

OIL/WATER SEPARATION EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Contract No. SS5477-1/23

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013 by and between Sorbant Environmental Corp, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, having its principal office at 1764 NE 205 Terr, North Miami, FL 33280 (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), and Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, having its principal office at 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128 (hereinafter referred to as the "County"),

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Contractor has offered to provide Oil/Water Equipment and Maintenance Services, on a non-exclusive basis, that shall conform to the Scope of Services (Appendix A); and attachments, incorporated herein by reference; and the requirements of this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to procure from the Contractor such services for the County, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

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

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS**

The following words and expressions used in this Agreement shall be construed as follows, except when it is clear from the context that another meaning is intended:

- a) The words "Contract" or "Agreement" to mean collectively these terms and conditions, the Scope of Services (Appendix A), all other appendices and attachments hereto, and all associated addend.,.
- b) The words "Contract Date" to mean the date on which this Agreement is effective.
- c) The words "Contract Manager" to mean Miami-Dade County's Director, Internal Services Department, or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Contract.
- d) The word "Contractor" to mean Sorbant Environmental Corp (Sorbant) and its permitted successors and assigns.
- e) The word "Days" to mean Calendar Days.
- f) The word "Deliverables" to mean all documentation and any items of any nature submitted by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager for review and approval pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- g) The words "directed", "required", "permitted", "ordered", "designated", "selected", "prescribed" or words of like import to mean respectively, the direction, requirement, permission, order, designation, selection or prescription of the County's Project Manager; and similarly the words "approved", "acceptable", "satisfactory", "equal", "necessary", or words of like import to mean respectively, approved by, or acceptable or satisfactory to, equal or necessary in the opinion of the County's Project Manager.
- h) The words "Extra Work" or "Additional Work" to mean additions or deletions or modifications to the amount, type or value of the Work and Services as required in this Contract, as directed and/or approved by the County.
- i) The words "Project Manager" to mean the County Mayor or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Project.
- k) The words "Scope of Services" to mean the document appended hereto as Appendix A, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.
- l) The word "subcontractor" or "subconsultant" to mean any person, entity, firm or corporation, other than the employees of the Contractor, who furnishes labor and/or materials, in connection with the Work, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf and/or under the direction of the Contractor and whether or not in privity of Contract with the Contractor.
- m) The words "Work", "Services" "Program", or "Project" to mean all matters and things required to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.

**ARTICLE 2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

If there is a conflict between or among the provisions of this Agreement, the order of precedence is as follows: 1) these terms and conditions, 2) the Scope of Services (Appendix A), 3) and any associated addenda and attachments thereof.

**ARTICLE 3. RULES OF INTERPRETATION**

- a) References to a specified Article, section or schedule shall be construed as reference to that specified Article, or section of, or schedule to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.
- b) Reference to any agreement or other instrument shall be deemed to include such agreement or other instrument as such agreement or other instrument may, from time to time, be modified, amended, supplemented, or restated in accordance with its terms.
- c) The terms "hereof", "herein", "hereinafter", "hereby", "herewith", "hereto", and "hereunder" shall be deemed to refer to this Agreement.
- d) The titles, headings, captions and arrangements used in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to limit, amplify or modify the terms of this Contract, nor affect the meaning thereof.

**ARTICLE 4. NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT**

- a) This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained in this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this Agreement, and that this Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties as to all matters contained herein. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written. It is further agreed that any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement shall be of no force or effect, and that this Agreement may be modified, altered or amended only by a written amendment duly executed by both parties hereto or their authorized representatives.
- b) The Contractor shall provide the services set forth in the Scope of Services, and render full and prompt cooperation with the County in all aspects of the Services performed hereunder.
- c) The Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement requires the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the effective and complete performance of all Work and Services under this Contract. All things not expressly mentioned in this Agreement but necessary to carrying out its intent are required by this Agreement, and the Contractor shall perform the same as though they were specifically mentioned, described and delineated.
- d) The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, supplies, and other items required to perform the Work and Services that are necessary for the completion of this Contract. All Work and Services shall be accomplished at the direction of and to the satisfaction of the County's Project Manager.
- e) The Contractor acknowledges that the County shall be responsible for making all policy decisions regarding the Scope of Services. The Contractor agrees to provide input on policy issues in the form of recommendations. The Contractor agrees to implement any and all changes in providing Services hereunder as a result of a policy change implemented by the County. The Contractor agrees to act in an expeditious and fiscally sound manner in providing the County with input regarding the time and cost to

implement said changes and in executing the activities required to implement said changes.

**ARTICLE 5. CONTRACT TERM**

The Contract shall become effective on the date indicated on the first page of this agreement, and shall continue through the last day of the last month of the fifth year. The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to exercise the option to renew this Contract for a period of one (1) additional five-year period. The County reserves the right to exercise its option to extend this Contract for up to one hundred-eighty (180) calendar days beyond the current Contract period and will notify the Contractor in writing of the extension. This Contract may be extended beyond the initial one hundred-eighty (180) calendar day extension period by mutual agreement between the County and the Contractor, upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

**ARTICLE 6. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficiently served if delivered by Registered or Certified Mail, with return receipt requested; or delivered personally; or delivered via fax or e-mail (if provided below) and followed with delivery of hard copy; and in any case addressed as follows:

**(1) to the County**

- a) to the Project Manager at Miami-Dade Transit department (MDT):

Miami-Dade County  
Attention: Akbar Sharifi  
Phone: (786) 469-5269  
Fax: N/A  
E-mail: [AKR@miamidade.gov](mailto:AKR@miamidade.gov)

- b) to the Project Manager at Internal Services Department, Fleet Management Division (ISD/FMD),

Miami-Dade County  
Attention: Mark Hamilton  
Phone: (305) 375-2288  
Fax: N/A  
E-mail: [FMH@miamidade.gov](mailto:FMH@miamidade.gov)

and,

- c) to the Contract Manager:

Miami-Dade County  
Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Division  
111 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 1375  
Miami, FL 33128-1974  
Attention: Assistant Director  
Phone: (305) 375-5548  
Fax: (305) 375-2316

**(2) To the Contractor**

Attention: Joel Friedland  
Phone: (305) 655-9911  
Fax: (305) 665-0470  
E-mail: [fsorb@aol.com](mailto:fsorb@aol.com)

Either party may at any time designate a different address and/or contact person by giving notice as provided above to the other party. Such notices shall be deemed given upon receipt by the addressee.

**ARTICLE 7. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES/AMOUNT OBLIGATED**

The Contractor warrants that it has reviewed the County's requirements and has asked such questions and conducted such other inquiries as the Contractor deemed necessary in order to determine the price the Contractor will charge to provide the Work and Services to be performed under this Contract. The compensation for all Work and Services performed under this Contract, including all costs associated with such Work and Services, shall be in accordance with Appendix B. The County shall have no obligation to pay the Contractor any additional charges except for a change and/or modification to the Contract, which is approved and executed in writing by the County and the Contractor.

All Services undertaken by the Contractor before County's approval of this Contract shall be at the Contractor's risk and expense.

**ARTICLE 8. PRICING**

Prices shall remain firm and fixed for the term of the Contract, including any option or extension periods; except for yearly percentage change in the living wage rates (Section 2-8.9 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) as amended by Administrative Order 3-30) that may be applied to the service rates. The Contractor shall request the living wage adjustment at least 30 days before October 1 each year. The County will issue supplemental agreements and revise Appendix B to incorporate changes to service rates. The Contractor may offer incentive discounts to the County at any time during the Contract term, including any renewal or extension thereof.

**ARTICLE 9. METHOD AND TIMES OF PAYMENT**

The Contractor agrees that under the provisions of this Agreement, as reimbursement for those actual, reasonable, and necessary costs incurred by the Contractor, which are directly attributable or properly allocable to the Services, the Contractor may bill the County periodically, upon invoices certified by the Contractor pursuant to Appendix B – Price Schedule. All invoices shall be taken from the books of account kept by the Contractor, shall be supported by copies of payroll distribution, receipt bills or other documents reasonably required by the County, shall show the County's contract number, and shall have a unique invoice number assigned by the Contractor. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County that payment for all purchases by County agencies and the Public Health Trust shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments be made on late payments. In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 218.74 and Section 2-8.1.4 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the time at which payment shall be due from the County or the Public Health Trust shall be forty-five (45) days from receipt of a proper invoice. The time at which payment shall be due to small businesses shall be thirty (30) days from receipt of a proper invoice. All payments due from the County or the Public Health Trust,

and not made within the time specified by this section shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. Further, proceedings to resolve disputes for payment of obligations shall be concluded by final written decision of the County Mayor, or his or her designee(s), not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the proper invoice was received by the County or the Public Health Trust.

In accordance with Miami-Dade County Implementing Order 3-9, Accounts Receivable Adjustments, if money is owed by the Contractor to the County, whether under this Contract or for any other purpose, the County reserves the right to retain such amount from payment due by County to the Contractor under this Contract. Such retained amount shall be applied to the amount owed by the Contractor to the County. The Contractor shall have no further claim to such retained amounts which shall be deemed full accord and satisfaction of the amount due by the County to the Contractor for the applicable payment due herein.

Invoices and associated back-up documentation shall be submitted in duplicate by the Contractor to the County as follows:

- a) to the Project Manager at Miami-Dade Transit department (MDT):

Miami-Dade County  
Attention: Akbar Sharifi  
Address: 701 NW 1st CT, Suite 1700  
Miami, FL 33136  
Phone: (786) 469-5269  
Fax: N/A  
E-mail: [AKR@miamidade.gov](mailto:AKR@miamidade.gov)

- b) to the Project Manager at Internal Services Department, Fleet Management Division (ISD/FMD),

Miami-Dade County  
Attention: Mark Hamilton  
Address: 111 NW 1 St  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, FL 33128  
Phone: (305) 375-2288  
E-mail: [FMH@miamidade.gov](mailto:FMH@miamidade.gov)

The County may at any time designate a different address and/or contact person by giving written notice to the other party.

**ARTICLE 10. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of this Agreement by the Contractor or its employees, agents, servants, partners principals or subcontractors. Contractor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may issue thereon. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by Contractor shall in no way limit the

responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

The Contractor shall furnish to the Internal Services Department / Procurement Management Services, 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1300, Miami, Florida 33128-1989, Certificate(s) of Insurance which indicate that insurance coverage has been obtained which meets the requirements as outlined below:

1. Worker's Compensation Insurance for all employees of the Contractor as required by Florida Statute 440.
2. Commercial General Liability Insurance to include Pollution Liability in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. **Miami-Dade County must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage.**
3. Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the work, in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

All insurance policies required above shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida, with the following qualifications:

The company must be rated no less than "B" as to management, and no less than "Class V" as to financial strength by A.M. Best Company, Oldwick, New Jersey, or its equivalent, subject to the approval of the County Risk Management Division.

or

The company must hold a valid Florida Certificate of Authority as shown in the latest "List of All Insurance Companies Authorized or Approved to Do Business in Florida" issued by the State of Florida Department of Financial Services and are members of the Florida Guaranty Fund.

**Certificates of Insurance must indicate that for any cancellation of coverage before the expiration date, the issuing insurance carrier will endeavor to mail thirty (30) day written advance notice to the certificate holder. In addition, the Contractor hereby agrees not to modify the insurance coverage without thirty (30) days written advance notice to the County.**

Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the Contractor of this liability and obligation under this section or under any other section in this Agreement.

Award of this Contract is contingent upon the receipt of the insurance documents, as required, within ten (10) business days. If the insurance certificate is received within the specified timeframe but not in the manner prescribed in this Agreement, the Contractor shall have an additional five (5) business days to submit a corrected certificate to the County. If the Contractor fails to submit the required insurance documents in the manner prescribed in this Agreement within fifteen (15) business days, the Contractor shall be in default of the contractual terms and conditions and award of the Contract may be rescinded, unless such timeframe for submission has been extended by the County.

The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the insurance certificates required in conjunction with this Section remain in force for the duration of the contractual period of the Contract, including any and all option years or extension periods that may be granted by the County. If insurance certificates are scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the Contractor shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed insurance certificates to the County at a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such expiration. In the event that expired certificates are not replaced with new or renewed certificates which cover the contractual period, the County shall suspend the Contract until such time as the new or renewed certificates are received by the County in the manner prescribed herein; provided, however, that this suspended period does not exceed thirty (30) calendar days. Thereafter, the County may, at its sole discretion, terminate this contract.

**ARTICLE 11. MANNER OF PERFORMANCE**

- a) The Contractor shall provide the Services described herein in a competent and professional manner satisfactory to the County in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The County shall be entitled to a satisfactory performance of all Services described herein and to full and prompt cooperation by the Contractor in all aspects of the Services. At the request of the County, the Contractor shall promptly remove from the project any Contractor's employee, subcontractor, or any other person performing Services hereunder. The Contractor agrees that such removal of any of its employees does not require the termination or demotion of any employee by the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County and shall be liable and responsible for any and all claims, suits, actions, damages and costs (including attorney's fees and court costs) made against the County, occurring on account of, arising from or in connection with the removal and replacement of any Contractor's personnel performing services hereunder at the behest of the County. Removal and replacement of any Contractor's personnel as used in this Article shall not require the termination and or demotion of such Contractor's personnel.
- c) The Contractor agrees that at all times it will employ, maintain and assign to the performance of the Services a sufficient number of competent and qualified professionals and other personnel to meet the requirements to which reference is hereinafter made. The Contractor agrees to adjust its personnel staffing levels or to replace any its personnel if so directed upon reasonable request from the County, should the County make a determination, in its sole discretion, that said personnel staffing is inappropriate or that any individual is not performing in a manner consistent with the requirements for such a position.
- d) The Contractor warrants and represents that its personnel have the proper skill, training, background, knowledge, experience, rights, authorizations, integrity, character and licenses as necessary to perform the Services described herein, in a competent and professional manner.
- e) The Contractor shall at all times cooperate with the County and coordinate its respective work efforts to most effectively and efficiently maintain the progress in performing the Services.
- f) The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of all federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations that are applicable to the performance of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 12. EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTRACTOR**

All employees of the Contractor shall be considered to be, at all times, employees of the Contractor under its sole direction and not employees or agents of the County. The Contractor shall supply competent employees. Miami-Dade County may require the Contractor to remove an employee it deems careless, incompetent, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable and whose continued employment on County property is not in the best interest of the County. Each employee shall have and wear proper identification.

**ARTICLE 13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

The Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Agreement, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent or servant of the County. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the Contractor's sole direction, supervision and control. The Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Contractor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees and agents of the County.

The Contractor does not have the power or authority to bind the County in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 14. AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER**

- a) The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County's Project Manager will determine in the first instance all questions of any nature whatsoever arising out of, under, or in connection with, or in any way related to or on account of, this Agreement including without limitations: questions as to the value, acceptability and fitness of the Services; questions as to either party's fulfillment of its obligations under the Contract; negligence, fraud or misrepresentation before or subsequent to acceptance of the Contractor's Proposal; questions as to the interpretation of the Scope of Services; and claims for damages, compensation and losses.
- b) The Contractor shall be bound by all determinations or orders and shall promptly comply with every order of the Project Manager, including the withdrawal or modification of any previous order and regardless of whether the Contractor agrees with the Project Manager's determination or order. Where orders are given orally, they will be issued in writing by the Project Manager as soon thereafter as is practicable.
- c) The Contractor must, in the final instance, seek to resolve every difference concerning the Agreement with the Project Manager. In the event that the Contractor and the Project Manager are unable to resolve their difference, the Contractor may initiate a dispute in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article. Exhaustion of these procedures shall be a condition precedent to any lawsuit permitted hereunder.
- d) In the event of such dispute, the parties to this Agreement authorize the County Mayor or designee, who may not be the Project Manager or anyone associated with this Project, acting personally, to decide all questions arising out of, under, or in connection with, or in any way related to or on account of the Agreement (including but not limited to claims in the nature of breach of contract, fraud or misrepresentation arising either before or subsequent to execution hereof) and the decision of each with respect to matters within the County Mayor's purview as set forth above shall be conclusive, final

and binding on parties. Any such dispute shall be brought, if at all, before the County Mayor within 10 days of the occurrence, event or act out of which the dispute arises.

- e) The County Mayor may base this decision on such assistance as may be desirable, including advice of experts, but in any event shall base the decision on an independent and objective determination of whether Contractor's performance or any Deliverable meets the requirements of this Agreement and any specifications with respect thereto set forth herein. The effect of any decision shall not be impaired or waived by any negotiations or settlements or offers made in connection with the dispute, whether or not the County Mayor participated therein, or by any prior decision of others, which prior decision shall be deemed subject to review, or by any termination or cancellation of the Agreement. All such disputes shall be submitted in writing by the Contractor to the County Mayor for a decision, together with all evidence and other pertinent information in regard to such questions, in order that a fair and impartial decision may be made. Whenever the County Mayor is entitled to exercise discretion or judgement or to make a determination or form an opinion pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such action shall be fair and impartial when exercised or taken. The County Mayor, as appropriate, shall render a decision in writing and deliver a copy of the same to the Contractor. Except as such remedies may be limited or waived elsewhere in the Agreement, Contractor reserves the right to pursue any remedies available under law after exhausting the provisions of this Article.

**ARTICLE 15. MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

- a) This Agreement, including attachments and appendices to the Agreement, shall constitute the entire Agreement between the parties with respect hereto and supersedes all previous communications and representations or agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereto unless acknowledged in writing by the duly authorized representatives of both parties.
- b) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed for the benefit, intended or otherwise, of any third party that is not a parent or subsidiary of a party or otherwise related (by virtue of ownership control or statutory control) to a party.
- c) In those situations where this Agreement imposes an indemnity obligation on the Contractor, the County may, at its expense, elect to participate in the defense if the County should so choose. Furthermore, the County may at its own expense defend or settle any such claims if the Contractor fails to diligently defend such claims, and thereafter seek indemnity for costs from the Contractor.

**ARTICLE 16. QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORD KEEPING**

The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require that its subcontractors and suppliers maintain, complete and accurate records to substantiate compliance with the requirements set forth in the Scope of Services. The Contractor and its subcontractors and suppliers, shall retain such records, and all other documents relevant to the Services furnished under this Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the expiration date of this Agreement and any extension thereof.

**ARTICLE 17. AUDITS**

The County, or its duly authorized representatives or governmental agencies, shall until the expiration of three (3) years after the expiration of this Agreement and any extension thereof, have access to and the right to examine and reproduce any of the Contractor's books, documents, papers and records and of its subcontractors and suppliers which apply to all matters of the County. Such records shall subsequently conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requirements, as applicable, and shall only address those transactions related to this Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2-481 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Contractor will grant access to the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with government funds. The Contractor agrees to maintain an accounting system that provides accounting records that are supported with adequate documentation, and adequate procedures for determining the allowability and allocability of costs.

**ARTICLE 18. SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL**

In the event the Contractor wishes to substitute personnel for the key personnel identified by the Contractor's Proposal, the Contractor must notify the County in writing and request written approval for the substitution at least ten (10) business days prior to effecting such substitution.

**ARTICLE 19. CONSENT OF THE COUNTY REQUIRED FOR ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of this Agreement, including its rights, title or interest in or to the same or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the County.

**ARTICLE 20. SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS**

- a) If the Contractor will cause any part of this Agreement to be performed by a Subcontractor, the provisions of this Contract will apply to such Subcontractor and its officers, agents and employees in all respects as if it and they were employees of the Contractor; and the Contractor will not be in any manner thereby discharged from its obligations and liabilities hereunder, but will be liable hereunder for all acts and negligence of the Subcontractor, its officers, agents, and employees, as if they were employees of the Contractor. The services performed by the Subcontractor will be subject to the provisions hereof as if performed directly by the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor, before making any subcontract for any portion of the services, will state in writing to the County the name of the proposed Subcontractor, the portion of the Services which the Subcontractor is to do, the place of business of such Subcontractor, and such other information as the County may require. The County will have the right to require the Contractor not to award any subcontract to a person, firm or corporation disapproved by the County.
- c) Before entering into any subcontract hereunder, the Contractor will inform the Subcontractor fully and completely of all provisions and requirements of this Agreement relating either directly or indirectly to the Services to be performed. Such Services performed by such Subcontractor will strictly comply with the requirements of this Contract.

- d) In order to qualify as a Subcontractor satisfactory to the County, in addition to the other requirements herein provided, the Subcontractor must be prepared to prove to the satisfaction of the County that it has the necessary facilities, skill and experience, and ample financial resources to perform the Services in a satisfactory manner. To be considered skilled and experienced, the Subcontractor must show to the satisfaction of the County that it has satisfactorily performed services of the same general type which is required to be performed under this Agreement.
- e) The County shall have the right to withdraw its consent to a subcontract if it appears to the County that the subcontract will delay, prevent, or otherwise impair the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. All Subcontractors are required to protect the confidentiality of the County's and County's proprietary and confidential information. Contractor shall furnish to the County copies of all subcontracts between Contractor and Subcontractors and suppliers hereunder. Within each such subcontract, there shall be a clause for the benefit of the County in the event the County finds the Contractor in breach of this Contract, permitting the County to request completion by the Subcontractor of its performance obligations under the subcontract. The clause shall include an option for the County to pay the Subcontractor directly for the performance by such Subcontractor. Notwithstanding, the foregoing shall neither convey nor imply any obligation or liability on the part of the County to any subcontractor hereunder as more fully described herein.

#### **ARTICLE 21. ASSUMPTION, PARAMETERS, PROJECTIONS, ESTIMATES AND EXPLANATIONS**

The Contractor understands and agrees that any assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates and explanations presented by the County were provided to the Contractor for evaluation purposes only. However, since these assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates and explanations represent predictions of future events the County makes no representations or guarantees; and the County shall not be responsible for the accuracy of the assumptions presented; and the County shall not be responsible for conclusions to be drawn therefrom; and any assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates and explanations shall not form the basis of any claim by the Contractor. The Contractor accepts all risk associated with using this information.

#### **ARTICLE 22. SEVERABILITY**

If this Agreement contains any provision found to be unlawful, the same shall be deemed to be of no effect and shall be deemed stricken from this Agreement without affecting the binding force of this Agreement as it shall remain after omitting such provision.

#### **ARTICLE 23. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF WORK**

- a) The County may terminate this Agreement if an individual or corporation or other entity attempts to meet its contractual obligation with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement.
- b) The County may, as a further sanction, terminate or cancel any other contract(s) that such individual or corporation or other entity has with the County and that such individual, corporation or other entity shall be responsible for all direct and indirect costs associated with such termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

- c) The foregoing notwithstanding, any individual, corporation or other entity which attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement may be debarred from County contracting for up to five (5) years in accordance with the County debarment procedures. The Contractor may be subject to debarment for failure to perform and all other reasons set forth in Section 10-38 of the County Code.
- d) In addition to cancellation or termination as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the County may at any time, in its sole discretion, with or without cause, terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Contractor.
- e) In the event that the County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, the Contractor shall, upon receipt of such notice, unless otherwise directed by the County:
  - i. stop work on the date specified in the notice ("the Effective Termination Date");
  - ii. take such action as may be necessary for the protection and preservation of the County's materials and property;
  - iii. cancel orders;
  - iv. assign to the County and deliver to any location designated by the County any non-cancelable orders for Deliverables that are not capable of use except in the performance of this Agreement and has been specifically developed for the sole purpose of this Agreement and not incorporated in the Services;
  - v. take no action which will increase the amounts payable by the County under this Agreement; and
- f) In the event that the County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, the Contractor will be compensated as stated in the payment Articles herein for the:
  - i. portion of the Services completed in accordance with the Agreement up to the Effective Termination Date; and
  - ii. non-cancelable Deliverables that are not capable of use except in the performance of this Agreement and has been specifically developed for the sole purpose of this Agreement, but not incorporated in the Services.
- g) All compensation pursuant to this Article are subject to audit.

**ARTICLE 24. EVENT OF DEFAULT**

- a) An Event of Default shall mean a breach of this Agreement by the Contractor. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and in addition to those instances referred to herein as a breach, an Event of Default shall include the following:
  - i. the Contractor has not delivered Deliverables on a timely basis;
  - ii. the Contractor has refused or failed to supply enough properly skilled staff personnel;

- iii. the Contractor has failed to make prompt payment to subcontractors or suppliers for any Services;
  - iv. the Contractor has become insolvent (other than as interdicted by the bankruptcy laws), or has assigned the proceeds received for the benefit of the Contractor's creditors, or the Contractor has taken advantage of any insolvency statute or debtor/creditor law or if the Contractor's affairs have been put in the hands of a receiver;
  - v. the Contractor has failed to obtain the approval of the County where required by this Agreement;
  - vi. the Contractor has failed to provide "adequate assurances" as required under subsection b below;
  - vii. the Contractor has failed in the representation of any warranties stated herein.
- b) When, in the opinion of the County, reasonable grounds for uncertainty exist with respect to the Contractor's ability to perform the Services or any portion thereof, the County may request that the Contractor, within the timeframe set forth in the County's request, provide adequate assurances to the County, in writing, of the Contractor's ability to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Until the County receives such assurances, the County may request an adjustment to the compensation received by the Contractor for portions of the Services which the Contractor has not performed. In the event that the Contractor fails to provide to the County the requested assurances within the prescribed timeframe, the County may:
- i. treat such failure as a repudiation of this Agreement; and
  - ii. resort to any remedy for breach provided herein or at law, including but not limited to, taking over the performance of the Services or any part thereof either by itself or through others.
- c) In the event the County shall terminate this Agreement for default, the County or its designated representatives may immediately take possession of all applicable equipment, materials, products, documentation, reports and data.

**ARTICLE 25. NOTICE OF DEFAULT - OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

If an Event of Default occurs in the determination of the County, the County may so notify the Contractor ("Default Notice"), specifying the basis for such default, and advising the Contractor that such default must be cured immediately or this Agreement with the County may be terminated. Notwithstanding, the County may, in its sole discretion, allow the Contractor to rectify the default to the County's reasonable satisfaction within a thirty (30) day period. The County may grant an additional period of such duration as the County shall deem appropriate without waiver of any of the County's rights hereunder, so long as the Contractor has commenced curing such default and is effectuating a cure with diligence and continuity during such thirty (30) day period or any other period which the County prescribes. The default notice shall specify the date the Contractor shall discontinue the Services upon the Termination Date.

**ARTICLE 26. REMEDIES IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT**

If an Event of Default occurs, the Contractor shall be liable for all damages resulting from the

default, including but not limited to:

- a) the difference between the cost associated with procuring Services hereunder and the amount actually expended by the County for re-procurement of Services, including procurement and administrative costs; and
- b) such other direct damages.

The Contractor shall also remain liable for any liabilities and claims related to the Contractor's default. The County may also bring any suit or proceeding for specific performance or for an injunction.

**ARTICLE 27. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNIFICATION**

- a) The Contractor shall not infringe on any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, patent rights, other intellectual property rights or any other third party proprietary rights in the performance of the Work.
- b) The Contractor warrants that all Deliverables furnished hereunder, including but not limited to: equipment, programs, documentation, software, analyses, applications, methods, ways, processes, and the like, do not infringe upon or violate any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, patent rights, other intellectual property rights or any other third party proprietary rights.
- c) The Contractor shall be liable and responsible for any and all claims made against the County for infringement of patents, copyrights, service marks, trade secrets or any other third party proprietary rights, by the use or supplying of any programs, documentation, software, analyses, applications, methods, ways, processes, and the like, in the course of performance or completion of, or in any way connected with, the Work, or the County's continued use of the Deliverables furnished hereunder. Accordingly, the Contractor at its own expense, including the payment of attorney's fees, shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and defend any action brought against the County with respect to any claim, demand, cause of action, debt, or liability.
- d) In the event any Deliverable or anything provided to the County hereunder, or portion thereof is held to constitute an infringement and its use is or may be enjoined, the Contractor shall have the obligation to, at the County's option to (i) modify, or require that the applicable subcontractor or supplier modify, the alleged infringing item(s) at its own expense, without impairing in any respect the functionality or performance of the item(s), or (ii) procure for the County, at the Contractor's expense, the rights provided under this Agreement to use the item(s).
- e) The Contractor shall be solely responsible for determining and informing the County whether a prospective supplier or subcontractor is a party to any litigation involving patent or copyright infringement, service mark, trademark, violation, or proprietary rights claims or is subject to any injunction which may prohibit it from providing any Deliverable hereunder. The Contractor shall enter into agreements with all suppliers and subcontractors at the Contractor's own risk. The County may reject any Deliverable that it believes to be the subject of any such litigation or injunction, or if, in the County's judgment, use thereof would delay the Work or be unlawful.

**ARTICLE 28. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- a) All Developed Works and other materials, data, transactions of all forms, financial information, documentation, inventions, designs and methods obtained from the County in connection with the Services performed under this Agreement, made or developed by the Contractor or its subcontractors in the course of the performance of such Services, or the results of such Services, or which the County holds the proprietary rights, constitute Confidential Information and may not, without the prior written consent of the County, be used by the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers for any purpose other than for the benefit of the County, unless required by law. In addition to the foregoing, all County employee information and County financial information shall be considered Confidential Information and shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein. Neither the Contractor nor its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers may sell, transfer, publish, disclose, display, license or otherwise make available to others any part of such Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the County. Additionally, the Contractor expressly agrees to be bound by and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, and their officers and employees from the breach of any federal, state or local law in regard to the privacy of individuals.
- b) The Contractor shall advise each of its employees, agents, subcontractors and suppliers who may be exposed to such Confidential Information of their obligation to keep such information confidential and shall promptly advise the County in writing if it learns of any unauthorized use or disclosure of the Confidential Information by any of its employees or agents, or subcontractor's or supplier's employees, present or former. In addition, the Contractor agrees to cooperate fully and provide any assistance necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.
- c) It is understood and agreed that in the event of a breach of this Article damages may not be an adequate remedy and the County shall be entitled to injunctive relief to restrain any such breach or threatened breach. Unless otherwise requested by the County, upon the completion of the Services performed hereunder, the Contractor shall immediately turn over to the County all such Confidential Information existing in tangible form, and no copies thereof shall be retained by the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers without the prior written consent of the County. A certificate evidencing compliance with this provision and signed by an officer of the Contractor shall accompany such materials.

**ARTICLE 29. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

As a political subdivision of the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County is subject to the stipulations of Florida's Public Records Law.

The Contractor acknowledges that all computer software in the County's possession may constitute or contain information or materials which the County has agreed to protect as proprietary information from disclosure or unauthorized use and may also constitute or contain information or materials which the County has developed at its own expense, the disclosure of which could harm the County's proprietary interest therein.

During the term of the contract, the Contractor will not use directly or indirectly for itself or for others, or publish or disclose to any third party, or remove from the County's property, any computer programs, data compilations, or other software which the County has developed, has

used or is using, is holding for use, or which are otherwise in the possession of the County (hereinafter "Computer Software"). All third-party license agreements must also be honored by the contractors and their employees, except as authorized by the County and, if the Computer Software has been leased or purchased by the County, all hired party license agreements must also be honored by the contractors' employees with the approval of the lessor or Contractors thereof. This includes mainframe, minis, telecommunications, personal computers and any and all information technology software.

The Contractor will report to the County any information discovered or which is disclosed to the Contractor which may relate to the improper use, publication, disclosure or removal from the County's property of any information technology software and hardware and will take such steps as are within the Contractor's authority to prevent improper use, disclosure or removal.

### **ARTICLE 30. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS**

- a) The Contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees that the County retains all rights, title and interests in and to all materials, data, documentation and copies thereof furnished by the County to the Contractor hereunder or furnished by the Contractor to the County and/or created by the Contractor for delivery to the County, even if unfinished or in process, as a result of the Services the Contractor performs in connection with this Agreement, including all copyright and other proprietary rights therein, which the Contractor as well as its employees, agents, subcontractors and suppliers may use only in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not, without the prior written consent of the County, use such documentation on any other project in which the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers are or may become engaged. Submission or distribution by the Contractor to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement shall not be construed as publication in derogation of the County's copyrights or other proprietary rights.
- b) All rights, title and interest in and to certain inventions, ideas, designs and methods, specifications and other documentation related thereto developed by the Contractor and its subcontractors specifically for the County, hereinafter referred to as "Developed Works" shall become the property of the County.
- c) Accordingly, neither the Contractor nor its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers shall have any proprietary interest in such Developed Works. The Developed Works may not be utilized, reproduced or distributed by or on behalf of the Contractor, or any employee, agent, subcontractor or supplier thereof, without the prior written consent of the County, except as required for the Contractor's performance hereunder.
- d) Except as otherwise provided in subsections a, b, and c above, or elsewhere herein, the Contractor and its subcontractors and suppliers hereunder shall retain all proprietary rights in and to all Licensed Software provided hereunder, that have not been customized to satisfy the performance criteria set forth in the Scope of Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor hereby grants, and shall require that its subcontractors and suppliers grant, if the County so desires, a perpetual, irrevocable and unrestricted right and license to use, duplicate, disclose and/or permit any other person(s) or entity(ies) to use all such Licensed Software and the associated specifications, technical data and other Documentation for the operations of the County or entities controlling, controlled by, under common control with, or affiliated with the County, or organizations which may hereafter be formed by or become affiliated with the

County. Such license specifically includes, but is not limited to, the right of the County to use and/or disclose, in whole or in part, the technical documentation and Licensed Software, including source code provided hereunder, to any person or entity outside the County for such person's or entity's use in furnishing any and/or all of the Deliverables provided hereunder exclusively for the County or entities controlling, controlled by, under common control with, or affiliated with the County, or organizations which may hereafter be formed by or become affiliated with the County. No such License Software, specifications, data, documentation or related information shall be deemed to have been given in confidence and any statement or legend to the contrary shall be void and of no effect.

## **ARTICLE 31. VENDOR REGISTRATION/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **a) Vendor Registration**

The Contractor shall be a registered vendor with the County – Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Division, for the duration of this Agreement. In becoming a Registered Vendor with Miami-Dade County, the Contractor confirms its knowledge of and commitment to comply with the following:

1. **Miami-Dade County Ownership Disclosure Affidavit**  
(Section 2-8.1 of the County Code)
2. **Miami-Dade County Employment Disclosure Affidavit**  
(Section 2-8-1(d)(2) of the County Code)
3. **Miami-Dade Employment Drug-free Workplace Certification**  
(Section 2-8.1.2(b) of the County Code)
4. **Miami-Dade Disability and Nondiscrimination Affidavit**  
(Section 2-8.1.5 of the County Code)
5. **Miami-Dade County Debarment Disclosure Affidavit**  
(Section 10.38 of the County Code)
6. **Miami-Dade County Vendor Obligation to County Affidavit**  
(Section 2-8.1 of the County Code)
7. **Miami-Dade County Code of Business Ethics Affidavit**  
(Section 2-8.1(i) and 2-11(b)(1) of the County Code through (6) and (9) of the County Code and Section 2-11.1(c) of the County Code)
8. **Miami-Dade County Family Leave Affidavit**  
(Article V of Chapter 11 of the County Code)
9. **Miami-Dade County Living Wage Affidavit**  
(Section 2-8.9 of the County Code)
10. **Miami-Dade County Domestic Leave and Reporting Affidavit**  
(Article 8, Section 11A-60 11A-67 of the County Code)
11. **Subcontracting Practices**  
(Ordinance 97-35)
12. **Subcontractor /Supplier Listing**  
(Section 2-8.8 of the County Code)
13. **Environmentally Acceptable Packaging**  
(Resolution R-738-92)
14. **W-9 and 8109 Forms**  
(as required by the Internal Revenue Service)
15. **FEIN Number or Social Security Number**  
In order to establish a file, the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) must be provided. If no FEIN exists, the Social Security Number of the owner or individual must be provided. This number becomes Contractor's "County Vendor Number". To comply with Section 119.071(5) of the Florida Statutes relating to the collection of an individual's Social Security Number, be aware that the County requests the Social Security Number for the following purposes:
  - Identification of individual account records
  - To make payments to individual/Contractor for goods and services provided to Miami-Dade County
  - Tax reporting purposes
  - To provide a unique identifier in the vendor database that may be used for searching and sorting departmental records
16. **Office of the Inspector General**  
(Section 2-1076 of the County Code)
17. **Small Business Enterprises**  
The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all small business enterprises pursuant to Sections 2-8.2, 2-8.2.3 and 2-8.2.4 of the County Code and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
18. **Antitrust Laws**  
By acceptance of any contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with all antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

## b) Conflict of Interest

Section 2-11.1(d) of Miami-Dade County Code requires that any County employee or any member of the employee's immediate family who has a controlling financial interest, direct or indirect, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County, competing or applying for a contract, must first request a conflict of interest opinion from the County's Ethics Commission prior to their or their immediate family member's entering into any contract or transacting any business through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity in which the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family has a controlling financial interest, direct or indirect, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County. Any such contract or business engagement entered in violation of this subsection, as amended, shall be rendered voidable. For additional information, please contact the Ethics Commission hotline at (305) 579-2593.

**ARTICLE 32. INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS****Independent Private Sector Inspector General Reviews**

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Administrative Order 3-20, the County has the right to retain the services of an Independent Private Sector Inspector General (hereinafter "IPSIG"), whenever the County deems it appropriate to do so. Upon written notice from the County, the Contractor shall make available to the IPSIG retained by the County, all requested records and documentation pertaining to this Agreement for inspection and reproduction. The County shall be responsible for the payment of these IPSIG services, and under no circumstance shall the Contractor's prices and any changes thereto approved by the County, be inclusive of any charges relating to these IPSIG services. The terms of this provision apply to the Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors and assignees. Nothing contained in this provision shall impair any independent right of the County to conduct an audit or investigate the operations, activities and performance of the Contractor in connection with this Agreement. The terms of this Article shall not impose any liability on the County by the Contractor or any third party.

**Miami-Dade County Inspector General Review**

According to Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General which may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts, throughout the duration of said contracts, except as otherwise provided below. The cost of the audit for this Contract shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the total contract amount which cost shall be included in the total contract amount. The audit cost will be deducted by the County from progress payments to the Contractor. The audit cost shall also be included in all change orders and all contract renewals and extensions.

Exception: The above application of one quarter (1/4) of one percent fee assessment shall not apply to the following contracts: (a) IPSIG contracts; (b) contracts for legal services; (c) contracts for financial advisory services; (d) auditing contracts; (e) facility rentals and lease agreements; (f) concessions and other rental agreements; (g) insurance contracts; (h) revenue-generating contracts; (i) contracts where an IPSIG is assigned at the time the contract is approved by the Commission; (j) professional service agreements under \$1,000; (k) management agreements; (l) small purchase orders as defined in Miami-Dade County Administrative Order 3-38; (m) federal, state and local government-funded grants; and (n) interlocal agreements. ***Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners may authorize the inclusion of the fee assessment of one quarter (1/4) of one percent in any exempted contract at the time of award.***

Nothing contained above shall in any way limit the powers of the Inspector General to perform audits on all County contracts including, but not limited to, those contracts specifically exempted

above. The Miami-Dade County Inspector General is authorized and empowered to review past, present and proposed County and Public Health Trust contracts, transactions, accounts, records and programs. In addition, the Inspector General has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records and monitor existing projects and programs. Monitoring of an existing project or program may include a report concerning whether the project is on time, within budget and in conformance with plans, specifications and applicable law. The Inspector General is empowered to analyze the necessity of and reasonableness of proposed change orders to the Contract. The Inspector General is empowered to retain the services of independent private sector inspectors general (IPSIG) to audit, investigate, monitor, oversee, inspect and review operations, activities, performance and procurement process, including but not limited to project design, specifications, proposal submittals, activities of the Contractor, its officers, agents and employees, lobbyists, County staff and elected officials to ensure compliance with contract specifications and to detect fraud and corruption.

Upon written notice to the Contractor from the Inspector General or IPSIG retained by the Inspector General, the Contractor shall make all requested records and documents available to the Inspector General or IPSIG for inspection and copying. The Inspector General and IPSIG shall have the right to inspect and copy all documents and records in the Contractor's possession, custody or control which, in the Inspector General's or IPSIG's sole judgment, pertain to performance of the contract, including, but not limited to original estimate files, change order estimate files, worksheets, proposals and agreements form and which successful and unsuccessful subcontractors and suppliers, all project-related correspondence, memoranda, instructions, financial documents, construction documents, proposal and contract documents, back-charge documents, all documents and records which involve cash, trade or volume discounts, insurance proceeds, rebates, or dividends received, payroll and personnel records, and supporting documentation for the aforesaid documents and records.

### **ARTICLE 33. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor agrees to comply, subject to applicable professional standards, with the provisions of any and all applicable Federal, State and the County orders, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations which may pertain to the Services required under this Agreement, including, but not limited to:

- a) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), in compliance with Executive Order 11246 as amended and applicable to this Contract.
- b) Miami-Dade County Florida, Department of Small Business Development Participation Provisions, as applicable to this Contract.
- c) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as applicable to this Contract.
- d) Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 11A, Article 3. All contractors and subcontractors performing work in connection with this Contract shall provide equal opportunity for employment without regard to race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, sexual preference, disability or marital status. The aforesaid provision shall include, but not be 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. The Contractor agrees to post in a conspicuous place available for employees and applicants for employment, such notices as may be required by the Dade County Fair Housing and Employment Commission, or other authority having jurisdiction over the work setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination law.

- e) "Conflicts of Interest" Section 2-11 of the County Code, and Ordinance 01-199.
- f) Miami-Dade County Code Section 10-38 "Debarment".
- g) Miami-Dade County Ordinance 99-5, codified at 11A-60 et. seq. of Miami-Dade Code pertaining to complying with the County's Domestic Leave Ordinance.
- h) Miami-Dade County Ordinance 99-152, prohibiting the presentation, maintenance, or prosecution of false or fraudulent claims against Miami-Dade County.

The Contractor shall hold all licenses and/or certifications, obtain and pay for all permits and/or inspections, and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and building code requirements applicable to the work required herein. Damages, penalties, and/or fines imposed on the County or Contractor for failure to obtain and maintain required licenses, certifications, permits and/or inspections shall be borne by the Contractor. The Project Manager shall verify the certification(s), license(s), permit(s), etc. for the Contractor prior to authorizing work and as needed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall not be required pursuant to this Agreement to take any action or abstain from taking any action if such action or abstention would, in the good faith determination of the Contractor, constitute a violation of any law or regulation to which Contractor is subject, including but not limited to laws and regulations requiring that Contractor conduct its operations in a safe and sound manner.

**ARTICLE 34. NONDISCRIMINATION**

During the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees to not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, handicap, marital status, age or national origin, and will take affirmative action to ensure that they are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Such action shall be taken with reference to, but not limited to: recruitment, employment, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training or retraining, including apprenticeship and on the job training.

By entering into this Contract, the Contractor attests that it is not in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (and related Acts) or Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-385-95. If the Contractor or any owner, subsidiary or other firm affiliated with or related to the Contractor is found by the responsible enforcement agency or the County to be in violation of the Act or the Resolution, such violation shall render this Contract void. This Contract shall be void if the Contractor submits a false affidavit pursuant to this Resolution or the Contractor violates the Act or the Resolution during the term of this Contract, even if the Contractor was not in violation at the time it submitted its affidavit.

**ARTICLE 35. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contractor represents that:

- a) No officer, director, employee, agent, or other consultant of the County or a member of the immediate family or household of the aforesaid has directly or indirectly received or been promised any form of benefit, payment or compensation, whether tangible or intangible, in connection with the award of this Agreement.
- b) There are no undisclosed persons or entities interested with the Contractor in this Agreement. This Agreement is entered into by the Contractor without any connection

with any other entity or person making a proposal for the same purpose, and without collusion, fraud or conflict of interest. No elected or appointed officer or official, director, employee, agent or other consultant of the County, or of the State of Florida (including elected and appointed members of the legislative and executive branches of government), or a member of the immediate family or household of any of the aforesaid:

- i) is interested on behalf of or through the Contractor directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever in the execution or the performance of this Agreement, or in the services, supplies or work, to which this Agreement relates or in any portion of the revenues; or
  - ii) is an employee, agent, advisor, or consultant to the Contractor or to the best of the Contractor's knowledge any subcontractor or supplier to the Contractor.
- c) Neither the Contractor nor any officer, director, employee, agency, parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the Contractor shall have an interest which is in conflict with the Contractor's faithful performance of its obligation under this Agreement; provided that the County, in its sole discretion, may consent in writing to such a relationship, provided the Contractor provides the County with a written notice, in advance, which identifies all the individuals and entities involved and sets forth in detail the nature of the relationship and why it is in the County's best interest to consent to such relationship.
- d) The provisions of this Article are supplemental to, not in lieu of, all applicable laws with respect to conflict of interest. In the event there is a difference between the standards applicable under this Agreement and those provided by statute, the stricter standard shall apply.
- e) In the event Contractor has no prior knowledge of a conflict of interest as set forth above and acquires information which may indicate that there may be an actual or apparent violation of any of the above, Contractor shall promptly bring such information to the attention of the County's Project Manager. Contractor shall thereafter cooperate with the County's review and investigation of such information, and comply with the instructions Contractor receives from the Project Manager in regard to remedying the situation.

**ARTICLE 36. PRESS RELEASE OR OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Under no circumstances shall the Contractor without the express written consent of the County:

- a) Issue or permit to be issued any press release, advertisement or literature of any kind which refers to the County, or the Work being performed hereunder, unless the Contractor first obtains the written approval of the County. Such approval may be withheld if for any reason the County believes that the publication of such information would be harmful to the public interest or is in any way undesirable; and
- b) Communicate in any way with any contractor, department, board, agency, commission or other organization or any person whether governmental or private in connection with the Services to be performed hereunder except upon prior written approval and instruction of the County; and
- c) Except as may be required by law, the Contractor and its employees, agents, subcontractors and suppliers will not represent, directly or indirectly, that any product or service provided by the Contractor or such parties has been approved or endorsed by the County.

**ARTICLE 37. BANKRUPTCY**

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, if, during the term of any contract the Contractor has with the County, the Contractor becomes involved as a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding, or becomes involved in a reorganization, dissolution, or liquidation proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of the Contractor under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law.

**ARTICLE 38. GOVERNING LAW**

This Contract, including appendices, and all matters relating to this Contract (whether in contract, statute, tort (such as negligence), or otherwise) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be Miami-Dade County.

**ARTICLE 39. COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP)**

**a) User Access Fee**

Pursuant to Section 2-8.10 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this Contract is subject to a user access fee under the County User Access Program (UAP) in the amount of two percent (2%). All sales resulting from this Contract, or any contract resulting from the solicitation referenced on the first page of this Contract, and the utilization of the County Contract price and the terms and conditions identified herein, are subject to the two percent (2%) UAP. This fee applies to all Contract usage whether by County Departments or by any other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entity.

The Contractor providing goods or services under this Contract shall invoice the Contract price and shall accept as payment thereof the Contract price less the 2% UAP as full and complete payment for the goods and/or services specified on the invoice. The County shall retain the 2% UAP for use by the County to help defray the cost of the procurement program. Contractor participation in this invoice reduction portion of the UAP is mandatory.

**b) Joint Purchase**

Only those entities that have been approved by the County for participation in the County's Joint Purchase and Entity Revenue Sharing Agreement are eligible to utilize or receive County Contract pricing and terms and conditions. The County will provide to approved entities a UAP Participant Validation Number. The Contractor must obtain the participation number from the entity prior to filling any order placed pursuant to this Section. Contractor participation in this joint purchase portion of the UAP, however, is voluntary. The Contractor shall notify the ordering entity, in writing, within three (3) business days of receipt of an order, of a decision to decline the order.

For all ordering entities located outside the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County, the Contractor shall be entitled to ship goods on an "FOB Destination, Prepaid and Charged Back" basis. This allowance shall only be made when expressly authorized by a representative of the ordering entity prior to shipping the goods.

The County shall have no liability to the Contractor for the cost of any purchase made by an ordering entity under the UAP and shall not be deemed to be a party thereto. All orders shall be placed directly by the ordering entity with the Contractor and shall be paid by the ordering entity less the 2% UAP.

**c) Contractor Compliance**

If a Contractor fails to comply with this Article, that Contractor may be considered in default by the County in accordance with Article 24 of this Contract.

ARTICLE 40. FIRST SOURCE HIRING REFERRAL PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 2-2113 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, for all contracts for goods and services, the Contractor, prior to hiring to fill each vacancy arising under a County contract shall (1) first notify the South Florida Workforce Investment Board ("SFWIB"), the designated Referral Agency, of the vacancy and list the vacancy with SFWIB according to the Code, and (2) make good faith efforts as determined by the County to fill a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of its employment needs under the County contract through the SFWIB. If no suitable candidates can be employed after a Referral Period of three to five days, the Contractor is free to fill its vacancies from other sources. Contractor will be required to provide quarterly reports to the SFWIB indicating the name and number of employees hired in the previous quarter, or why referred candidates were rejected. Sanctions for non-compliance shall include, but not be limited to: (i) suspension of contract until Contractor performs obligations, if appropriate; (ii) default and/or termination; and (iii) payment of \$1,500/employee, or the value of the wages that would have been earned given the noncompliance, whichever is less. Registration procedures and additional information regarding the FSHRP are available at <https://iapps.southfloridaworkforce.com/firstsource/>.

ARTICLE 41. SURVIVAL

The parties acknowledge that any of the obligations in this Agreement will survive the term, termination and cancellation hereof. Accordingly, the respective obligations of the Contractor and the County under this Agreement, which by nature would continue beyond the termination, cancellation or expiration thereof, shall survive termination, cancellation or expiration hereof.

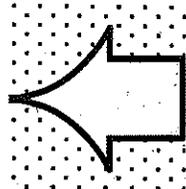
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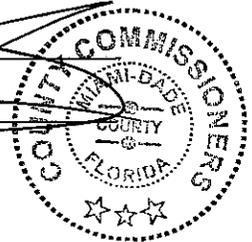
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By: [Signature]  
Name: Sorbant Environmental Corps.  
Title: President  
Date: 5/28/13  
Attest: [Signature]  
Corporate Secretary/Notary Public

By: [Signature]  
Name: Carlos A. Gimenez  
Title: Mayor  
Date: 9/20/13  
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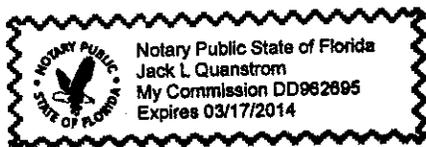
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**Appendix A  
Scope of Services**

**1.1 SCOPE OF WORK**

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to perform all routine scheduled and unscheduled maintenance services, repair and emergency services as required by the County for its water drainage filtering system manufactured and installed by Sorbant Environmental Corp (Sorbant). The system is comprised of oil/water separation filter media (pillows), frames, and filter boxes, which are inside catch basins located at several facilities listed in the table below.

The services provided under this contract are covered under the Living Wage Ordinance (Section 2-8.9 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) as amended by Administrative Order 3-30). See Appendix C.

**1.2 SYSTEMS LOCATIONS**

The estimated service frequencies listed below is a suggested schedule and not a guarantee, in accordance with Article 21 herein. The contractor will be contacted by the department's Project Manager to select a schedule or may be an "on call basis" as directed by each Project Manager.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT	NO. OF DRAINS	Estimated Service Frequency Per year	LOCATION DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Miami-Dade Transit Department	35	6	Northeast Bus Maintenance	360 NE 185 St.
	40	6	Central Bus	3300 NW 32 Av.
	25	6	Coral Way Bus	2775 SW 74 Av.
	38	5	Metrorail	6601 NW 72 Av.
	4	5	Metromover	100 SW 1 <sup>st</sup> Av.
Internal Services Department	2	12	Downtown Motor Pool	201 NW 1 <sup>st</sup> St.
	1	12	Police Station # 1	5975 Miami Lakes Dr.
	1	12	Police Station # 5 (Kendall)	7707 SW 117 Av.
	2	12	Police Station Headquarters	9105 NW 25 St.
	6	24	South Dade Government Ctr.	10740 SW 211 St.
	1	12	Police Station # 2 (*To be replaced sometime in 2013 by Arcola Station)	2950 NW 83 St.
	1	12	Arcola Station*	799 NW 81 street
	1	12	Police Station # 6	15665 Biscayne Blvd.
	5	12	Shop 1	703 NW 25 St.
	8	24	Shop 2	6100 SW 87 Av.
	17	24	Shop 3	8801 NW 58 St.
	2	12	Police Station # 9	18805 NW 27 Ave.
	3	12	Shop 3A	18701 NE 6 Ave.
4	12	North Dade Landfill	21300 NW 47 Av.	

**1.3 MAINTENANCE SERVICE**

Routine maintenance services consist of, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Inspection of the Sorbant system and catch basins. The inspection allows the Contractor to assess the pillow's useful life, and replace it as necessary. During each inspection the Contractor shall notify the County's Project Manager of any damage to the Sorbant system and catch basin, and to seek authorization for repairs to the Sorbant system.
2. Removal of used pillows and installation of new pillows as necessary.
3. Properly pack used pillows in containers and seal for disposal.
4. Label each container, which includes indicating the contents and date of accumulation of each container.
5. Place full containers with used pillows at the direction of the County's Project Manager. The County will dispose of the containers.

Should contamination result from the incorrect maintenance of a filtering system by the Contractor, the Contractor will be liable for the cost of clean-up.

**1.4 REPAIR SERVICES**

After receiving approval from the County's Project Manager, the Contractor shall repair or replace any damaged parts of the Sorbant systems including: Aluminum Filter Frames, Stainless Steel Filtration Box, and Stainless Steel Separation Frames. The work for these non-emergency services shall commence within forty-eight (48) hours after being notified by the County, except in such cases where the services are delayed due to acts of nature, strikes, or other causes beyond the control of the Contractor.

**1.5 EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The work for emergency services shall commence within four (4) hours of being notified by the County, except in such cases where the services are delayed due to acts of nature, strikes, or other causes beyond the control of the Contractor.

**1.6 WARRANTY SHALL BE (30) CALENDAR DAYS**

**A. Type of Warranty Coverage Required**

In addition to all other warranties that may be supplied by the Contractor, the Contractor shall warrant its products and services against faulty labor and/or defective material for a minimum period of thirty (30) calendar days after the date of acceptance of the labor, materials and/or equipment by the County. This warranty requirement shall remain in force for the full period identified above; regardless of whether the Contractor is under contract with the County at the time of defect. Any payment by the County on behalf of the goods or services received from the bidder does not constitute a waiver of these warranty provisions.

**B. Correcting Defects Covered Under Warranty**

The Contractor shall be responsible for promptly correcting any deficiency, at no cost to the County, within one (1) calendar days after the County notifies the Contractor of such deficiency in writing. If the Contractor fails to honor the

warranty and/or fails to correct or replace the defective work or items within the period specified, the County may, at its discretion, notify the Contractor, in writing, that the Contractor may be debarred as a County bidder and/or subject to contractual default if the corrections or replacements are not completed to the satisfaction of the County within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the notice. If the Contractor fails to satisfy the warranty within the period specified in the notice, the County may (a) place the Contractor in default of its contract, and/or (b) procure the products or services from another vendor and charge the Contractor for any additional costs that are incurred by the County for this work or items; either through a credit memorandum or through invoicing.

**1.7 ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND BARRICADES**

Precautions shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons and property. All Contractors performing services under this contract shall conform to all relevant OSHA, State and County regulations during the course of such effort. Any fines levied by the above mentioned authorities for failure to comply with these requirements shall be borne solely by the responsible Contractor. Barricades shall be provided by the Contractor when work is performed in areas traversed by persons, or when deemed necessary by the County Project Manager.

**1.8 ADDITION & DELETION OF DEPARTMNETS AND FACILITIES**

Although this contract identifies specific departments and facilities to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that County departments/agencies and/or facilities can be added or deleted, during the contract period.

**1.9 LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES**

The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all licenses, permits, and fees required for this service; and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building code requirements applicable to the work contemplated herein. Damages, penalties, and or fines imposed on the County or the Contractor for failure to obtain required licenses, permits or fines shall be borne by the Contractor.

**1.10 CLEAN-UP**

All unusable materials and debris shall be removed from the premises at the end of each workday, and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Upon final completion, the Contractor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the associated user department's Project Manager.

**1.11 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS**

All items and services to be purchased under this contract shall be in accordance with all governmental standards, to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

**1.12 LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR POLLUTION CONTROL**

It is the intent of this contract to comply with the Miami-Dade County Pollution Control Ordinance as stated in Chapter 24 of the Miami-Dade Code. This ordinance is made a

part of these specifications by reference and may be obtained, if necessary, by the contractor through the Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) Department, 11805 SW 26 Street (Coral Way) Miami, Florida 33175-2474, Telephone (305) 315-2000.

**Appendix B  
Price Schedule**

<b>Purchase of Equipment</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Estimated Quantities</b> (Yearly)
Sorbant Filters - All Size:	\$35.00 each	3820
Frames	\$125.00 each	As needed
Filtration Box	\$990.00 each	As needed
<b>Purchase of Services</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Estimated Quantities</b> (Yearly)
Single Service (filters not included). For locations with one (1) small drain with 3 filters in the box (Price per drain)	\$45.00 each	1040
Double Service (filters not included). For locations with two (2) medium drains with 6 filters in the boxes (Price per drain)	\$60.00 each	380
Quad Services (filters not included). For locations with four (4) large drains with 12 filters in the box (Price per drain)	\$80.00 each	2400
Repair and Emergency Services includes fixing, repairing, and replacing parts of the existing system (frames, filtration box, separation frame, etc. (Parts not included)	\$30.00 per hour	As needed

Note: Based on the yearly estimated quantities, the contract amount for the five year period is projected to be \$1,976,500.

Appendix C

SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL CONDITION

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
LIVING WAGES

Bidders providing a covered service are advised that the provisions of Section 2-8.9 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) as amended by Ordinance [Governing Legislation], will apply to any contract(s) awarded pursuant to this bid or issuance of a GASP/Permit, lease, or other Service Contract agreement by Miami-Dade County Aviation Department. By submitting a bid or executing a contract pursuant to these specifications, a bidder/service contractor is hereby agreeing to comply with the provisions of Section 2-8.9, and to acknowledge awareness of the penalties for non-compliance. A copy of this Code Section may be obtained online at [www.miamidadegov](http://www.miamidadegov).

This Supplemental General Condition is organized with the following sections:

- 1. Definitions
- 2. Minimum Wages and Posting of Information.
- 3. Liability for Unpaid Wages; Sanctions; Withholding
- 4. Payrolls, Records and Reporting
- 5. Subcontracts
- 6. Complaints and Hearings; Contract Termination and Debarment

1. DEFINITIONS

- A. Administrative hearing officer means a person designated by the County Manager to hold administrative hearings on complaints of practices prohibited by this Administrative Order.
- B. Applicable department means the County department(s) using the service contract.
- C. Complaint means any written charge/allegation presented to the Compliance Officer alleging a practice prohibited by the Code, implementing Administrative Order. No. 3-20 and these Supplemental General Conditions.
- D. Compliance officer means the Director of the Department of Small Business Development (SBD) or his/her designee to review compliance with the Governing Legislation or Living Wage Ordinance and the Administrative Order.
- E. Contract means an agreement for services covered by the Living Wage Code involving the County or Public Health Trust, or approved by the County, the Procurement Director or his/her designee, or the Public Health Trust or a Permit or Lease agreement with Miami-Dade County Aviation Department.
- F. Contracting officer means the County and Public Health Trust staff or any other County personnel responsible for issuing County service contracts.
- G. County means the government of Miami-Dade County or the Public Health Trust.
- H. Covered employee means anyone employed by any service contractor, as further defined in the Code, either full or part time, as an employee with or without benefits that is providing covered services pursuant to the service contractor's contract with the County.
- I. Covered employer means any and all service contractors and subcontractors of service contractors providing covered services.

J. Covered services are any one of the following:

- (1) County Service Contracts - Contracts awarded by the County that involve a total contract value of over \$100,000 per year for the following services:
  - (i) food preparation and/or distribution;
  - (ii) security services;
  - (iii) routine maintenance services such as custodial, cleaning, refuse removal, repair, refinishing and recycling;
  - (iv) clerical or other non-supervisory office work, whether temporary or permanent;
  - (v) transportation and parking services including airport and seaport services;
  - (vi) printing and reproduction services; and,
  - (vii) landscaping, lawn and/or agricultural services.
  
- (2) Services provided at Miami-Dade County Aviation facilities: Any service that is provided by a Service Contractor at a Miami-Dade County Aviation Department Facility is a covered service without reference to any contract value.
  - (i) Ramp Service: Guiding aircraft in and out of Airport; aircraft loading and unloading positions, designated by the Aviation Department; placing in position and operating passenger, baggage and cargo loading and unloading devices, as required for the safe and efficient loading and unloading of passengers, baggage and cargo to and from aircraft; performing such loading and unloading; providing aircraft utility services, such as air start and cabin air; fueling; catering; towing aircraft; cleaning of aircraft; delivering cargo, baggage and mail to and from aircraft to and from locations at any Miami-Dade County Aviation Department facility; and providing such other ramp services approved in writing by the Aviation Department;
  - (ii) Porter Assistance Services: Handling and transportation through the use of porters, or other means, of baggage and other articles of the passengers of contracting air carriers or aircraft operators, upon request of the passenger, in public access areas of the Airport Terminal Complex. The Living Wage shall not apply to employees performing tip-related porter assistance services, including curbside check-in;
  - (iii) Passenger Services: Preparing such clearance documents for the baggage and cargo of aircraft passengers, as may be required by all governmental agencies; furnishing linguists for the assistance of foreign-speaking passengers; passenger information assistance; arranging in-flight meals for departing aircraft with persons or companies authorized by the Department to provide such meals; and providing assistance to handicapped passengers;
  - (iv) Dispatching and Communications Services: Providing ground to aircraft radio communication service; issuing flight clearances; sending and receiving standard arrival, departure and flight plan messages with appropriate distribution of received messages; providing standby radio flight watch for aircraft in flight; and calculation of fuel loads and take-off and landing weights for aircraft;
  - (v) Meteorological Navigation Services: Providing information based on the analysis and interpretation of weather charts; planning aircraft flights in accordance with the latest accepted techniques; providing appropriate prognostic weather charts; and generally providing information appropriate for enroute aerial navigation;
  - (vi) Ticket Counter and Operations Space Service: The operation of ticket counter and airlines' operations space; ticket checking, sales and processing; weighing of baggage; operation of an information, general traffic operations and communications office for air carriers and aircraft operators with whom the Service Contractor has contracted to supply such services;
  - (vii) Janitorial Services;
  - (viii) Delayed Baggage Services;

- (ix) Security Services unless provided by federal government or pursuant to a federal government contract; and,
  - (x) Any other type of service that a GASP permittee is authorized to perform at any Miami-Dade County Aviation Department Facility will be considered a covered service, regardless of whether the service is performed by a GASP permittee or other service contractor.
  - (xi) In warehouse cargo handlers.
- K. Debar means to exclude a service contractor, its individual officers, its principal shareholders, its qualifying agent or its affiliated businesses from County contracting and subcontracting for a specific period of time pursuant to section 10-38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
- L. Living wage means the minimum hourly pay rate with or without a health benefits in effect for the fiscal year I which the work is performed.
- M. Living Wage Commission means a fifteen person advisory board established by the County Commission for the purpose of reviewing the effectiveness of the Living Wage, reviewing certifications submitted by covered employers to the County to include, reviewing complaints filed by employees and making recommendations to the Applicable Department, County Mayor and the County Commission regarding same.
- N. Project manager means the person assigned under a contract, usually a department director of the using agency or his/her designee, who has primary responsibility to manage the contract and enforce contract requirements.
- O. Service contractor is any individual, business entity, corporation (whether for profit or not-for-profit), partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, or similar business that is conducting business in Miami-Dade County or any immediately adjoining county and meets the following criteria:
- (1) the service contractor is paid in whole or in part from one (1) or more of the County's general fund, capital projects funds, special revenue funds, or any other funds either directly or indirectly, whether by competitive bid process, informal bids, requests for proposals, some form of solicitation, negotiation, or agreement, or any other decision to enter into a contract;
  - (2) the service contractor and any subcontractor is engaged in the business to provide covered services either directly or indirectly for the benefit of the County; or,
  - (3) the service contractor is a General Aeronautical Service (GASP) Permittee or otherwise provides any of the covered services defined herein at any Miami-Dade County Aviation Department facility including at Miami International Airport pursuant to a permit, lease agreement or otherwise.

**2. MINIMUM WAGES, HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND POSTING OF INFORMATION**

- A. The Living Wage rate and Notice can be obtained from the Department of Small Business Development at 305-375-3111 or on the web at [www.miamidade.gov/sba/living\\_wage\\_poster.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/sba/living_wage_poster.asp). All covered employees providing covered services shall be paid not less than the living wage rate in effect for the fiscal year in which the work is performed. When the covered employer seeks to comply with the Code by choosing to pay the wage rate applicable when also providing a qualifying Health Benefit Plan, such health benefit plan shall consist of a per hour contribution towards the provision of a Health Benefit Plan for employees and, if applicable, their dependents in accordance with the current rate for the

given year. Proof of the provision of such a health benefit plan must be submitted to the compliance officer to qualify for the wage rate for employees with a health benefit plan.

- B The minimum amount of payment by a Service Contractor for the provision of a Health Benefit Plan on a per-hour basis will be calculated based on a maximum of a 40-hour work week. Overtime hours will not require additional payments towards the provision of a health benefit plan. If the service contractor pays less than the required amount for provision a health benefit plan, then the service contractor may comply with the Living Wage requirements by paying the covered employee the difference between the premium it pays for the health benefit plan of the Covered Employee and the minimum amount required by this section for a qualifying health benefit plan. The service contractor may require that all employees enroll in a health benefit plan offered by the service contractor, provided that the employee is not required to pay a premium contribution for employee-only coverage. Health Benefit Plan for purposes of complying with the living wage shall qualify if it includes the benefits contained in a standard health benefit plan meeting the requirements set forth in §627.6699(12)(a)Florida Statutes. To the extent a Covered Employer seeks to pay the lower Living Wage rate for employers providing a qualifying Health Benefit Plan during the initial eligibility period applicable to new employees, the Living Wage requirement may be complied with as follows during the eligibility period:

- 1.A Covered Employer may only qualify to pay the Living Wage rate applicable to employees with a Health Benefit Plan for a term not to exceed the first ninety (90) days of the new initial employee's eligibility period, said term commencing on the employee's date of hire, if the Covered Employer has taken the necessary steps to effectuate coverage for such employee.
  - 2.If the Covered Employee is not provided with a qualifying Health Benefit Plan within ninety (90) days of initial hire, then the Covered Employer, commencing on the ninety-first (91) day of the new employee's initial eligibility period, must commence to pay the applicable Living Wage rate for Covered Employees without a Health Benefit Plan and must retroactively pay the Covered Employee the difference between the two Living Wage rates for the term of the eligibility period.
- C. The Living Wage rate is annually indexed based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated by the U.S. Department of Commerce as applied to the County of Miami-Dade.
- D. Covered employees shall be paid by company or cashier's check, not less than bi-weekly, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except as such payroll deductions as are directed or permitted by law or by a collective bargaining agreement). The covered employer shall pay wage rates in accordance with federal and all other applicable laws such as overtime and similar wage laws.
- E. Covered employers must post a copy of the Living Wage rate notice issued by the County in a visible place on the site where such contract work is being performed and shall be supplied to the employee within a reasonable time after a request to do so. Covered employers are also required to print the following statements on the front of the covered employee's first paycheck and every six months thereafter: "You are required by Miami-Dade County law to be paid at least [insert applicable rate under this Chapter] dollars an hour. If you are not paid this hourly rate, contact your supervisor or a lawyer." All notices will be printed in English, Spanish and Creole.
- F. Covered employers must refrain from terminating, reducing the compensation, or otherwise discriminating against an employee performing work on the contract even though a complaint of practices has been made by the employee or other investigative or enforcement action is being taken regarding such service contractor.

**3. LIABILITY FOR UNPAID WAGES; SANCTIONS; WITHHOLDING**

- A. Liability for Unpaid Wages: Covered employers found to be in violation of the Living Wage requirements shall be required to pay wage restitution to the affected employee(s) within thirty (30) days of the finding of non-compliance. Request for appeals of violations must be filed in writing with the compliance officer within thirty (30) days of receipt of the violation.
  
- B. Sanctions: In addition to payment of wage restitution to affected employee(s), the Compliance Officer may also sanction the service contractor for violations in at least one (1) of the following additional ways:
  - 1. Penalties payable to the County in an amount equal to 10% of the amount of the underpayment of wages and/or benefits for the first instance of underpayment; 20% for the second instance; and for the third and successive instances 30% of the amount of underpayment. A fourth violation shall constitute a default of the contract where the underpayment occurred and may be cause for suspension or termination in accordance with the contract's terms and debarment in accordance with the debarment procedures of the County. Monies received from payment of penalties imposed hereunder shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be utilized to defray costs of administering the Living Wage provisions.
  - 2. The sum of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each week for each covered employee found to have not been paid in accordance with this Chapter;
  - 3. Suspend payment or terminate payment under the contract or terminate the contract with the service contractor;
  - 4. If a service contractor fails to cure a Notice of Violation or pay any sanctions that are assessed by the County, such service contractor and all officers, principals, directors, shareholders owning or controlling ten (10) percent or more of the stock, partners, qualifiers, divisions or other organizational elements of the non-complying service contractor may be declared by the County to be ineligible for bidding on or otherwise participating in Living Wage contracts and permits until all required payments have been paid in full and regardless of whether such payment has been made may also be declared ineligible for bidding or otherwise participating in Living Wage contracts for a period of up to three (3) years. In addition all covered employers shall be ineligible for Living Wage contracts and permits under this section where any officers, principals, directors, shareholders owning or controlling ten (10) percent or more of the stock, partners, qualifiers, divisions or other organizational elements of the covered employer were officers, principals, directors, shareholders owning or controlling ten (10) percent or more of the stock, partners, qualifiers, divisions or other organizational elements of a covered employer who has been declared ineligible under this Chapter;
  - 5. In addition to any other sanctions provided for herein, for violations other than underpayment of wages and/or benefits, damages payable to the County in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per week for each week in which the violation remains outstanding.
  - 6. A service contractor who fails to timely and adequately respond in the manner and within the timeframe set forth in a written request from the County to a notice of noncompliance, or fails to attend a Compliance Meeting, or who does not timely request an administrative hearing from an adverse compliance determination made by the County after a Compliance Meeting shall be deemed not to have complied with the requirements of this section as stated in the notice or determination of noncompliance and, in the case of underpayment of the Living Wage required, an amount sufficient to pay any underpayment shall be withheld from contract proceeds to include any deposits, and/or bonds and remitted to the employee and the Service

Contractor may be fined the applicable penalty for such underpayment as defined herein.

- 7. All such sanctions recommended or imposed shall be a matter of public record.
- 8. All unpaid sanctions imposed pursuant to the authority of this Chapter shall bear interest at the same rate as the State of Florida statutory rate for judgments provided by Florida Statutes §55.03.
- 9. A service contractor found to have retaliated or discriminated against a covered employee shall be ordered to pay restitution and reinstate the discharged employee with back pay to the date of the violation and may be imposed a sanction as specified in this section.

C. Withholding

The County may withhold from the covered employer accrued payments as may be considered necessary to pay employees of the covered employer or any subcontractor for the performance of the contract work, the difference between the hourly living wage rate plus, if applicable, health benefits required to be paid by the covered employer to the employees on the contract and the amounts received by such employee and an amount equal to the employers contribution for applicable payroll taxes. Where violations have been found and upheld, the covered employer or their agents shall not be entitled to refunds of the amounts withheld in the event the covered employer has failed to properly reimburse employees, and these funds may be remitted to the employees by the County with amounts for federal withholding and other taxes remitted to the appropriate agencies as required by federal law.

4. PAYROLL; RECORDS; REPORTING

- A. Covered employers are required to keep, produce upon request, and allow access to, for a period of three (3) years from the expiration, suspension or termination date of the contract subject to this Administrative Order, accurate written records signed under oath as true and correct showing:
  - a. the name, address, social security number, job title, and classification of each covered employee performing covered services on a contract;
  - b. the number of hours worked each day by each covered employee;
  - c. For each covered employee, the gross wages earned and deductions made; annual wages paid; a copy of the social security returns and evidence of payment thereof; a record of health benefit payments, including contributions to approved plans; and,
  - d. any other data or information the Living Wage Commission or the County should require.
- B. The covered employer shall submit to the applicable department, every six (6) months, a complete payroll showing the employer's payroll records for each covered employee working on the contract for covered services for one payroll period.
- C. The covered employer shall file with the applicable department, every six months, reports of employment activities to be made publicly available, including: race and gender of employees hired and terminated; zip codes of employees hired and terminated; and wage rates of employees hired and terminated.
- E. The covered employer shall make the records required to be kept hereunder available for inspection, copying or transcription by an authorized representative of the County, and shall permit such representative to interview employees during working hours on the job. Failure to submit the required reports upon request or to make records available may be grounds for sanctions as outlined in Section III. The service contractor is responsible for the submission of the information required hereunder and for the maintenance of records and provision of access to same by all subcontractors.

5. SUBCONTRACTS

The service contractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1 through 6 of this provision and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any subcontracts. The service contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1 through 6 of this provision. The prime service contractor will be responsible for compliance by all subcontractors. In the event of non-payment or underpayment of the required wages, the prime service contractor shall be liable to the underpaid employees of the subcontractor for the amount of each underpayment.

**6. PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER PROCESS; CONTRACT TERMINATION AND DEBARMENT**

- A. Appeals of findings of violation and imposition of penalties by the compliance officer shall be heard by an administrative hearing officer. Upon the receipt of a written appeal, the compliance officer shall notify the County Manager in writing and the County Manager shall appoint an administrative hearing officer and set a time for an administrative hearing. Failure to appeal within the specified time shall be considered a waiver of the appeal process provided for in Section 3.A and an admission of the complaint/violation.
- B. Notification of hearing date shall be served by the compliance officer upon the covered employer against whom the complaint is made within ten (10) working days of the appointment of the administrative hearing officer. Such notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such notice shall include:
  - 1) A copy of the written complaint, including reasons and causes for the proposed administrative hearing outlining alleged prohibited practices upon which it is based;
  - 2) The penalties assessed;
  - 3) That an administrative hearing shall be conducted before an administrative hearing officer on a date and time not to exceed thirty (30) business days after service of the notice. The notice shall also advise the covered employer that they may be represented by an attorney, may present documentary evidence and verbal testimony, and may cross-examine or rebut evidence and testimony presented against them; and,
  - 4) A description of the effect of the issuance of the notice of the proposed administrative hearing and the potential effect(s) of this administrative hearing.
- C. The compliance officer or his/her designee shall, with the assistance of the Project Manager, present evidence and arguments to the administrative hearing officer.
- D. No later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing date, the covered employer must furnish the compliance officer a list of the defenses the covered employer intends to present at the administrative hearing. If the covered employer fails to submit such list, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the administrative hearing, or fails to seek an extension of time within which to do so, the covered employer shall be deemed to have waived the opportunity to be heard at the administrative hearing. The administrative hearing officer shall have the right to grant or deny an extension of time, and the decision may only be reviewed upon an abuse of discretion.
- E. Hearsay evidence shall be admissible at the administrative hearing, but shall not form the sole basis for finding a violation of Section 2-8.9. The administrative hearing shall be transcribed, taped or otherwise recorded by a court reporter, at the election of the administrative hearing officer and at the expense of the County. Copies of the hearing tape or transcript shall be furnished at the expense and request of the requesting party. The cost of such transcription may be assessed, by the hearing officer, against a service contractor that has been found to violate Section 2-8.9.
- F. Upon completion of the administrative hearing, the Administrative Hearing Officer shall submit written findings and recommendations together with a transcript and exhibits of the administrative hearing, to the County Manager or his/her designee within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the transcript.

- G. If the County Manager or his/her designee determines a covered employer failed to comply with the provisions of the Code the non-complying covered employer and the principal owners and/or qualifying agent thereof may, in addition to any sanctions imposed pursuant to the Code and included in Section III of the Supplemental General Conditions, be prohibited from bidding on or otherwise participating in County contracts for a specified period of time pursuant to Section 10-38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

A breach of the clauses contained in this Supplemental General Condition shall be deemed a breach of this contract/ Permit or Lease Agreement and may be grounds for termination of the contract, Permit or Lease Agreement and grounds for debarment, and any other remedies available to the County.