

AGREEMENT

SAMPLE OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

**Any of the included provisions may apply.
Additional provisions may be added as necessary.**

THIS CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT (herein "Agreement") is made and entered into _____ day of _____, 20XX, and is by and between Frederick County, Maryland, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701, a body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland, (herein "County") and **Contractor Name** (herein "Contractor") **Contractor's Address**. The parties hereto agree as follows:

1.0 SERVICES OF CONTRACTOR

1.1 Scope of Services. In compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, the original solicitation and its original response, incorporated herein by reference or attachment, the Contractor shall provide those services specified in the "Scope of Services" attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, which services may be referred to herein as the "services" or "work" hereunder. As a material inducement to the County entering into this Agreement, Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor is a provider of first class work and services and Contractor is experienced in performing the work and services contemplated herein and, in light of such status and experience, Contractor covenants that it shall follow the highest professional standards in performing the work and services required hereunder and that all materials will be of good quality, fit for the purpose intended. For purposes of this Agreement, the phrase "highest professional standards" shall mean those standards of practice recognized by one or more first-class firms performing similar work under similar circumstances. Assignment of work shall be at the sole discretion of the County. The Contractor understands that work and the distribution of work is at the sole discretion of the County and an equal distribution of work is not guaranteed.

1.2 Contractor's Proposal. The Scope of Service shall include the Contractor's proposal or bid which shall be incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of such proposal and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

1.3 Compliance with Law. All services rendered hereunder shall be provided in accordance with all ordinances, resolutions, statutes, rules, and regulations of the County and any Federal, State or local governmental agency having jurisdiction in effect at the time service is rendered.

1.4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Assessments. Contractor shall obtain at its sole cost and expense such licenses, permits and approvals as may be required by law for the performance of the services required by this Agreement. Contractor shall have the sole obligation to pay for any fees, assessments and taxes, plus applicable penalties and interest, which may be imposed by law and arise from or are necessary for the Contractor's performance of the services required by this Agreement, and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County against any such fees, assessments, taxes penalties or interest levied, assessed or imposed against County hereunder.

1.5 Familiarity with Work. By executing this Contract, Contractor warrants that Contractor (a) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (b) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (c) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, Contractor warrants that Contractor has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services hereunder. Should the Contractor discover any latent or unknown conditions, which will materially affect the performance of the services hereunder, Contractor shall immediately inform the County of such fact and shall not proceed except at Contractor's risk until written instructions are received from the Contract Officer.

1.6 Care of Work. The Contractor shall adopt reasonable methods during the life of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, Plan, studies and/or other components thereof to prevent losses or damages, and shall be responsible for all such damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by County, except such losses or damages as may be caused by County's sole negligence.

1.7 Further Responsibilities of Parties. Both parties agree to use reasonable care and diligence to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement. Both parties agree to act in good faith to execute all

instruments, prepare all documents and take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. Unless hereafter specified, neither party shall be responsible for the service of the other.

1.8 Additional Services. County shall have the right at any time during the performance of the services, without invalidating this Agreement, to order extra work beyond that specified in the Scope of Services or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from said work. No such extra work may be undertaken unless a written order is first given by the Contract Officer to the Contractor, incorporating therein any adjustment in (i) the Contract Sum, and/or (ii) the time to perform this Agreement.

1.9 Special Requirements. Additional terms and conditions of this Agreement, if any, which are made a part hereof are set forth in the "Special Requirements" attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of Exhibit "B" and any other provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of Exhibit "B" shall govern.

2.0 COMPENSATION

2.1 Contract Sum. For the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall be compensated in accordance with the "Schedule of Compensation" attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference, but not exceeding the maximum contract amount of (insert contract total amount) (herein "Contract Sum"), except as provided in Section 1.8. The method of compensation may include: (i) a lump sum payment upon completion, (ii) payment in accordance with the percentage of completion of the services, (iii) payment for time and materials based upon the Contractor's rates as specified in the Schedule of Compensation, but not exceeding the Contract Sum or (iv) such other methods as may be specified in the Schedule of Compensation. Compensation may include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenditures for reproduction costs, telephone expense, transportation expense approved by the Contract Officer in advance, and no other expenses and only if specified in the Schedule of Compensation. The Contract Sum shall include the attendance of Contractor at all project meetings reasonably deemed necessary by the County; Contractor shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for attending said meetings. Contractor hereby acknowledges that it accepts the risk that the services to be provided pursuant to the Scope of Services may be more costly or time consuming than Contractor anticipates, that Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation therefore, and the provisions of Section 1.8 shall not be applicable for such services.

2.2 Method of Payment. Unless some other method of payment is specified in the Schedule of Compensation, in any month in which Contractor wishes to receive payment, no later than the first (1st) working day of such month, Contractor shall submit to the County in the form approved by the County's Director of Finance, an invoice for services rendered prior to the date of the invoice. Except as provided in Section 7.3, County shall pay Contractor for all expenses stated thereon which are approved by County pursuant to this Agreement no later than the last working day of the month.

3.0 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

3.1 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

3.2 Schedule of Performance. Contractor shall commence the services pursuant to this Agreement upon receipt of a written notice to proceed and shall perform all services within the time period(s) established in the "Schedule of Performance" attached hereto as Exhibit "D", if any, and incorporated herein by this reference. When requested by the Contractor, extensions to the time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance may be approved in writing by the Contract Officer, but not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days cumulatively.

3.3 Force Majeure. The time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance for performance of the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be extended because of any delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, unusually severe weather, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, riots, strikes, freight embargoes, wars, litigation, and/or acts of any governmental agency, including the County, if the Contractor shall within ten (10) days of the commencement of such delay notify the Contract Officer in writing of the causes of the delay. The Contract Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay, and extend the time for performing the services for the period of the enforced delay when and if in the judgment of the Contract Officer such delay is justified. In no event shall Contractor be entitled to recover damages against the County for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, however caused, Contractor's sole remedy being extension of the Agreement pursuant to this Section.

3.4 Term. Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Section 7.8 of this Agreement, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for an initial period of (insert number) year after approval and proper

execution of the contract documents, with a renewal option for (insert number) additional years in one (1) year increments under the same terms and conditions, exercisable at the sole discretion of the County. The successful Contractor will be notified no later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the contract term if the contract is to be renewed as provided in the Schedule of Performance (Exhibit "D").

4.0 COORDINATION OF WORK

4.1 Representative of Contractor. The following principal(s) of Contractor are hereby designated as being the principal(s) and representative(s) of Contractor authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified herein and make all decisions in connection therewith: **Contractor's contact name.** It is expressly understood that the experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of the foregoing principal(s) were a substantial inducement for County to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, the foregoing principal(s) shall be responsible during the term of this Agreement for directing all activities of Contractor and devoting sufficient time to personally supervise the services hereunder. For purposes of this Agreement, the foregoing principal(s) may not be replaced nor may their responsibilities be substantially reduced by Contractor without the express written approval of County.

4.2 Contract Officer. The Contract Officer shall be such person as may be designated by the Director of Procurement & Contracting of Frederick County. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to assure that the Contract Officer is kept informed of the progress of the performance of the services and the Contractor shall refer any decisions that must be made by County to the Contract Officer. Unless otherwise specified herein, any approval of County required hereunder shall mean the approval of the Contract Officer. The Contract Officer shall have authority to sign all documents on behalf of the County required hereunder to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

4.3 Prohibition Against Subcontracting or Assignment. The experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of Contractor, its principals and employees were a substantial inducement for the County to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, Contractor shall not contract with any other entity to perform in whole or in part the services required hereunder without the express written approval of the County. In addition, neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be transferred, assigned, conveyed, hypothecated or encumbered voluntarily or by operation of law, whether for the benefit of creditors or otherwise, without the prior written approval of County. Transfers restricted hereunder shall include the transfer to any person or group of persons acting in concert of more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the present ownership and/or control of Contractor, taking all transfers into account on a cumulative basis. In the event of any such unapproved transfer, including any bankruptcy proceeding, this Agreement shall be void. No approved transfer shall release the Contractor or any surety of Contractor of any liability hereunder without the express consent of County.

4.4 Independent Contractor. Neither the County nor any of its employees shall have any control over the manner, mode or means by which Contractor, its agents or employees, perform the services required herein, except as otherwise set forth herein. The County shall have no voice in the selection, discharge, supervision or control of Contractor's employees, servants, representatives or agents, or in fixing their number, compensation or hours of service. The Contractor shall perform all services required herein as an independent Contractor of the County and shall remain at all times as to the County a wholly independent Contractor with only such obligations as are consistent with that role. The Contractor shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its agents or employees are agents or employees of the County. The County shall not in any way or for any purpose become or be deemed to be a partner of the Contractor in its business or otherwise or a joint venturer or a member of any joint enterprise with the Contractor.

5.0 INSURANCE, INDEMNIFICATION AND BONDS

5.1 Insurance. The Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, in a form and content satisfactory to County, during the entire term of this Agreement including any extension thereof, the policies of insurance as set forth in Exhibit "E", attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

5.1.1 All of the above policies of insurance required shall be primary insurance. The insurer shall waive all rights of subrogation and contribution it may have against the County, its officers, employees and agents, and their respective insurers. In the event any of said policies of insurance are canceled, the Contractor shall, prior to the cancellation date, submit new evidence of insurance in conformance with this Section 5.1 to the Contract Officer. No work or services under this Agreement shall commence until the Contractor has provided the County with Certificates of Insurance, endorsements or appropriate insurance binders evidencing the above insurance coverages and said Certificates of Insurance, endorsements, or binders are approved by the County.

5.1.2 The Contractor agrees that the provisions of this Section 5.1 shall not be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which the Contractor may be held responsible for the payment of damages to any persons

or property resulting from the Contractor's activities or the activities of any person or person for which the Contractor is otherwise responsible.

5.1.3 In the event the Contractor subcontracts any portion of the work in compliance with Section 4.3 of this Agreement the contract between the Contractor and such subcontractor shall require the subcontractor to maintain the same policies of insurance that the Contractor is required to maintain pursuant to this Section.

5.2 Indemnification. The Contractor agrees to indemnify the County, its officers, agents and employees against, and will hold and save them and each of them harmless from, any and all actions, suits, claims, damages to persons or property, losses, costs, penalties, obligations, errors, omissions or liabilities, (herein "claims or liabilities") that may be asserted or claimed by any person, firm or entity arising out of or in connection with the performance of the work, operations or activities of Contractor, its agents, employees, subcontractors, or invitees, provided for herein, or arising from the acts or omissions of Contractor hereunder, or arising from Contractor's performance of or failure to perform any term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement, but excluding such claims or liabilities arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County, its officers, agents or employees, who are directly responsible to the County, and in connection therewith:

5.2.1 Contractor will defend any action or actions filed in connection with any of said claims or liabilities and will pay all costs and expenses, including legal costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection therewith;

5.2.2 Contractor will promptly pay any judgment rendered against the County, its officers, agents or employees resulting from any of the above claims or liabilities subject to Contractor's indemnification obligation; and

5.2.3 In the event the County, its officers, agents or employees are made a party to any action or proceeding filed or prosecuted against Contractor arising from the above claims or liabilities subject to Contractor's indemnification obligation, Contractor shall pay to the County, its officers, agents or employees, any and all costs and expenses incurred by the County, its officers, agents or employees in such action or proceeding, including but not limited to, legal costs and attorneys' fees.

5.3 Performance Bond. Concurrently with execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall deliver to County a performance bond in the sum of the amount of this Agreement, in the form provided by the County, which secures the faithful performance of this Agreement, unless such requirement is waived by the Contract Officer. The bond shall contain the original notarized signature of an authorized officer of the surety and affixed thereto shall be a certified and current copy of his power of attorney. The bond shall be unconditional and remain in force during the entire term of the Agreement and shall be null and void only if the Contractor promptly and faithfully performs all terms and conditions of this Agreement.

6.0 REPORTS AND RECORDS

6.1 Reports. Contractor shall periodically prepare and submit to the Contract Officer such reports concerning the performance of the services required by this Agreement as the Contract Officer shall require. Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is greatly concerned about the cost of work and services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. For this reason, Contractor agrees that if Contractor becomes aware of any facts, circumstances, techniques, or events that may or will materially increase or decrease the cost of the work or services contemplated herein or, if Contractor is providing design services, the cost of the project being designed, Contractor shall promptly notify the Contract Officer of said fact, circumstance, technique or event and the estimated increased or decreased cost related thereto and, if Contractor is providing design services, the estimated increased or decreased cost estimate for the project being designed.

6.2 Records. The Contractor shall keep, and require subcontractors to keep, such books and records as shall be necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement and enable the Contract Officer to evaluate the performance of such services. The Contract Officer shall have full and free access to such books and records at all times during normal business hours of County, including the right to inspect, copy, audit and make records and transcripts from such records. Such records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years following completion of the services hereunder, and the County shall have access to such records in the event any audit is required.

6.3 Ownership of Documents and Data. All drawings, specifications, reports, records, documents, data and other materials prepared by Contractor, its employees, subcontractors and agents in the performance of this Agreement shall be the property of County and shall be delivered to County upon request of the Contract Officer or upon the termination of this Agreement in a format acceptable to the County, and Contractor shall have no claim for further employment or additional compensation as a result of the exercise by County of its full rights of ownership of the

documents and materials hereunder. Contractor may retain copies of such documents for its own use. Contractor shall have an unrestricted right to use the concepts embodied therein. All subcontractors shall provide for assignment to County of any documents or materials prepared by them, and in the event Contractor fails to secure such assignment, Contractor shall indemnify County for all damages resulting therefrom.

6.4 Release of Documents and Data. The drawings, specifications, reports, records, documents, data and other materials prepared by Contractor in the performance of services under this Agreement shall not be released publicly without the prior written approval of the Contract Officer.

7.0 ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT

7.1 Maryland Law. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted both as to validity and to performance of the parties in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. Legal actions concerning any dispute, claim or matter arising out of or in relation to this Agreement shall be instituted in the Circuit Court of Frederick County, State of Maryland, or any other appropriate court in such county, and Contractor covenants and agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of such court in the event of such action.

7.2 Disputes. In the event of a dispute between the parties to this contract involving \$10,000.00 or more regarding the terms of the contract or performance under the contract, the questions involved in the dispute shall be subject to a determination first by the Director of P&C, then to a determination of questions of fact by the Contractor Responsibility Board. The decisions of the Contractor Responsibility Board are subject to review on the record by the Circuit Court of Frederick County.

7.2.1 A dispute between the parties to this contract involving less than \$10,000.00 regarding the terms of the contract or performance under the contract shall be determined by the Director of P&C. The decision of the Director of P&C to resolve this dispute shall be final and binding on the parties to the dispute, and conclusive of the issue.

7.2.2 The only parties to any proceeding to determine a dispute shall be the Contractor and the County, unless the Contractor and the County otherwise agree to allow additional parties.

7.2.3 Unless otherwise agreed, the Contractor shall carry on the work and maintain its progress during any dispute proceedings as if no dispute had occurred, and the County shall continue to make payments to the Contractor in accordance with the contract documents for items not subject to the dispute.

7.2.4 Nothing herein shall limit the County's right to terminate this Agreement without cause pursuant to Section 7.8.

7.2.5 At any time during the performance of the contract, the Contractor may contact the Director of P&C to request to be included in the agenda of the Contractor Responsibility Board to present information, lodge a complaint, or be heard for any reason.

7.3 Retention of Funds. The Contractor hereby authorizes the County to deduct from any amount payable to the Contractor (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) (i) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute hereunder or which are necessary to compensate the County for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by the County, and (ii) all amounts for which the County may be liable to third parties, by reason of Contractor's acts or omissions in performing or failing to perform Contractor's obligation under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by the Contractor, or any indebtedness shall exist which shall appear to be the basis for a claim of lien, the County may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of such withholding, an amount sufficient to cover such claim. The failure of the County to exercise such right to deduct or to withhold shall not, however, affect the obligations of the Contractor to insure, indemnify, and protect the County as elsewhere provided herein.

7.4 Waiver. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a non-defaulting party on any default shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. A party's consent to or approval of any act by the other party requiring the party's consent or approval shall not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the other party's consent to or approval of any subsequent act. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

7.5 Rights and Remedies are Cumulative. Except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the parties are cumulative and the exercise by either party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default or any other default by the other party.

7.6 Legal Action. Except with respect to disputes that are subject to Section 7.2 of this Agreement, either party may take such legal action, in law or in equity, to recover damages for any material default in a party's failure to perform this Agreement, to compel specific performance of this Agreement, to obtain declaratory or injunctive relief in the event of a party's failure to perform this Agreement, or to obtain any other remedy consistent with the purposes of this Section.

7.7 Liquidated Damages. Since the determination of actual damages for any delay in performance of this Agreement would be extremely difficult or impractical to determine in the event of a breach of this Agreement, the Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for and shall pay to the County the sum of (input LD amount, if any) (\$____) as liquidated damages for each working day of delay in the performance of any service required hereunder, as specified in the Schedule of Performance (Exhibit "D"). The County may withhold from any monies payable on account of services performed by the Contractor any accrued liquidated damages.

7.8 Termination Prior to Expiration of Term. This Section shall govern any termination of this Agreement except as specifically provided in the following Section for termination for cause. The County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Contractor, except that where termination is due to the fault of the Contractor, the period of notice may be such shorter time as may be determined by the Contract Officer. Upon receipt of any notice of termination, Contractor shall immediately cease all services hereunder except such as may be specifically approved by the Contract Officer. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all services rendered prior to the effective date of the notice of termination and for any services authorized by the Contract Officer thereafter in accordance with the Schedule of Compensation or such as may be approved by the Contract Officer, except as provided in Section 7.3. In the event of termination without cause pursuant to this Section, the County need not provide the Contractor with the opportunity to cure deficiencies or failures.

7.9 Termination for Default of Contractor. If termination is due to the failure of the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, the County may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor shall be liable to the extent that the total cost for completion of the services required hereunder exceeds the compensation herein stipulated (provided that the County shall use reasonable efforts to mitigate such damages), and the County may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off or partial payment of the amounts owed the County as previously stated.

7.10 Termination for Non-appropriation. If the County or other funding source fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal period or part thereof of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be cancelled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year or part thereof for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect either the County's rights or the Contractor's rights under any termination clause in this Agreement. The effect of termination of the Agreement hereunder will be to discharge both the Contractor and the County from future performance of the Contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the Agreement. The County shall make a good faith effort to notify the Contractor as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of this Agreement for each succeeding fiscal period or part thereof beyond the first fiscal year.

8.0 COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: NON-DISCRIMINATION

8.1 Non-liability of County Officers and Employees. No officer or employee of the County shall be personally liable to the Contractor, or any successor in interest, in the event of any default or breach by the County or for any amount, which may become due to the Contractor or to its successor, or for breach of any obligation of the terms of this Agreement.

8.2 Conflict of Interest. No officer or employee of the County shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement nor shall any such officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement which effects his financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which he is, directly or indirectly, interested, in violation of any State statute or regulation. The Contractor warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give any third party any money or other consideration for obtaining this Agreement.

8.3 Covenants Against Discrimination. The Contractor covenants that, by and for itself, its heirs, executors, assigns, and all persons claiming under or through them, that there shall be no discrimination against or segregation of, any person or group of persons on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or ancestry in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are

employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or ancestry.

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Notice. Any notice, demand, request, document, consent, approval, or communication either party desires or is required to give to the other party or any other person shall be in writing and either served personally sent by prepaid, first-class mail, sent by facsimile or sent by email as follows:

9.1.1 for the County: Frederick County, Maryland
Procurement & Contracting Office
Attention to: **Buyer Name**
12 East Church Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Office Phone: **301-600-xxxx**
Email: **xxxxxxx@frederickcountymd.gov**

With a copy to: **Frederick County, Maryland**
Division Name
Attention to: **Contract Manager Name**
Address
Frederick, Maryland **(insert zip code)**
Office Phone: **301-600-xxxx**
Email: **xxxxxxx@frederickcountymd.gov**

9.1.2 for the Contractor: Contractor's Business Name
Attention to: **Contractor's Contact Person**
Address
City, State-spelled-out Zip
Office Phone: **xxx-xxx-xxxx**
Email: **xxx@xxx.xxx**

9.1.3 Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address in writing. Notice shall be deemed communicated at the time personally delivered or in seventy-two (72) hours from the time of mailing if mailed as provided in this Section.

9.2 Interpretation. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and shall not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction which might otherwise apply.

9.3 Integration: Amendment. It is understood that there are no oral agreements between the parties hereto affecting this Agreement and this Agreement supersedes and cancels any and all previous negotiations, arrangements, agreements and understandings, if any, between the parties, and none shall be used to interpret this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the parties by an instrument in writing.

9.4 Severability. In the event that any one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections contained in this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by a valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections of this Agreement which are hereby declared as severable and shall be interpreted to carry out the intent of the parties hereunder unless the invalid provision is so material that its invalidity deprives either party of the basic benefit of their bargain or renders this Agreement meaningless.

9.5 Corporate Authority. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that (i) such party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said party, (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement, and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which said party is bound.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and entered into this Agreement as of the date above.

SIGNATURE SECTION

COUNTY:

ATTEST:

Frederick County, Maryland

A body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland

By:

By:

Signatory, Title

CONTRACTOR:

Contractor Legal Name (as it appears on BUSINESS LICENSE): _____

Contractor Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contractor's Signatory PRINTED NAME: _____

Check one: ☐ Individual
☐ Partnership
☐ Corporation

By: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative (notarized)

NOTARY:

Notary Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

State of: _____ County of: _____

On this date: _____ before me, this person: _____
DATE PRINT NAME FROM IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED

personally appeared and proved to me on the basis of this satisfactory evidence: _____
TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED

to be the person whose name is subscribed to herein and acknowledged to me that they executed this document in their authorized capacity as signatory for named company. WITNESS my hand and official seal,

Notary Signature: _____ Notary Seal: _____

The following exhibits may apply:

EXHIBIT "A" SCOPE OF SERVICES
EXHIBIT "B" SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
EXHIBIT "C" SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION

EXHIBIT "D" SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE
EXHIBIT "E" INSURANCE