIOD OF SERVICE; WORK AUTHORIZATIONS**

- A. The Consultant will be available to begin work promptly after receipt of a fully executed copy of this Agreement. It is agreed that this Agreement shall be considered as a continuing contract and work will be initiated on an assignment by assignment basis. The County reserves the right to select the respective Consultant who the County believes is in its best interest to perform the specified work.
- B. If the Consultant's services called for under this Agreement are delayed for reasons beyond the Consultant's control, the time of performance may be adjusted appropriately.
- C. Specific work assignments shall be set forth in individual Work Authorizations which will be issued to the Consultant. All Work Authorizations shall be executed on behalf of the County in accordance with the St. Lucie County Purchasing Policy. The Work Authorization shall describe the scope of the work to be performed and shall set forth the schedule for completion of the work.

The County shall provide all criteria and full information as to County's requirements for the assignment and designate in writing a person with authority to act on County's behalf on all matters concerning this assignment.

7. **TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

Each project performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in a timely manner without unreasonable delay within the time period identified in the work authorization. If the work is not fully completed according to the terms of the Contract and within the time limits stipulated in the individual work authorization, it is hereby acknowledged that the County will suffer damages which are not capable of ascertainment or calculation, and therefore the Consultant shall pay the County liquidated damages, a sum of which will be outlined in each individual work authorization, per day for each day following the required completion date, until the date upon which actual completion occurs.

8. **COMPENSATION**

The Consultant shall be compensated for all services satisfactorily completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each work authorization pursuant to the approved Price Proposal Form. All invoices presented to the County for payment shall be on a Request for Payment form approved by the County.

9. **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- A. The Project Manager for the County is George Landry at (772) 462-1846. The Project Manager for the Consultant is Derrick P. Tucker, P.E. at (601) 506-3298.
- B. It is understood and agreed that the Consultant's services under this Agreement do not include participation, whatsoever, in any litigation. Should such services be required, a supplemental agreement may be negotiated between the County and the Consultant describing the services desired and providing a basis for compensation to the Consultant.
- B. Upon the Consultant's written request, the County will furnish or cause to be furnished such reports, studies, instruments, documents, and other information as the Consultant and County mutually deem necessary; and the Consultant may rely upon same in performing the services required under this Agreement.

10. **TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE**

Execution of this Agreement by Consultant shall act as the execution of as 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 execution of the Agreement. The original Agreement rates and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which County determines the Agreement rate(s) was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such rate adjustments shall be made within one year following the end of this Agreement.

11. DEFAULT/TERMINATION

A. FOR CAUSE

If either party fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement in a timely and proper manner, the other party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of any deficiency and by allowing the party in default seven (7) calendar days to correct the deficiency. If the defaulting party fails to correct the deficiency within this time, this Agreement shall terminate at the expiration of the seven (7) calendar day time period.

With regard to the Consultant, the following items shall be considered a default under this Agreement:

- (1) If the Consultant should be adjudged bankrupt, or if he, or it, should make a general assignment for the benefit of his, or its, creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed on account of his, or its, insolvency.
- (2) If the Consultant should persistently or repeatedly refuse or fail, except in cases for which an extension of time is provided, to provide the services contemplated by this Agreement.
- (3) If the Consultant disregards laws, ordinances, or the instructions of the Project Manager or otherwise is guilty of a substantial violation of the provisions of the Agreement.

In the event of termination, the Consultant shall only be entitled to receive payment for work satisfactorily completed prior to the termination date.

B. WITHOUT CAUSE

Either party may terminate the Agreement without cause at any time upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, the County shall compensate the Consultant for all authorized work satisfactorily performed through the termination date.

C. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES TERMINATION

The County may immediately terminate the Contract without cause at any time upon ascertaining that pursuant to § 287.135, Florida Statutes, a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local government entity for goods or services if at the time of bidding or submitting a proposal for a new contract or renewal of an existing contract, or at any time thereafter, the company: (1) is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to § 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; (2) is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to § 215.473, Florida Statutes; or (3) is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Furthermore, the County may immediately terminate the Contract if it is determined that the company submitted a false certification stating that it was not (1) on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or engaged in a boycott of Israel; (2) was not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; (3) or was not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria when in fact the

company was engaged in such activities at the time of the bid or proposal, or at the time of entering into or renewing the Contract.

12. **SUB-CONSULTANTS AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

In the event the Consultant requires the services of any sub-consultant, subcontractor or professional associate in connection with the services to be provided under this Agreement, Consultant shall secure the written approval of County Project Manager before engaging such sub-consultant, subcontractor or professional associate.

If a sub-consultant fails to perform or make progress, as required by this Contract, and it is necessary to replace the sub-consultant to complete the work in a timely fashion, the Consultant shall promptly do so, subject to acceptance of the new sub-consultant by the County. The substitution of a subcontractor shall not be adequate cause to excuse a delay in the performance any portion of this contract as set forth in the Scope of Work.

The Consultant, its sub-consultants, agents, servants, or employees agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of this Contract and its agreement with the sub-consultant for work to be performed for the County the Consultant must incorporate the terms of this contract.

13. **FEDERAL AND STATE TAX**

The County is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Taxes. The County will sign an exemption certificate if submitted by the Consultant. The Consultant shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor is the Consultant authorized to use the County's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials. The Consultant shall be responsible for payment of its own and its share of its employees' payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits with respect to this Contract.

14. **INSURANCE**

The Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement insurance of the types and subject to the limits set forth below. The Consultant shall also provide the County with evidence of this insurance in the form of Certificates of Insurance which shall be subject to the County's approval for adequacy. The County shall be an Additional Insured on policies of Commercial General Liability with respect to all claims arising out of the work performed under this Agreement. The County shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice of any material changes or cancellations of the policies. If sub-contractors are used by the Consultant, it shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that all its sub-contractors comply with all the insurance requirements contained herein relating to such sub-contractors.

Except as otherwise stated, the amounts and types of insurance shall conform to the following minimum requirements:

A. **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY**

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Commercial General Liability insurance on an occurrence basis for a minimum combined single

limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, \$2,000,000.00 general aggregate for claims of bodily injury including death, property damage and personal injury. Contractual Liability coverage shall be included.

**B. COMMERCIAL AUTO LIABILITY**

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Business Commercial Auto Liability for claims of bodily injury and property damage for minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit.

**C. WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Workers' Compensation insurance coverage to apply for all employees for Florida statutory limits. Coverage B, Employers Liability, shall be written for a minimum liability at \$500,000.00 per occurrence.

**D. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Professional Liability insurance on a claims made basis for a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 coverage.

**15. INDEMNIFICATION**

The Consultant covenants and agrees at all times to indemnify and hold harmless the agency, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the design professional and other persons employed or utilized by the design professional in the performance of the Agreement. The Consultant hereby acknowledges that the payments made under this Agreement include specific consideration for the indemnification herein provided. It is the specific intent of the parties hereto that the foregoing indemnification complies with Section 725.08, Florida Statute.

The Consultant, without exemption, shall indemnify and hold harmless, the County, State of Florida, the Federal Government its employees, representatives and elected officials from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or item manufactured by the Consultant. Further, if such a claim is made, or is pending, the Consultant may, at its option and expense, procure for the County the right to use, replace, or modify the item to render it non-infringing. If none of the alternatives are reasonably available, the County agrees to return the article on request to the Consultant and receive reimbursement. If the Consultant used any design, device or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood, without exception, that the Contract prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device or materials in any way involved in the work.

**16. ASSIGNMENT**

The County and Consultant each binds itself and its successors, legal representatives, and assigns to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, legal representatives, and permitted

assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement; and, neither the County nor the Consultant will assign or transfer its rights and obligations in this Agreement without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body which may be a party hereto.

The Consultant agrees that the persons named in the scope of work shall provide services as described therein. The services of the person(s) so named are a substantial inducement and material consideration for this Agreement. In the event such persons can no longer provide the services required by this Agreement, the Consultant shall immediately notify the County in writing and the County may elect to terminate this Agreement without any liability to the Consultant for unfinished work product. The County may elect to compensate the Consultant for unfinished work product, provided it is in a form that is sufficiently documented and organized to provide for subsequent utilization in completion of the work product.

17. **PUBLIC RECORDS**

The Consultant shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Section 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the Consultant in conjunction with this Agreement. Specifically, the Consultant shall:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Section 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Consultant does not transfer the records to the County.
- (d) Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Consultant transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Contract, the Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements. If the Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Consultant shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All record stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology system of the County.

**IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF**

**PUBLIC RECORDS AT (772)462-1441, [BellamyS@stlucieco.org](mailto:BellamyS@stlucieco.org), COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 2300 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FL 34982**

**18. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Consultant represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Section 112.311, Florida Statutes. The Consultant further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

The Consultant shall promptly notify the County in writing by certified mail of all potential conflicts of interest prohibited by existing state law for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the Consultant's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Consultant may undertake and request an opinion of the County as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the County, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the Consultant. The County agrees to notify the Consultant of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the Consultant. If, in the opinion of the County, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the Consultant, the County shall so state in the notification and the Consultant shall, at his/her option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the County by the Consultant under the terms of this Agreement

**19. EXCUSABLE DELAYS (FORCE MAJEURE)**

Neither party shall be liable to the other for failure to perform its obligations hereunder if and to the extent that such failure to perform results from causes beyond its reasonable control (financial difficulty shall not be considered a cause beyond a party's control), all of which causes herein are called "Force Majeure", including, but without being limited to, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances; fires; unusual climatic conditions; acts of God; acts of a public enemy; or inability to obtain transportation or necessary materials in the open market. Provided, however, that market conditions, labor conditions, construction industry price trends and similar matters which normally impact on the bidding process shall not be considered a Force Majeure. The party unable to perform as a result of force majeure promptly shall notify the other of the beginning and ending of each such period, and County shall compensate Consultant at the rates set forth herein, for the services performed by Consultant hereunder, up to the date of the beginning of such period. If any period of force majeure continues for thirty (30) days or more, either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days prior written notice to the other party.

**20. PLEDGE OF CREDIT, ARREARS**

The Consultant shall not pledge the County's credit or make it a guarantor of payment of surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The Consultant further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

21. **DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

All original sketches, tracings, drawings, computations, details, design calculations, and other documents and plans that result from the Consultant's services under this Agreement are and remain the property of the County as instruments of service. The Consultant shall furnish copies to the County upon completion of such documents.

The County shall, at no additional expense, be furnished one (1) set of reproducible copies of any maps and/or drawings prepared for it by the Consultant. Consultant shall likewise submit copies of all field notes, calculation sheets and computer discs to the County.

22. **INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT RELATIONSHIP**

The relationship of the Consultant to the County will be solely that of a consultant. The Consultant is an independent contractor and is not an employee or agent of the County. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to establish any relationship other than that of an independent contractor, between the County and the Consultant, its employees, agents, subcontractors, or assigns, during or after the performance of this Agreement. The Consultant will provide the professional and technical services required for the successful completion of this Agreement in accordance with practices generally acceptable within the industry and good ethical standards.

23. **E-VERIFY/ VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

**Effective January 1, 2021**, As required by Section 448.095(2)(a), Florida Statute, the Consultant and subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The County, Consultant, or subcontractor may not enter into a Contract unless each party to the Contract registers with and uses the E-Verify System. The Consultant shall provide documentation of their compliance of this requirement to the County upon request.

If the Consultant enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor must provide the Consultant with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an authorized alien. The Consultant shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Contract.

The County will not intentionally award contracts to any Consultant who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA"). The County shall consider the employment by the Consultant of unauthorized aliens a violation of 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(e) [Section 274A(e) of the INA]. The Consultant agrees that such violation by the Consultant shall be grounds for the unilateral cancellation of this Contract by the County.

24. **PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bonafide employee working solely for the Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that he has not paid or agreed to pay any persons, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bonafide employee working solely for the Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award of making this Agreement.

25. **AUDIT**

The Consultant agrees that the County or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three years after expenditure of funds under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Consultant involving transactions related to this Agreement. The Consultant agrees that payment(s) made under this Agreement shall be subject to reduction for amounts charged thereto which are found on the basis of audit examination not to constitute allowable costs under this Agreement. The Consultant shall refund by check payable to the County the amount of such reduction of payments. All required records shall be maintained until an audit is completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved, or three years after completion of the project and issuance of the final certificate, whichever is sooner.

26. **NON DISCRIMINATION**

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

27. **ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

It is understood and agreed that the Consultant's services under this Agreement do not include any participation, whatsoever, in any litigation. Should such services be required, a supplemental agreement may be negotiated between the County and the Consultant describing the services desired and providing a basis for compensation to the Consultant.

28. **AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE**

The County represents that it is a political subdivision of the State of Florida with the authority to engage the professional service described herein and to accept the obligation for payment for the services.

The County and Consultant each binds itself and its successors, legal representatives, and assigns to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, legal representatives, and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement; and, neither the County nor the Consultant will assign or transfer their interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the party of any officer or agent of any public body which may be a party hereto.

The Consultant hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the County's representative on an annual basis.

29. **SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or the application of such terms or provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

30. **COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement states the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes any written or oral representations, statements, negotiations, or agreements to the contrary. The Consultant recognizes that any representations, statements or negotiations made by the County staff do not suffice to legally bind the County in a contractual relationship unless they have been reduced to writing, authorized, and signed by an authorized County representative. This Agreement shall bind the parties, their assigns, and successors in interest.

31. **AMENDMENT**

This Agreement may be amended only with the written approval and agreement of the parties.

32. **MODIFICATIONS OF WORK**

The County reserves the right to make changes in Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the Consultant of the County's notification of a contemplated change, the Consultant shall, **in writing**:

1. Provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change,
2. Notify the County of any estimated change in the completion date, and
3. Advise the County if the contemplated change shall affect the Consultant's ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

If the County so instructs in writing, the Consultant shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work affected by a contemplated change, pending the County's decision to proceed with the change. If the County elects to make the change, the County shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the Consultant shall not commence work on any such change until such written Amendment is signed by the authorized representative for the County.

33. **NOTICE**

All notices, requests, consents, and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be (as elected by the person giving such notice) hand delivered by messenger or courier service, telecommunicated, or mailed by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid) return receipt requested, addressed to:

**As to County:**

St. Lucie County Administrator  
Administration Annex  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Fort Pierce, Pierce, FL 34982

**With a Copy To:**

St. Lucie County Attorney  
Administration Annex  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Fort Pierce, Pierce, FL 34982

**As to the Consultant:**

True North Emergency Management, LLC  
2501 Avenue J, Suite 120  
Arlington, Texas 76006  
Phone: (817) 548-0696  
Facsimile: (817) 265-8532

or to such other address as any party may designate by notice complying with the terms of this Section. Each such notice shall be deemed delivered (a) on the date delivered if by personal delivery, (b) on the date upon which the return receipt is signed or delivery is refused or the notice is designated by the postal authorities as not deliverable, as the case may be, if mailed.

34. **CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS**

Captions and paragraph headings contained in this Contract are for convenience and reference only and in no way define, describe, extend or limit the scope and intent of this Contract, nor the intent of any provisions hereof.

35. **WAIVER**

No waiver by the County of any provision of this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any other provisions hereof or of any subsequent breach by of the same, or any other provision or the enforcement thereof. County's consent to or approval of any act by Consultant requiring consent or approval shall not be deemed to render unnecessary the obtaining of County's consent to or approval of any subsequent act by Consultant requiring consent or approval, whether or not similar to the act so consented or approved.

36. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The Consultant, its employees, subcontractors or assigns, shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to the performance of this Agreement. The County undertakes no duty to ensure such compliance, but will attempt to advise Consultant, upon request, as to any such laws of which it has present knowledge.

37. **INTERPRETATION; VENUE**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior verbal or written agreements between the parties with respect thereto. This Agreement may only be amended by written document, properly authorized, executed and delivered by both parties hereto. This Agreement shall be interpreted as a whole unit and section headings are for convenience only. All interpretations shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. In the event it is necessary for either party to initiate legal action regarding this Agreement, venue shall

be in the Nineteenth Judicial circuit for St. Lucie County, Florida, for claims under state law and the Southern District of Florida for any claims which are justiciable in federal court.

38. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any disputes relating to interpretation of the terms of this Contract or a question of fact or arising under this Contract shall be resolved through good faith efforts upon the part of the Consultant and the County or its Project Manager. At all times, the Consultant shall carry on the work and maintain its progress schedule in accordance with the requirements of the Contract and the determination of the County or its representatives, pending resolution of the dispute. Any dispute which is not resolved by mutual agreement shall be decided by the County Administrator who shall reduce the decision to writing. The decision of the County shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, so grossly erroneous as to necessarily imply bad faith, or not be supported by substantial evidence.

39. **MEDIATION**

Prior to initiating any litigation concerning this Contract, the parties agree to submit the disputed issue or issues to a mediator for non-binding mediation. The parties shall agree on a mediator chosen from a list of certified mediators available from the Clerk of Court for St. Lucie County. The fee of the mediator shall be shared equally by the parties. To the extent allowed by law, the mediation process shall be confidential and the results of the mediation or any testimony or argument introduced at the mediation shall not be admissible as evidence in any subsequent proceeding concerning the disputed issue. In the event that mediation is unsuccessful, either party may bring an action to enforce its rights in a Florida court of appropriate venue and jurisdiction.

40. **ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT**

The Consultant and the County and the State of Florida recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the State of Florida and local governments. Therefore, the Consultant assigns to the State of Florida and the County any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with the Contract.

41. **CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS**

If the Consultant intends to subcontract any portion of the Services covered by this Agreement, the Consultant must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms are solicited and used when possible. Affirmative steps must include:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

42. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

During the performance of this Contract, the Consultant agrees as follows:

- A. The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Consultant will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- B. The Consultant will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- C. The Consultant will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Consultant's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- D. The Consultant will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- E. The Consultant will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- F. In the event of the Consultant's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Consultant may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with

procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

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

43. **CONTRACTING WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

A. Overtime requirements. No Consultant or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any work week in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

B. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (A) of this section the Consultant and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Consultant and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (A) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (A) of this section.

C. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Consultant or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Consultant or any other federally- assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Consultant, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Consultant or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (B) of this section.

D. Subcontracts. The Consultant or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (A) through (D) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Consultant shall

be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (A) through (D) of this section.

44. **CONTRACTING COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN AIR AND CLEAN WATER ACT**

I. **CLEAN AIR ACT**

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

B. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the FDEM, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

C. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FEMA.

II. **FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

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

B. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the city of Evans, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

C. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FEMA.

45. **SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

Federal regulations restrict the County from contracting with parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities. Accordingly, a contract or subcontract must not be made with any parties listed on the SAM Exclusions list. SAM Exclusions is the list maintained by the General Services Administration that contains the name of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under certain statutory or regulatory authority. The Consultant can verify its status and the status of its principals, affiliates, and subcontractors at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov).

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

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

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

(4) The Consultant agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C during the term of this Contract. The Consultant further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**46. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Consultants who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification found at APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18. (See attached Exhibit "A"). Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**47. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

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

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

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

**48. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract:

- A. The Consultant agrees to provide the County, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representative's access to any books,

documents, papers, and records of the Consultant which are directly pertinent to this Contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

B. The Consultant agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

C. The Consultant agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representative's access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the Contract.

49. **DHS SEAL, LOGO AND FLAGS**

The Consultant shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre- approval.

50. **NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the County, Consultant, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

51. **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS**

The Consultant acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Consultant's actions pertaining to this Contract.

52. **SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

The Consultant must at all times provide a safe working environment, including properly constructed monitoring towers.

Loading site monitors shall be responsible for checking the area for safety considerations, such as downed power lines, children playing in the area, traffic control needs, and safe operation of trucks and equipment; implementing all safety requirements; performing a pre-work inspection of debris collection areas before loading to identify the location of covered utility meters, transformers, fire hydrants, mail boxes, etc., as a baseline to account for any collateral damage as a result of the debris removal operation; and ensuring that debris loads are contained properly before leaving the loading area.

Tower and site monitors shall be responsible for checking the area for safety considerations, such as downed power lines, children playing in the area, traffic control needs, and safe operation of trucks and equipment; and implementing all safety requirements.

Field supervisors shall be responsible for being familiar with, maintaining, and implementing all safety requirements.

53. **LOAD TICKET SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

The Consultant must employ the use of a load ticket system that complies with FEMA requirements. Load tickets prepared by loading site monitors must include the following information:

- Contract number (identified by a number or name)
- Prime contractor's name
- Date
- Truck number
- Truck driver's name
- Description of the debris (Vegetation, Construction & Demolition Debris, White Goods, Household Hazardous Waste)
- Load location (GPS or address preferred)
- Loading date/time (departure from collection location)
- Loading Site Monitor name/signature

Load tickets prepared by tower or site monitors must include the following information:


- Truck capacity in cubic yards or tons
- Load size, either cubic yards (percent of capacity) or tons
- Unloading location
- Unloading date/time (arrival at disposal site)
- Tower/Site Monitor name/signature

54. **QUALIFICATIONS OF MONITORS AND STAFF**

The Consultant shall utilize only monitors that are trained and possess skills adequate to fulfill their duties. Labor rates paid to monitors shall be commensurate with skill level required by the job function. Professional engineers and professional qualifications are not required to perform debris monitoring duties. The Consultant must ensure its staff is familiar with FEMA debris removal eligibility criteria.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have accepted, made and executed this Agreement in counterparts each of which shall be treated as an original upon the terms and conditions above stated.

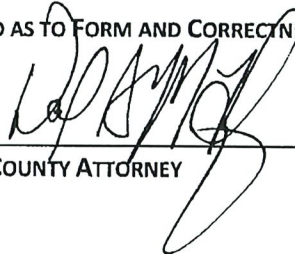
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