

**MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE  
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) SERVICES  
(PS-4824-23/MAG)**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is dated as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, in this Agreement referred to as “CONSULTANT”, and **SEMINOLE COUNTY**, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is Seminole County Services Building, 1101 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Sanford, Florida 32771, in this Agreement referred to as “COUNTY”.

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY desires to retain the services of a competent and qualified consultant to assist Seminole County in NPDES related compliance issues, including but not limited to inspections, monitoring, and assessment of County-owned facilities and natural waterbodies, in accordance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) applications and permits; and

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY desires to retain the services of a competent and qualified consultant to provide continuing structural engineering services to Seminole County; and

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY has requested and received expressions of interest for the retention of services of consultants; and

**WHEREAS**, CONSULTANT is competent, qualified, and desires to provide those services according to the terms and conditions stated in this Agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual understandings and covenants set forth in this Agreement, COUNTY and CONSULTANT agree as follows:

**Section 1. Services.**

(a) COUNTY hereby retains CONSULTANT to provide professional services and perform those tasks as further described in the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Agreement. Required services will be specifically enumerated, described, and depicted in the Work Orders authorizing performance of the specific project, task, or study. CONSULTANT is also bound by all requirements as contained in the solicitation package, all addenda to this package, and CONSULTANT's submission in response to this solicitation (collectively, the "contract documents"). This Agreement standing alone does not authorize the performance of any work or require COUNTY to place any orders for work.

(b) CONSULTANT may utilize labor categories that are not included in the fee proposal for each Work Order, but that have been approved in the Master Agreement. If a substitution is necessary, the work must be completed within the approved Time Basis (Not-To-Exceed) Work Order amount, and in no event may the Work Order amount be modified as a result of any changes in labor categories. CONSULTANT shall submit a written request to the COUNTY's Project Manager for approval of any substitution prior to the utilization of any labor category for service. The approval of COUNTY's Project Manager of any substitution must take place prior to submission of the invoice. Any approved labor category substitution must be based on the prevailing labor categories and their associated hourly rates established in the Master Agreement that are in effect on the date of COUNTY's approval for any substitution.

**Section 2. Term.** This Agreement takes effect on the date of its execution by COUNTY and continues for a period of three (3) years and, at the sole option of COUNTY, may be renewed

for two (2) successive periods not to exceed one (1) year each. Expiration of the term of this Agreement will have no effect upon Work Orders issued pursuant to this Agreement and prior to the expiration date. Obligations of both parties under such Work Orders will remain in effect until completion of the work authorized by the respective Work Order.

**Section 3. Authorization for Services.** Authorization for performance of professional services by CONSULTANT under this Agreement must be in the form of written Work Orders issued and executed by COUNTY and signed by CONSULTANT. A sample Work Order is attached as Exhibit B. Each Work Order must describe the services required, state the dates for commencement and completion of work, and establish the amount and method of payment. The Work Orders will be issued under and will incorporate the terms of this Agreement. COUNTY makes no covenant or promise as to the number of available projects or that CONSULTANT will perform any project for COUNTY during the term of this Agreement. COUNTY reserves the right to contract with other parties for the services contemplated by this Agreement when it is determined by COUNTY to be in the best interest of COUNTY to do so.

**Section 4. Time for Completion.** The services to be rendered by CONSULTANT must be commenced as specified in such Work Orders as may be issued under this Agreement and must be completed within the time specified in the respective Work Order.

**Section 5. Compensation.** COUNTY shall compensate CONSULTANT for the professional services provided for under this Agreement on either a “Fixed Fee” basis or on a “Time Basis Method”. CONSULTANT will be compensated at the rates as outlined in Exhibit C, Contract Pricing. CONSULTANT will also be required to execute the Truth in Negotiations Certificate, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit D.

**Section 6. Reimbursable Expenses.**

(a) If a Work Order is issued on a Fixed Fee or Time Basis Method, then reimbursable expenses are in addition to the hourly rates. Reimbursable expenses are subject to the applicable “Fixed Fee” or “Not-to-Exceed” amount set forth in the Work Order. Reimbursable expenses may include actual expenditures made by CONSULTANT, its employees, or its professional associates in the interest of the Project for the expenses listed in the following paragraphs:

(1) COUNTY shall reimburse CONSULTANT for the following costs: travel expenses in connection with the Project based on Sections 112.061(7) and (8), Florida Statutes, or its successor and subject to the limitation listed below; long distance calls and telegrams; and fees paid for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. COUNTY is not obligated to reimburse CONSULTANT for the costs of meals, travel, vehicle mileage, tolls, and parking for the local employees of CONSULTANT, that is, employees located within fifty (50) miles of the job site.

A. Reimbursement for mileage must be at the rate allowable by the federal Internal Revenue Service. Reimbursement for local mileage, defined as within a fifty (50) mile radius of the job site, is not allowed.

B. Car rental reimbursement is limited to compact cars for up to two (2) occupants and intermediate cars for more than two (2) occupants.

C. Reimbursement for lodging must be at \$100.00 or the actual expenses for lodging at a “non-resort”-type hotel located in Seminole County, Florida.

D. Meals must not exceed:

1. Breakfast:  
\$6.00 without receipts  
\$10.00 with receipts;

2. Lunch:  
\$11.00 without receipts  
\$13.00 with receipts;
3. Dinner:  
\$19.00 without receipts  
\$27.00 with receipts.

E. Reimbursement for airfare must be based on coach rates.

(2) Reimbursement for the expense of reproduction, postage, and handling of drawings and specifications are authorized at actual cost only.

(3) If authorized in writing in advance by COUNTY, COUNTY shall reimburse the cost of other expenditures made by CONSULTANT in the interest of the Project.

(b) Any reimbursable expenses under this Agreement must be supported by a source document such as a receipt or invoice with the employee's name, project name, and brief explanation of the expense. All reimbursable expenses must be itemized on the invoices.

(c) All reimbursable expenses must be allowable, allocable to the contract, and reasonable, all as solely determined by COUNTY.

#### **Section 7. Payment and Billing.**

(a) If the Scope of Services required to be performed by a Work Order is clearly defined, the Work Order will be issued on a Fixed Fee Basis. CONSULTANT shall perform all work required by the Work Order, but in no event may CONSULTANT be paid more than the negotiated Fixed Fee amount stated in the Work Order.

(b) If the Scope of Services is not clearly defined, the Work Order may be issued on a Time Basis Method and contain a Not-to-Exceed amount. If a Not-to-Exceed amount is provided, CONSULTANT shall perform all work required by the Work Order, but in no event may

CONSULTANT be paid more than the Not-to-Exceed amount specified in the applicable Work Order.

(c) For Work Orders issued on a Fixed Fee Basis, CONSULTANT may invoice the amount due based on the percentage of total Work Order services actually performed and completed, but in no event may an invoice amount exceed a percentage of the Fixed Fee amount equal to the percentage of the total services actually completed.

(d) For Work Orders issued on a Time Basis Method with a Not-to-Exceed amount, CONSULTANT may invoice the amount due for actual work hours performed, but in no event may an invoice amount exceed a percentage of the Not-to-Exceed amount.

(e) Submittal instructions for invoices are as follows:

(1) The original invoice must be emailed to:

AP@SeminoleClerk.org

(2) The original invoice may also be mailed or delivered to:

Director of County Comptroller's Office  
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners  
P.O. Box 8080  
Sanford, FL 32772-8080

(3) A copy of the invoice must be sent to:

Seminole County Watershed Management Division  
200 W. County Home Road  
Sanford, FL 32773

(f) Upon review and approval of CONSULTANT's invoice, COUNTY shall pay CONSULTANT the approved amount in accordance with the terms as set forth in Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes.

#### **Section 8. General Terms of Payment and Billing.**

(a) Upon satisfactory completion of work required under this Agreement and upon acceptance of the work by COUNTY, CONSULTANT may invoice COUNTY for the full amount

of compensation provided for under the terms of this Agreement and less any amount already paid by COUNTY.

(b) COUNTY may perform or have performed an audit of the records of CONSULTANT at any time during the term of this Agreement and after final payment to support final payment under this Agreement. Audits may be performed at a time mutually agreeable to CONSULTANT and COUNTY. Total compensation to CONSULTANT may be determined subsequent to an audit as provided for in this Section and the total compensation so determined will be used to calculate final payment to CONSULTANT. Performance of this audit will not delay final payment as provided by subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) In addition to the above, if federal funds are used for any work under the Agreement, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives must have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of CONSULTANT that are directly pertinent to work performed under this Agreement for purposes of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(d) CONSULTANT shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to work performed under this Agreement in such a manner as will readily conform to the terms of this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall make such materials available at CONSULTANT's office at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement for audit or inspection as provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of this Section.

(e) In the event any audit or inspection conducted after final payment, but within the period provided in paragraph (d) of this Section, reveals any overpayment by COUNTY under the

terms of the Agreement, CONSULTANT shall refund such overpayment to COUNTY within thirty (30) days of notice by COUNTY.

**Section 9. Responsibilities of CONSULTANT.**

(a) CONSULTANT is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, competence, methodology, accuracy, and the coordination of all of the following, which are listed for illustration purposes and not as a limitation: documents, analysis, reports, data, plans, plats, maps, surveys, specifications, and any and all other services of whatever type or nature provided by CONSULTANT under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall correct or revise, without additional compensation, any errors or deficiencies in CONSULTANT's plans, analysis, data, reports, designs, drawings, specifications and any and all other services of whatever type or nature.

(b) COUNTY's review of, approval and acceptance of, or payment for the materials or services required under this Agreement does not operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement, or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement. CONSULTANT is and will remain liable to COUNTY, in accordance with applicable law, for all damages to COUNTY caused by CONSULTANT's performance of any services or provision of any materials under this Agreement.

**Section 10. Ownership of Documents.** All deliverable analysis, reference data, survey data, plans, reports, and any other form of written instrument or document that may result from CONSULTANT's services or have been created during the course of CONSULTANT's performance under this Agreement will become the property of COUNTY after final payment is made to CONSULTANT.

**Section 11. Termination.**

(a) By written notice to CONSULTANT, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement or any Work Order issued under this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, either for COUNTY's convenience or because of the failure of CONSULTANT to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice:

(1) CONSULTANT shall immediately discontinue all services affected unless the notice directs otherwise; and

(2) CONSULTANT shall deliver to COUNTY all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and any and all such other information and materials of whatever type or nature as may have been accumulated by CONSULTANT in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process.

(b) If the termination is for the convenience of COUNTY, CONSULTANT will be paid compensation for services performed to the date of termination. If this Agreement calls for the payment based on a Fixed Fee amount, CONSULTANT will be paid no more than a percentage of the Fixed Fee amount equivalent to the percentage of the completion of work contemplated by this Agreement, as determined solely and conclusively by COUNTY.

(c) If the termination is due to the failure of CONSULTANT to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, COUNTY may take over the work and carry it to completion by other agreements or otherwise. In such case, CONSULTANT will be liable to COUNTY for all reasonable additional costs associated with CONSULTANT's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

(d) CONSULTANT will not be liable for such additional costs if the failure to perform this Agreement arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of

CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT will be responsible and liable for the actions of its subcontractors, agents, employees, persons, and entities of a similar type or nature. Matters beyond the fault or negligence of CONSULTANT include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of COUNTY in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather, but, in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of CONSULTANT.

(e) If after notice of termination for CONSULTANT's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, it is determined that CONSULTANT did not so fail, the termination will be conclusively deemed to have been effected for the convenience of COUNTY. In such event, adjustment in the Agreement price will be made as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.

(f) The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided for in this Section are in addition and supplemental to any and all other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

**Section 12. Conflict with Contract Documents.** Wherever the terms of this Agreement conflict with any Work Order issued pursuant to it or any other contract documents, including proposals submitted by CONSULTANT, this Agreement will prevail.

**Section 13. Equal Opportunity Employment.** CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment for work under this Agreement because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability. CONSULTANT shall take steps to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability. This provision includes, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or

termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

**Section 14. No Contingent Fees.** CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that CONSULTANT has not paid or agreed to pay any persons, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for 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, COUNTY has the right to terminate this Agreement, at its sole discretion and without liability, and to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

**Section 15. Conflict of Interest.**

(a) CONSULTANT shall not engage in any action that would create a conflict of interest in the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement with COUNTY or violate or cause others to violate the provisions of Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, relating to ethics in government.

(b) CONSULTANT hereby certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of COUNTY has any material interest (as defined in Section 112.312(15), Florida Statutes, as over 5%), either directly or indirectly, in the business of CONSULTANT to be conducted under this Agreement and that no such person will have any such interest at any time during the term of this Agreement.

**Section 16. Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any interest in it may be assigned, transferred, or otherwise encumbered under any circumstances by either party without prior written consent of the other party and only by a document of equal dignity with this Agreement.

**Section 17. Subcontractors.** CONSULTANT shall first secure the prior written approval of COUNTY before engaging or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement. CONSULTANT will remain fully responsible to COUNTY for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement.

**Section 18. Indemnification of COUNTY.** CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY, its commissioners, 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 CONSULTANT and other persons employed or utilized by CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement.

**Section 19. Insurance.**

(a) General. CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain insurance required under this Section at CONSULTANT's own cost.

(1) CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY with a Certificate of Insurance on a current ACORD Form signed by an authorized representative of the insurer evidencing the insurance required by this Section (Professional Liability, Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Business Auto). **The Certificate must have the Agreement number for this Agreement clearly marked on its face.** COUNTY, its officials, officers, and employees must be named additional insureds under the Commercial General Liability, Umbrella Liability and Business Auto policies. If the policy provides for a blanket additional insured coverage, CONSULTANT shall provide a copy of the section of the policy along with the Certificate of Insurance. If the coverage does not exist, the policy must be endorsed to include the named additional insureds as described in this subsection. The Certificate of Insurance must provide that COUNTY will be provided, by policy endorsement, not less than

thirty (30) days written notice prior to the cancellation or non-renewal, or by a method acceptable to COUNTY. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required to be maintained by CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY with a renewal or replacement Certificate of Insurance before expiration or replacement of the insurance for which a previous Certificate of Insurance has been provided.

(2) In addition to providing the Certificate of Insurance on a current ACORD Form, upon request as required by COUNTY, CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY with a certified copy of each of the policies of insurance providing the coverage required by this Section within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request. Certified copies of policies may only be provided by the insurer, not the agent or broker.

(3) Neither approval by COUNTY nor failure to disapprove the insurance provided by CONSULTANT will relieve CONSULTANT of its full responsibility for performance of any obligation, including its indemnification of COUNTY, under this Agreement.

(b) Insurance Company Requirements. Insurance companies providing the insurance under this Agreement must meet the following requirements:

(1) Companies issuing policies must be authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida and prove such authorization by maintaining Certificates of Authority or Letters of Eligibility issued to the companies by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation. Alternatively, policies required by this Agreement for Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability, may be those authorized as a group self-insurer by Section 624.4621, Florida Statutes.

(2) In addition, such companies must have and maintain, at a minimum, a Best's Rating of "A-" and a minimum Financial Size Category of "VII" according to A.M. Best Company.

(3) If, during the period that an insurance company is providing the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, an insurance company (i) loses its Certificate of Authority, or (ii) fails to maintain the requisite Best's Rating and Financial Size Category, the CONSULTANT shall immediately notify COUNTY as soon as CONSULTANT has knowledge of any such circumstance and immediately replace the insurance coverage provided by the insurance company with a different insurance company meeting the requirements of this Agreement. Until such time as CONSULTANT has replaced the unacceptable insurer with an insurer acceptable to COUNTY, CONSULTANT will be deemed to be in default of this Agreement.

(c) Specifications. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liability of CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT shall procure, maintain, and keep in force amounts and types of insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth in this subsection, at CONSULTANT's sole expense. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, the insurance will become effective upon execution of this Agreement by CONSULTANT and must be maintained in force until the expiration of this Agreement's term or the expiration of all Orders issued under this Agreement, whichever comes last. Failure by CONSULTANT to maintain this required insurance coverage within the stated period will constitute a material breach of this Agreement, for which COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement. The amounts and types of insurance must conform to the following minimum requirements:

(1) Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability.

(A) CONSULTANT's insurance must cover it for liability that would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Workers' Compensation policy as filed for use in Florida by the National Council on Compensation Insurance without restrictive endorsements.

CONSULTANT is also responsible for procuring proper proof of coverage from its subcontractors of every tier for liability that is a result of a Workers' Compensation injury to the subcontractor's employees. The minimum required limits to be provided by both CONSULTANT and its subcontractors are outlined in subsection (C) below. In addition to coverage for the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, where appropriate, coverage must be included for the United States Longshoremen and Harbor Worker's Compensation Act, Federal Employee's Liability Act, and any other applicable Federal or State law.

(B) Subject to the restrictions of coverage found in the standard Workers' Compensation policy, there will be no maximum limit on the amount of coverage for liability imposed by the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, the United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Compensation Act, or any other coverage customarily insured under Part One of the standard Workers' Compensation policy.

(C) The minimum amount of coverage under Part Two of the standard Workers' Compensation policy is required to be the following:

\$1,000,000.00 (Each Accident)  
\$1,000,000.00 (Disease-Aggregate)  
\$1,000,000.00 (Disease-Each Employee)

(2) Commercial General Liability.

(A) CONSULTANT's insurance must cover it for those sources of liability that would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (ISO Form CG 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office. Coverage must not contain any endorsements excluding or limiting Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, or Separation of Insureds.

(B) CONSULTANT shall maintain these minimum insurance limits:

Per Occurrence	\$1,000,000.00
Personal & Advertising	\$1,000,000.00
Injury Limit	
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00
Products and Completed	\$2,000,000.00
Aggregate	

- (3) Professional Liability Insurance. CONSULTANT shall carry Professional

Liability Insurance with minimum insurance limits of:

Per Occurrence	\$1,000,000.00
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00

- (4) Business Auto Policy.

(A) CONSULTANT's insurance must cover CONSULTANT for those sources of liability which would be covered by Section II of the latest edition of the standard Business Auto Policy (ISO Form CA 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office. Coverage must include owned, non-owned, and hired autos or any auto used by CONSULTANT. In the event CONSULTANT does not own automobiles, CONSULTANT shall maintain coverage for hired and non-owned auto liability for autos used by CONSULTANT, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy. If the contract involves operations governed by Sections 29 or 30 of the Motor Carrier Act of 1980, endorsement MCS-90 is required.

(B) The minimum limits to be maintained by CONSULTANT must be per-accident combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability.

(C) The minimum amount of coverage under the Business Auto Policy is required to be the following:

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000.00
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(d) Coverage. The insurance provided by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement must apply on a primary and non-contributory basis, and any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by COUNTY or COUNTY's officials, officers, or employees must be in excess of and not contributing to the insurance provided by or on behalf of CONSULTANT.

(e) Occurrence Basis. The Workers' Compensation policy, the Commercial General Liability, and the Umbrella policy required by this Agreement must be provided on an occurrence rather than a claims-made basis. The Professional Liability insurance policy may be on an occurrence basis or claims-made basis. If a claims-made basis, the coverage must respond to all claims reported within three (3) years following the period for which coverage is required and which would have been covered had the coverage been on an occurrence basis.

(f) Obligations. Compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements will not relieve CONSULTANT, its employees, or its agents of liability from any obligation under this Section or any other Section of this Agreement.

## **Section 20. Dispute Resolution.**

(a) In the event of a dispute related to any performance or payment obligation arising under this Agreement, the parties shall exhaust COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures prior to filing a lawsuit or otherwise pursuing legal remedies. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for proper invoice and payment disputes are set forth in Section 22.15, "Prompt Payment Procedures" Seminole County Administrative Code. COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures for contract claims related to this Agreement, other than for proper invoice and payment disputes, are set forth in Section 3.5541, "Contract Claims" Seminole County Administrative Code.

(b) In any lawsuit or legal proceeding arising under this Agreement, CONSULTANT hereby waives any claim or defense based on facts or evidentiary materials that were not presented for consideration in COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures set forth in subsection (a) above of which CONSULTANT had knowledge and failed to present during COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures.

(c) In the event that COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures are exhausted and a lawsuit or legal proceeding is filed, the parties shall exercise best efforts to resolve disputes through voluntary mediation and to select a mutually acceptable mediator. The parties participating in the voluntary mediation shall share the costs of mediation equally.

**Section 21. Representatives of COUNTY and CONSULTANT.**

(a) It is recognized that questions in the day to day conduct of performance pursuant to this Agreement may arise. Upon request by CONSULTANT, COUNTY shall designate and advise CONSULTANT in writing of one or more COUNTY employees to whom to address all communications pertaining to the day to day conduct of this Agreement. The designated representative will have the authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and interpret and define COUNTY's policy and decisions pertinent to the work covered by this Agreement.

(b) At all times during the normal work week, CONSULTANT shall designate or appoint one or more representatives of CONSULTANT who are authorized to act on behalf of CONSULTANT and bind CONSULTANT regarding all matters involving the conduct of the performance pursuant to this Agreement, and who will keep COUNTY continually advised of such designation.

**Section 22. All Prior Agreements Superseded.** This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the

matters contained in this Agreement, and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained or referred to in this Agreement. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms of this Agreement will be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

**Section 23. Modifications, Amendments, or Alterations.** No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained in this Agreement will be effective unless contained in a written amendment executed with the same formality and of equal dignity with this Agreement.

**Section 24. Independent Contractor.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended or may be construed as, in any manner, creating, or establishing a relationship of co-partners between the parties or as constituting CONSULTANT, including its officers, employees, and agents as an agent, representative, or employee of COUNTY for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. CONSULTANT is and will remain an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under this Agreement.

**Section 25. Employee Status.** Persons employed by CONSULTANT in the performance of services and functions pursuant to this Agreement will have no claim to pension, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, civil service, or other employee rights or privileges granted to COUNTY's officers and employees either by operation of law or by COUNTY.

**Section 26. Services Not Provided For.** No claim for services provided by CONSULTANT not specifically provided for in this Agreement will be honored by COUNTY.

**Section 27. Public Records Law.**

(a) CONSULTANT acknowledges COUNTY's obligations under Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to release public records to members of the public upon request. CONSULTANT acknowledges that COUNTY is required to comply with Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement and this statute controls over the terms of this Agreement. Upon COUNTY's request, CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY with all requested public records in CONSULTANT's possession, or shall allow COUNTY to inspect or copy the requested records within a reasonable time and at a cost that does not exceed costs as provided under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

(b) CONSULTANT specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records and shall perform the following:

(1) CONSULTANT shall keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by COUNTY in order to perform the services required under this Agreement.

(2) CONSULTANT shall provide COUNTY with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that COUNTY would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.

(3) CONSULTANT shall ensure public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law.

(c) Upon termination of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall transfer, at no cost to COUNTY, all public records in possession of CONSULTANT, or keep and maintain public

records required by COUNTY under this Agreement. If CONSULTANT transfers all public records to COUNTY upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONSULTANT keeps and maintains the public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT must meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to COUNTY, upon request of COUNTY, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY.

(d) Failure to comply with this Section will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement for which COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT may also be subject to statutory penalties as set forth in Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

**(e) IF CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONSULTANT MAY CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, THE SEMINOLE COUNTY PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS MANAGER, AT 407-665-7116, PURCH@SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DIVISION, 1301 EAST 2ND, SANFORD, FL 32771.**

**Section 28. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.** The laws of the State of Florida govern the validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Agreement. The sole jurisdiction and

venue for any legal action in connection with this Agreement will be in the courts of Seminole County, Florida.

**Section 29. Compliance with Laws and Regulations.** In providing all services pursuant to this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall abide by all statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations pertaining to or regulating the provision of such services, including those now in effect and subsequently adopted. Any violation of these statutes, ordinances, rules, or regulations will constitute a material breach of this Agreement and will entitle COUNTY to terminate this Agreement immediately upon delivery of written notice of termination to CONSULTANT.

**Section 30. Patents and Royalties.** Unless otherwise provided, CONSULTANT is solely responsible for obtaining the right to use any patented or copyrighted materials in the performance of this Agreement. CONSULTANT, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless COUNTY and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or supplied by CONSULTANT. In the event of any claim against COUNTY of copyright or patent infringement, COUNTY shall promptly provide written notification to CONSULTANT. If such a claim is made CONSULTANT shall use its best efforts to promptly purchase for COUNTY the legitimate version of any infringing products or services or procure a license from the patent or copyright holder at no cost to COUNTY that will allow continued use of the service or product. If none of these alternatives are reasonably available, COUNTY shall return the article on request to CONSULTANT and receive reimbursement, if any, as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Section 31. Notices.** Whenever either party desires to give notice to the other, it must be given by written notice sent by certified United States mail, return receipt requested addressed to

the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified and the place for giving of notice will remain such until it has been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this Section. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

**For COUNTY:**

Seminole County Watershed Management Division  
200 W. County Home Road  
Sanford, FL 32773

**With a copy to:**

Seminole County Purchasing & Contracts Division  
1301 E. Second Street  
Sanford, FL 32771

**For CONSULTANT:**

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

**Section 32. Rights At Law Retained.** The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided under this Agreement are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

**Section 33. Headings and Captions.** All headings and captions contained in this Agreement are provided for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement, and may not be used to define, describe, interpret or construe any provision of this Agreement.

**Section 32. E-Verify System Registration.**

(a) CONTRACTOR must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees prior to entering into this Agreement with COUNTY. If COUNTY provides written approval to CONTRACTOR for engaging with or contracting for the services of any subcontractors under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR must require certification

from the subcontractor that at the time of certification, the subcontractor does not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. CONTRACTOR must maintain a copy of the foregoing certification from the subcontractor for the duration of the agreement with the subcontractor.

(b) If COUNTY has a good faith belief that CONTRACTOR has knowingly violated this Section, COUNTY shall terminate this Agreement. If COUNTY terminates this Agreement with CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which this Agreement is terminated. If COUNTY has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated this Section, but CONTRACTOR otherwise complied with this Section, COUNTY must promptly notify CONTRACTOR and order CONTRACTOR to immediately terminate its agreement with the subcontractor.

(c) CONSULTANT shall execute and return the Affidavit of E-Verify Requirements Compliance, attached to this Agreement as Exhibit E, to COUNTY.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have made and executed this Agreement for the purposes stated above.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
, President

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

For the use and reliance of  
Seminole County only.

Approved as to form and  
legal sufficiency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

RM/lpk

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

ROBERT BRADLEY,  
Procurement Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As authorized for execution by the Board of  
County Commissioners at its \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_, regular meeting.

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Scope of Services

Exhibit B - Sample Work Order

Exhibit C – Contract Pricing

Exhibit D - Truth in Negotiations Certificate

Exhibit E - Affidavit of E-Verify Requirements Compliance

# **SEMINOLE COUNTY NPDES CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

## **Consultant Services Exhibit "A"**

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

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### **I. PURPOSE:**

Seminole County desires the professional services of a CONSULTANT to assist Seminole County in NPDES related compliance issues, including but not limited to inspections, monitoring, and assessment of County-owned facilities and natural waterbodies, in accordance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) applications and permits. The analyses and recommendations provided by the CONSULTANT will give valuable input for the development of new programs and assist in the compliance of NPDES mandated programs.

### **II. POTENTIAL WORK EFFORTS**

For the support of NPDES mandated programs the CONSULTANT may perform the following typical tasks including but not limited to:

#### **A. Facilities Inventory/Mapping and Surveying:**

Coordinate with FDOT District 5 and the seven incorporated Cities (Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, Lake Mary, Longwood, Oviedo, Sanford and Winter Springs) to assess, evaluate and compile information from available sources, for the inventory maintenance of COUNTY specific stormwater management facilities as well as other NPDES related facilities. This may include but not limited to Survey grade topographic and cross-section information for drainage analysis and GIS grade mapping of drainage inventory. All work must be performed by a Professional Surveyor and Mapper licensed in the State of Florida. Other activities include:

Assess and evaluate information obtained through the NPDES application process.

Assess and evaluate existing COUNTY, FDOT District 5, and Municipal information.

Coordinate with COUNTY personnel and compile information to maintain and supplement the existing inventory.

This inventory may consist of, but is not limited to:

- Storm sewer systems (i.e., culvert location, size, type, age).
- Natural and man-made drainage features (i.e., watercourses, ditches).
- Watershed and basin delineation.
- Drainage patterns and connectivity.
- Structural controls (i.e., retention/detention ponds, discharge structures, etc.)
- Dischargers to COUNTY's MS4.

- Drainage and conservation easements.
- Land use information
- Other NPDES related facilities

Mapping/surveying services may also include the field verification of drainage system features and locations, where required.

#### **B. Stormwater Management Program Support:**

The CONSULTANT may be required to conduct County stormwater and other NPDES facility inspections and provide maintenance recommendations based on the NPDES requirements.

- Coordinate with COUNTY personnel to provide stormwater facility inspections and a maintenance plan consistent with County Standards and the requirements of NPDES, WMD, and other agency permits.
- Inspect assigned stormwater facilities and outfalls and submit written reports in accordance with COUNTY and permitting agency criteria. The CONSULTANT is to provide field personnel that are trained and experienced in this type of inspection service. The CONSULTANT is to provide staff certified in the application of various Erosion and Sediment Control practices.

Conduct inspections of permitted construction activities.

- Inspect assigned construction sites and submit written reports in accordance with COUNTY and NPDES permitting agency criteria. The CONSULTANT is to provide staff certified in the application of various Erosion and Sediment Control practices.
- Perform requested water quality monitoring on assigned construction sites and submit reports in accordance with permit conditions.
- Conduct inspections of and perform water quality sampling on NPDES designated outfalls, in accordance with COUNTY's NPDES Permits.
- Conduct other construction inspection activities as requested or needed.

#### **C. Surface Water Management System Retrofits:**

The CONSULTANT may be required to provide design/construction drawings for

pond retrofits that have been identified for County stormwater ponds as a result of ongoing NPDES pond inspections. A re-design and/or retrofit may be necessary in order to maximize the pollutant removal efficiency of identified ponds. Services should include compilation of engineering design drawings and all other necessary information to effectively obtain approval from the St. Johns River Water Management District to construct the proposed retrofits. The use of low impact design criteria may also be incorporated into the proposed pond retrofits.

**D. NPDES Annual Report Preparation:**

Prepare the NPDES annual report consistent with the COUNTY's MS4 permit requirements. This report preparation may include several different tasks, including but not limited to pollutant loading analysis, data collection, compilation and analysis, ordinance review and recommendations, project prioritization, BMAP and TMDL compliance summaries and training and certification compilation.

**E. TMDL and BMAP Support and Development:**

Assist County/FDEP staff in the development and/or review of TMDL's (Total Maximum Daily Loads) for "impaired" water bodies/segments. Assist with the general Basin Management Action Plan process, including project feasibility assessments, water quality and hydrodynamic modeling and model review, project design and implementation and project specific monitoring. Coordinate with the COUNTY's NPDES co-applicants and TMDL stakeholders where necessary throughout the execution of this contract.

**F. Training:**

Provide personnel for NPDES training activities, including but not limited to, erosion and sediment control training, pond inspections, illicit discharge detection and stormwater operator certification. Provide and/or develop materials for NPDES public information and training programs.

**G. Monitoring:**

The CONSULTANT shall have the ability to develop and implement a comprehensive watershed monitoring program specifically tailored to the County's needs. The CONSULTANT shall have the ability to coordinate and collect water quality samples, which may include collecting field parameters, as well as samples that require timely delivery to an analytical laboratory. Analytical laboratory services may need to be provided through the CONSULTANT (and given prior approval by the COUNTY) or may be coordinated through the County's contracted laboratory.

Tasks may include, but are not limited to: Collection of ambient surface water grab samples, groundwater samples, biological monitoring (vegetation, algae and macroinvertebrate), flow and stage monitoring, and storm event monitoring. Monitoring may include the setup, programming and collection of samples using auto samplers, continuous flow meters or other similar systems. Monitoring services should include the appropriate equipment and be conducted utilizing the most current standard operating procedures of the State. Macroinvertebrate monitoring includes the taxonomic identification of samples as well.

Monitoring and assessment services should include report preparation in accordance with applicable state and federal permits. Data QA/QC and data analysis should also be provided.

#### **H. Watershed Assessments:**

Watershed assessments may include the development of water quality, hydrodynamic and/or pollutant loading or removal models, identifying pollutant sources, developing and prioritizing pollutant load reduction strategies, including structural and non-structural BMPs. Other activities can include feasibility studies/analysis, assessing and pilot testing new technologies.



CONSULTING MSA WORK ORDER# \_\_\_\_\_

**Seminole County, Florida**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

Master Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Master Agreement Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WORK ORDER:**☐ EXHIBIT A – Proposal/Scope of Services☐ EXHIBIT C – Supplemental Conditions☐ EXHIBIT B – Fee Schedule☐ EXHIBIT D \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments to this Work Order, as indicated above, are incorporated by reference as if they had been set out in their entirety. Consultant shall complete the Work in accordance with this Work Order, the Attachments, and the Master Agreement, as amended (if applicable). In the event of a conflict between this Work Order, its Attachments, and the Master Agreement, the Master Agreement will govern.

**TIME FOR COMPLETION:** The Consultant shall commence with the Work, in accordance with this Work Order, as provided herein, upon receipt of an executed copy of this Work Order, and shall complete all Work within (\_\_\_\_) **calendar days** of the Effective Date shown below. Consultant's failure to complete the Work in accordance with this Work Order is grounds for Termination of this Work Order and the Master Agreement for Cause.

The County shall compensate the Consultant (a fixed fee of / an amount not-to-exceed) \$\_\_\_\_\_ for satisfactory completion of the Work. Payment(s) must be made to the Consultant, in accordance with the Contract Documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Consultant and County have executed this Work Order, for the purposes stated herein, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, which is the Effective Date of this Work Order. An executed copy of this Work Order serves as Notice to Proceed for the Consultant to begin work. Upon execution by both parties, this Work Order will be incorporated under the Master Agreement. (THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY)

**SEMINOLE COUNTY:**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – County Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized by Section 3.554, Seminole County Admin Code)

As authorized for execution by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, if applicable.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

OC #: \_\_\_\_\_ OM #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSULTANT:**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Consultant Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “C”**

# **CONTRACT PRICING**

## EXHIBIT “D”

### “Truth in Negotiations” Certificate

This is to certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation (as defined in section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes (otherwise known as the “Consultants’ Competitive Negotiations Act” or CCNA) and required under CCNA subsection 287.055 (5) (a)) submitted to Seminole County Purchasing and Contracts Division, Contracts Section, either actually or by specific identification in writing, in support of PS-4824-23/MAG are accurate, complete, and current as of \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)\*\*.

This certification includes the wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting any Work Orders or Amendments issued under the Agreement between the Consultant and the County.

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date of execution\*\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Identify the proposal, request for price adjustment, or other submission involved, giving the appropriate identifying number (e.g., PS No.).

\*\* Insert the day, month, and year when wage rates were submitted or, if applicable, an earlier date agreed upon between the parties that is as close as practicable to the date of agreement on compensation.

\*\*\* Insert the day, month, and year of signing.

(End of certificate)

Agreement Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIDAVIT OF E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS COMPLIANCE**

The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

1. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the CONSULTANT during the term of the Agreement and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the Agreement to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Agreement term.
2. That the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that its failure to comply with the verification requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes or its failure to ensure that all employees and subcontractors performing work under Agreement Number \_\_\_\_\_ are legally authorized to work in the United States and the State of Florida, constitutes a breach of this Agreement for which Seminole County may immediately terminate the Agreement without notice and without penalty. The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR further understands and agrees that in the event of such termination, the CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the county for any costs incurred by the County as a result of the CONSULTANT'S/CONTRACTOR'S breach. DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Consultant Name

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

Print/Type Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☐ physical presence OR ☐ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Name of Affiant).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print/Type NameNotary Public in and for the County  
and State Aforementioned

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_