



**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, MEGASITE AUTHORITY OF WEST  
TENNESSEE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR  
Potable Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Wastewater (WWTP)  
Management, Force Main & Pump Station, Operation, and  
Maintenance Services for the Megasite Authority of West  
Tennessee**

**RFP # 32122-2024-001**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The State of Tennessee, MEGASITE AUTHORITY OF WEST TENNESSEE (the “Authority”), hereinafter referred to as “the State,” issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to define minimum contract requirements; solicit responses; detail response requirements; and outline the State’s process for evaluating responses and selecting a contractor to provide the needed goods or services related to the Blue Oval City industrial complex.

Through this RFP, the State seeks to procure necessary goods or services at the most favorable, competitive prices and to give ALL qualified respondents, including those that are owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities and small business enterprises, an opportunity to do business with the state as contractors, subcontractors or suppliers.

### 1.1. Statement of Procurement Purpose

The Blue Oval City industrial complex includes on-site water supply, treatment, and storage facilities (the WWTP” or the “System” as defined in the *Pro Forma* Contract and as the context requires) to meet the potable water demands of its tenants, and wastewater treatment, storage, and conveyance facilities to serve the Authority’s tenants’ wastewater disposal needs. The Authority seeks to procure the services of a qualified firm to provide management, operation, and maintenance of the WWTP and the System that in Haywood and Tipton Counties in support of the Blue Oval City site.

The infrastructure components consist of a 5.1 Million Gallon per Day (MGD) WWTP, 5.1 MGD Intermediate Pump Station (located in Covington, TN) approximately thirty seven mile Force Main, two elevated 1 Million Gallon (MG) Water Storage Tanks, 74 MG emergency effluent lagoon, 7.0 MGD Water Treatment Plant, seven water wells, and associated site piping.

The Contractor shall provide its cost for the operation and maintenance of the WWTP. and the System operations and maintenance services to include the necessary competencies, processes, and tools required to assure that the as built environment will perform as designed and constructed. Operations and maintenance also include the day-to-day activities necessary for the structures, its systems and equipment to perform their intended function for the benefit of the Authority’s tenants and users. The scope of operations and maintenance also includes the activities, processes, and workflows required to keep the entire as built environment of the WWTP and the System, including their utility systems, parking lots, roads, drainage structures and grounds in a sound and working condition to meet their intended function during the Term of the Contract.

- 1.1.2. The Contractor that is awarded a contract will operate and maintain a 7.0 MGD potable water system and a 5.1 MGD wastewater System that includes a 37.5-mile force main and intermediate pump station for a potential term of ten years. Additionally, the Contractor shall serve as the pre-treatment coordinator for the approved Pre-Treatment Program as this term is defined in the *Pro Forma* Contract.

### 1.2. Scope of Service, Contract Period, & Required Terms and Conditions

The RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract details the State’s requirements:

- Scope of Services and Deliverables (Section A);
- Contract Term (Section B);
- Payment Terms (Section C);
- Standard Terms and Conditions (Section D); and,
- Special Terms and Conditions (Section E).

The *pro forma* contract substantially represents the contract document that the successful Respondent must sign.

### 1.3. **Nondiscrimination**

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of a Contract pursuant to this RFP or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal, Tennessee state constitutional, or statutory law. The Contractor pursuant to this RFP shall, upon request, show proof of such nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.

### 1.4. **RFP Communications**

1.4.1. The State has assigned the following RFP identification number that must be referenced in all communications regarding this RFP:

**RFP # 32122-2024-001**

1.4.2. **Unauthorized contact about this RFP with employees or officials of the State of Tennessee except as detailed below may result in disqualification from consideration under this procurement process.**

1.4.2.1. Prospective Respondents must direct communications concerning this RFP to the following person designated as the Solicitation Coordinator:

Nicholas R. Edwards | Director of Sourcing  
 Central Procurement Office  
 Tennessee Tower, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37243  
 p. 615-741-1075  
 c. 615-630-8343  
[Nicholas.Edwards@tn.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Edwards@tn.gov)

And

Karen Conway | Sourcing Account Specialist  
 Central Procurement Office  
 Tennessee Tower, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave. Nashville, TN 37243  
 p. 615-507-6211  
[Karen.Conway@tn.gov](mailto:Karen.Conway@tn.gov)

1.4.2.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Prospective Respondents may alternatively contact:

- a. staff of the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise for assistance available to minority-owned, woman-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and small businesses as well as general, public information relating to this RFP (visit <https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office-cpo-/governor-s-office-of-diversity-business-enterprise-godbe-/godbe-general-contacts.html> for contact information); and
- b. the following individual designated by the State to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of the State of Tennessee, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and associated federal regulations:

Helen Crowley  
 Department of General Services, CPO  
 312 Rosa L Parks Avenue, 3rd Floor Tennessee Tower  
 Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102  
 Telephone (615) 741-1035  
[Helen.Crowley@tn.gov](mailto:Helen.Crowley@tn.gov)

- 1.4.3. Only the State's official, written responses and communications with Respondents are binding with regard to this RFP. Oral communications between a State official and one or more Respondents are unofficial and non-binding.
- 1.4.4. Potential Respondents must ensure that the State receives all written questions and comments, including questions and requests for clarification, no later than the Written Questions & Comments Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
- 1.4.5. Respondents must assume the risk of the method of dispatching any communication or response to the State. The State assumes no responsibility for delays or delivery failures resulting from the Respondent's method of dispatch. Actual or digital "postmarking" of a communication or response to the State by a specified deadline is not a substitute for the State's actual receipt of a communication or response. It is encouraged for Respondents to submit bids digitally.
- 1.4.6. The State will convey all official responses and communications related to this RFP to the prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to RFP Section 1.8).
- 1.4.7. The State reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the method of conveying official, written responses and communications related to this RFP. Such written communications may be transmitted by mail, hand-delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, Internet posting, or any other means deemed reasonable by the State. For internet posting, please refer to the following website: <https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office-cpo-supplier-information/request-for-proposals-rfp-opportunities1.html>.
- 1.4.8. The State reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the appropriateness and adequacy of responses to written comments, questions, and requests related to this RFP. The State's official, written responses will constitute an amendment of this RFP.
- 1.4.9. Any data or factual information provided by the State (in this RFP, an RFP amendment or any other communication relating to this RFP) is for informational purposes only. The State will make reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of such data or information, however it is the Respondent's obligation to independently verify any data or information provided by the State. The State expressly disclaims the accuracy or adequacy of any information or data that it provides to prospective Respondents.

#### 1.5. **Assistance to Respondents With a Handicap or Disability**

Prospective Respondents with a handicap or disability may receive accommodation relating to the communication of this RFP and participating in the RFP process. Prospective Respondents may contact the Solicitation Coordinator to request such reasonable accommodation no later than the Disability Accommodation Request Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

#### 1.6. **Respondent Required Review & Waiver of Objections**

- 1.6.1. Each prospective Respondent must carefully review this RFP, including but not limited to, attachments, the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract, and any amendments, for questions,

comments, defects, objections, or any other matter requiring clarification or correction (collectively called "questions and comments").

- 1.6.2. Any prospective Respondent having questions and comments concerning this RFP must provide them in writing to the State no later than the Written Questions & Comments Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
- 1.6.3. Protests based on any objection to the RFP shall be considered waived and invalid if the objection has not been brought to the attention of the State, in writing, by the Written Questions & Comments Deadline.

#### 1.7. **MANDATORY Pre-Response Conference**

A Pre-response Conference will be held at the time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. Pre-response Conference attendance is **MANDATORY**. A representative for the Respondent MUST identify themselves either telephonically or via a sign-in sheet if the Respondent attends in person.

The conference will be held at:

Brasfield Work Trailers  
213 Fredonia Loop Rd.  
Stanton, TN 38069

Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required; this is an active construction site.  
Email Larry.Milton@tn.gov, Nicholas.Edwards@tn.gov, and Karen.Conway@tn.gov to confirm attendance.

After the Mandatory Pre-Response Conference, the State will require respondents to sign an NDA to gain access to applicable field drawings and project manual.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the RFP scope of goods or services. The State will entertain questions, however prospective Respondents must understand that the State's oral response to any question at the Pre-response Conference shall be unofficial and non-binding. Prospective Respondents must submit all questions, comments, or other concerns regarding the RFP in writing prior to the Written Questions & Comments Deadline date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. The State will send the official response to these questions and comments to prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to respond as indicated in RFP Section 1.8 and on the date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

#### 1.8. **Notice of Intent to Respond**

Before the Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events, prospective Respondents should submit to the Solicitation Coordinator a Notice of Intent to Respond (in the form of a simple e-mail or other written communication). Such notice should include the following information:

- the business or individual's name (as appropriate);
- a contact person's name and title; and
- the contact person's mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address.

**A Notice of Intent to Respond creates no obligation and is not a prerequisite for submitting a response, however, it is necessary to ensure receipt of any RFP amendments or other notices and communications relating to this RFP.**

#### 1.9. **Performance Bond**

The State shall require a performance bond upon approval of a contract pursuant to this RFP. The amount of the performance bond shall be a sum equal to the Maximum Liability specified in Section C.1. of the Pro Forma Contract, and said amount shall not be reduced at any time during the period of the

contract.

The successful Respondent must obtain the required performance bond in form and substance acceptable to the State (refer to RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract, Attachment D, Model Performance Bond) and provide it to the State no later than the performance bond deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

After contract award, the successful Respondent must meet this performance bond requirement by providing the State:

- a. a performance bond for the first, twelve (12) calendar months of the Contract in the amount detailed above, and, thereafter, a new or re-issued performance bond in the amount detailed above covering each subsequent twelve (12) calendar month period of the Contract. (In which case, the Contractor must provide the new (or re-issued) performance bonds to the State no later than thirty (30) days preceding each subsequent period of the Contract to be covered by the new (or re-issued) bond.)

The successful Respondent must make all necessary arrangements for the performance bond prior to the Contract start date and prior to any subsequent performance bond deadlines in the case of an annual performance bond. The Respondent is responsible for securing the services of any fidelity or guaranty underwriter.

The performance bond requirement set forth above is a material condition for the award of a contract or any renewal or extension of any contract that is awarded. The Respondent's/Contractor's failure to provide to the State a performance bond as required by RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events, shall entitle the State to exercise any and all rights it has in law or in equity. During the term of the Contract, the Respondent's/Contractor's failure to periodically provide to the State a new or re-issued performance bond, no later than thirty (30) days preceding each period of the Contract to be covered by the new or re-issued performance bond, shall entitle the State to exercise any and all rights it has in law or in equity.

#### 1.10. **Response Deadline**

A Respondent must ensure that the State receives a response no later than the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. The State will not accept late responses, and a Respondent's failure to submit a response before the deadline will result in disqualification of the response. It is the responsibility of the Respondent to ascertain any additional security requirements with respect to packaging and delivery to the State of Tennessee. Respondents should be mindful of any potential delays due to security screening procedures, weather, or other filing delays whether foreseeable or unforeseeable.

## 2. RFP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2.1. The following RFP Schedule of Events represents the State's best estimate for this RFP.

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE
1. RFP Issued		January 23, 2024
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	January 26, 2024
3. <b>Mandatory</b> Pre-response Conference	9:00 a.m.	January 31, 2024
4. Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 2, 2024
5. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 8, 2024
6. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		February 16, 2024
7. Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	March 4, 2024
8. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations (Sections B. and C., RFP Attachment 6.2)		March 11, 2024
9. State Schedules Oral Presentations		March 12, 2024
10. Respondent Oral Presentations		March 19, 2024 through March 20, 2024
11. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations (Section D., RFP Attachment 6.2.)		March 21, 2024
12. State Opening & Scoring of Cost Proposals	2:00 p.m.	March 22, 2024
13. Negotiations		March 25, 2024 through March 26, 2024
14. State Notice of Intent to Award Released <u>and</u> RFP Files Opened for Public Inspection	2:00 p.m.	March 27, 2024
15. End of Open File Period		April 4, 2024
16. State sends contract to Contractor for signature		April 8, 2024
17. Contractor Signature Deadline	2:00 p.m.	April 15, 2024
18. Performance Bond Deadline	4:30 p.m.	April 15, 2024

2.2. **The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust the RFP Schedule of Events as it deems necessary.** Any adjustment of the Schedule of Events shall constitute an RFP amendment, and the State will communicate such to prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to section 1.8).

### 3. RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

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#### 3.1. Response Form

A response to this RFP must consist of two parts, a Technical Response and a Cost Proposal.

- 3.1.1. **Technical Response.** RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide provides the specific requirements for submitting a response. This guide includes mandatory requirement items, general qualifications and experience items, and technical qualifications, experience, and approach items all of which must be addressed with a written response and, in some instances, additional documentation.

**NOTICE: A technical response must not include any pricing or cost information. If any pricing or cost information amounts of any type (even pricing relating to other projects) is included in any part of the technical response, the state may deem the response to be non-responsive and reject it.**

- 3.1.1.1. A Respondent should duplicate and use the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide to organize, reference, and draft the Technical Response by duplicating the attachment, adding appropriate page numbers as required, and using the guide as a table of contents covering the Technical Response.
- 3.1.1.2. A response should be economically prepared, with emphasis on completeness and clarity. A response, as well as any reference material presented, must be written in English and must be written on standard 8 ½" x 11" pages (although oversize exhibits are permissible) and use a 12 point font for text. All response pages must be numbered.
- 3.1.1.3. All information and documentation included in a Technical Response should correspond to or address a specific requirement detailed in the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide. All information must be incorporated into a response to a specific requirement and clearly referenced. Any information not meeting these criteria will be deemed extraneous and will not contribute to evaluations.
- 3.1.1.4. The State may determine a response to be non-responsive and reject it if:
- a. the Respondent fails to organize and properly reference the Technical Response as required by this RFP and the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide; or
  - b. the Technical Response document does not appropriately respond to, address, or meet all of the requirements and response items detailed in the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide.
- 3.1.2. **Cost Proposal.** A Cost Proposal must be recorded on an exact duplicate of the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.

**NOTICE: If a Respondent fails to submit a cost proposal exactly as required, the State may deem the response to be non-responsive and reject it.**

- 3.1.2.1. A Respondent must only record the proposed cost exactly as required by the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide and must NOT record any other rates, amounts, or information.



- 3.1.2.2. The proposed cost shall incorporate ALL costs for services under the contract for the total contract period, including any renewals or extensions.
- 3.1.2.3. A Respondent must sign and date the Cost Proposal.
- 3.1.2.4. A Respondent must submit the Cost Proposal to the State in a sealed package separate from the Technical Response (as detailed in RFP Sections 3.2.3., *et seq.*).

### 3.2. Response Delivery

- 3.2.1. A Respondent must ensure that both the Technical Response and Cost Proposal files meet all form and content requirements, including all required signatures, as detailed within this RFP.
- 3.2.2. A Respondent must submit their response as specified in one of the two formats below.

#### 3.2.2.1. Digital Media Submission

##### 3.2.2.1.1. Technical Response

The Technical Response document should be in the form of one (1) digital document in "PDF" format properly recorded on its own otherwise blank, standard CD-R recordable disc or USB flash drive and should be clearly identified as the:

**"RFP #32122-2024-001 TECHNICAL RESPONSE ORIGINAL"**

and ONE (1) digital copies of the Technical Response each in the form of one (1) digital document in "PDF" format properly recorded on its own otherwise blank, standard CD-R recordable disc or USB flash drive clearly labeled:

**"RFP # 32122-2024-001 TECHNICAL RESPONSE COPY"**

The customer references should be delivered by each reference in accordance with RFP Attachment 6.4. Reference Questionnaire.

##### 3.2.2.1.2. Cost Proposal:

The Cost Proposal should be in the form of one (1) digital document in "PDF" or "XLS" format properly recorded on a separate, otherwise blank, standard CD-R recordable disc or USB flash drive clearly labeled:

**"RFP #32122-2024-001 COST PROPOSAL"**

An electronic or facsimile signature, as applicable, on the Cost Proposal is acceptable.

#### 3.2.2.2. E-mail Submission

##### 3.2.2.2.1. Technical Response

The Technical Response document should be in the form of one (1) digital document in "PDF" format or other easily accessible digital format attached to an e-mail to the Solicitation Coordinator. Both the subject and file name should be clearly identified as follows:

**"RFP #32122-2024-001 TECHNICAL RESPONSE"**

The customer references should be delivered by each reference in accordance with RFP Attachment 6.4. Reference Questionnaire.

### 3.2.2.2. Cost Proposal:

The Cost Proposal should be in the form of one (1) digital document in “PDF” or “XLS” format or other easily accessible digital format attached to an e-mail to the Solicitation Coordinator. Both the subject and file name should be clearly identified as follows:

**“RFP #32122-2024-001 COST PROPOSAL”**

An electronic or facsimile signature, as applicable, on the Cost Proposal is acceptable.

- 3.2.3. For e-mail submissions, the Technical Response and Cost Proposal documents must be dispatched to the Solicitation Coordinator in separate e-mail messages. For digital media submissions, a Respondent must separate, seal, package, and label the documents and copies for delivery as follows:

- 3.2.3.1. The Technical Response and copies must be placed in a sealed package that is clearly labeled:

**“DO NOT OPEN... RFP # 32122-2024-001 TECHNICAL RESPONSE FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]”**

- 3.2.3.2. The Cost Proposal must be placed in a separate, sealed package that is clearly labeled:

**“DO NOT OPEN... RFP # 32122-2024-001 COST PROPOSAL FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]”**

- 3.2.3.3. The separately, sealed Technical Response and Cost Proposal components may be enclosed in a larger package for mailing or delivery, provided that the outermost package is clearly labeled:

**“RFP # 32122-2024-001 SEALED TECHNICAL RESPONSE & SEALED COST PROPOSAL FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]”**

- 3.2.3.4. Any Respondent wishing to submit a Response in a format other than digital may do so by contacting the Solicitation Coordinator.

- 3.2.4. A Respondent must ensure that the State receives a response no later than the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events at the following address:

Nicholas R. Edwards | Director of Sourcing  
 Central Procurement Office  
 Tennessee Tower, 3rd Floor  
 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37243  
 p. 615-741-1075  
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And  
 Karen Conway | Sourcing Account Specialist  
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 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave. Nashville, TN 37243  
 p. 615-507-6211

[Karen.Conway@tn.gov](mailto:Karen.Conway@tn.gov)

### 3.3. Response & Respondent Prohibitions

- 3.3.1 A response must not include alternate contract terms and conditions, except as otherwise permitted by the RFP. If a response contains such terms and conditions the State, at its sole discretion, may determine the response to be a non-responsive counteroffer and reject it.
- 3.3.2 A response must not restrict the rights of the State or otherwise qualify either the offer to deliver goods or provide services as required by this RFP or the Cost Proposal. If a response restricts the rights of the State or otherwise qualifies either the offer to deliver goods or provide services as required by this RFP or the Cost Proposal, the State, at its sole discretion, may determine the response to be a non-responsive counteroffer and reject it.
- 3.3.3 A response must not propose alternative goods or services (*i.e.*, offer services different from those requested and required by this RFP) unless expressly requested in this RFP. The State may consider a response of alternative goods or services to be non-responsive and reject it.
- 3.3.4 A Cost Proposal must be prepared and arrived at independently and must not involve any collusion between Respondents. The State will reject any Cost Proposal that involves collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement between Respondents. Regardless of the time of detection, the State will consider any such actions to be grounds for response rejection or contract termination.
- 3.3.5 A Respondent must not provide, for consideration in this RFP process or subsequent contract negotiations, any information that the Respondent knew or should have known was materially incorrect. If the State determines that a Respondent has provided such incorrect information, the State will deem the Response non-responsive and reject it.
- 3.3.6 A Respondent must not submit more than one Technical Response and one Cost Proposal in response to this RFP, except as expressly requested by the State in this RFP. If a Respondent submits more than one Technical Response or more than one Cost Proposal, the State will deem all of the responses non-responsive and reject them.
- 3.3.7 A Respondent must not submit a response as a prime contractor while also permitting one or more other Respondents to offer the Respondent as a subcontractor in their own responses. Such may result in the disqualification of all Respondents knowingly involved. This restriction does not, however, prohibit different Respondents from offering the same subcontractor as a part of their responses (provided that the subcontractor does not also submit a response as a prime contractor).
- 3.3.8 The State shall not consider a response from an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, a State employee. For purposes of this RFP:
  - 3.3.8.1. An individual shall be deemed a State employee until such time as all compensation for salary, termination pay, and annual leave has been paid;
  - 3.3.8.2. A contract with or a response from a company, corporation, or any other contracting entity in which a controlling interest is held by any State employee shall be considered to be a contract with or proposal from the employee; and
  - 3.3.8.3. A contract with or a response from a company, corporation, or any other contracting entity that employs an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, a State employee shall not be considered a contract with or a proposal from the employee and shall not constitute a prohibited conflict of interest.
- 3.3.9 This RFP is also subject to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-101—105.

#### 3.4. **Response Errors & Revisions**

A Respondent is responsible for any and all response errors or omissions. A Respondent will not be allowed to alter or revise response documents after the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events unless such is formally requested, in writing, by the State.

#### 3.5. **Response Withdrawal**

A Respondent may withdraw a submitted response at any time before the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events by submitting a written request signed by an authorized Respondent representative. After withdrawing a response, a Respondent may submit another response at any time before the Response Deadline. After the Response Deadline, a Respondent may only withdraw all or a portion of a response where the enforcement of the response would impose an unconscionable hardship on the Respondent.

#### 3.6. **Additional Services**

If a response offers goods or services in addition to those required by and described in this RFP, the State, at its sole discretion, may add such services to the contract awarded as a result of this RFP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Respondent must not propose any additional cost amounts or rates for additional goods or services. Regardless of any additional services offered in a response, the Respondent's Cost Proposal must only record the proposed cost as required in this RFP and must not record any other rates, amounts, or information.

**NOTICE: If a Respondent fails to submit a Cost Proposal exactly as required, the State may deem the response non-responsive and reject it.**

#### 3.7. **Response Preparation Costs**

The State will not pay any costs associated with the preparation, submittal, or presentation of any response.

## **4. GENERAL CONTRACTING INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS**

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### **4.1. RFP Amendment**

The State at its sole discretion may amend this RFP, in writing, at any time prior to contract award. However, prior to any such amendment, the State will consider whether it would negatively impact the ability of potential Respondents to meet the response deadline and revise the RFP Schedule of Events if deemed appropriate. If an RFP amendment is issued, the State will convey it to potential Respondents who submitted a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to RFP Section 1.8). A response must address the final RFP (including its attachments) as amended.

### **4.2. RFP Cancellation**

The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel the RFP or to cancel and reissue this RFP in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

### **4.3. State Right of Rejection**

4.3.1. Subject to applicable laws and regulations, the State reserves the right to reject, at its sole discretion, any and all responses.

4.3.2. The State may deem as non-responsive and reject any response that does not comply with all terms, conditions, and performance requirements of this RFP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to waive, at its sole discretion, minor variances from full compliance with this RFP. If the State waives variances in a response, such waiver shall not modify the RFP requirements or excuse the Respondent from full compliance, and the State may hold any resulting Contractor to strict compliance with this RFP.

### **4.4. Assignment & Subcontracting**

4.4.1. The Contractor may not subcontract, transfer, or assign any portion of the Contract awarded as a result of this RFP without prior approval of the State. The State reserves the right to refuse approval, at its sole discretion, of any subcontract, transfer, or assignment.

4.4.2. If a Respondent intends to use subcontractors, the response to this RFP must specifically identify the scope and portions of the work each subcontractor will perform (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section B, General Qualifications & Experience Item B.14.).

4.4.3. Subcontractors identified within a response to this RFP will be deemed as approved by the State unless the State expressly disapproves one or more of the proposed subcontractors prior to signing the Contract.

4.4.4. After contract award, a Contractor may only substitute an approved subcontractor at the discretion of the State and with the State's prior, written approval.

4.4.5. Notwithstanding any State approval relating to subcontracts, the Respondent who is awarded a contract pursuant to this RFP will be the prime contractor and will be responsible for all work under the Contract.

### **4.5. Right to Refuse Personnel or Subcontractors**

The State reserves the right to refuse, at its sole discretion and notwithstanding any prior approval, any personnel of the prime contractor or a subcontractor providing goods or services in the performance of a contract resulting from this RFP. The State will document in writing the reason(s) for any rejection of personnel.

#### 4.6. **Insurance**

The State will require the awarded Contractor to provide a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurance company licensed or authorized to provide insurance in the State of Tennessee. Each Certificate of Insurance shall indicate current insurance coverages meeting minimum requirements as may be specified by this RFP. A failure to provide a current, Certificate of Insurance will be considered a material breach and grounds for contract termination.

#### 4.7. **Professional Licensure and Department of Revenue Registration**

4.7.1. All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal or financial opinions, which a Respondent provides for consideration and evaluation by the State as a part of a response to this RFP, shall be properly licensed to render such opinions.

4.7.2. Before the Contract resulting from this RFP is signed, the apparent successful Respondent (and Respondent employees and subcontractors, as applicable) must hold all necessary or appropriate business or professional licenses to provide the goods or services as required by the contract. The State may require any Respondent to submit evidence of proper licensure.

4.7.3. Before the Contract resulting from this RFP is signed, the apparent successful Respondent must be registered with the Tennessee Department of Revenue for the collection of Tennessee sales and use tax. The State shall not award a contract unless the Respondent provides proof of such registration or provides documentation from the Department of Revenue that the Contractor is exempt from this registration requirement. The foregoing is a mandatory requirement of an award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation. To register, please visit the Department of Revenue's Tennessee Taxpayer Access Point (TNTAP) website for Online Registration and the Vendor Contract Questionnaire. These resources are available at the following:  
<https://tntap.tn.gov/eservices/#1>

#### 4.8. **Disclosure of Response Contents**

4.8.1. All materials submitted to the State in response to this RFP shall become the property of the State of Tennessee. Respondents are cautioned not to provide any materials in response to this RFP that are trade secrets, as defined under Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-25-1702 and any other applicable law. By submitting a response to this RFP, the respondent acknowledges and agrees that the State shall have no liability whatsoever for disclosure of a trade secret under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, as provided at Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-25-1701-1709, or under any other applicable law. Selection or rejection of a response does not affect this right. By submitting a response, a Respondent acknowledges and accepts that the full response contents and associated documents will become open to public inspection in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee.

4.8.2. The State will hold all response information, including both technical and cost information, in confidence during the evaluation process.

4.8.3. Upon completion of response evaluations, indicated by public release of a Notice of Intent to Award, the responses and associated materials will be open for review by the public in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-504(a)(7).

#### 4.9. **Contract Approval and Contract Payments**

4.9.1. After contract award, the Contractor who is awarded the contract must submit appropriate documentation with the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Accounts.

4.9.2. This RFP and its contractor selection processes do not obligate the State and do not create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in either the Respondent with the apparent best-evaluated response or any other Respondent. State obligations pursuant to a contract award shall commence only after the Contract is signed by the State agency head and the Contractor

and after the Contract is approved by all other state officials as required by applicable laws and regulations.

4.9.3. No payment will be obligated or made until the relevant Contract is approved as required by applicable statutes and rules of the State of Tennessee.

4.9.3.1. The State shall not be liable for payment of any type associated with the Contract resulting from this RFP (or any amendment thereof) or responsible for any goods delivered or services rendered by the Contractor, even goods delivered or services rendered in good faith and even if the Contractor is orally directed to proceed with the delivery of goods or the rendering of services, if it occurs before the Contract Effective Date or after the Contract Term.

4.9.3.2. All payments relating to this procurement will be made in accordance with the Payment Terms and Conditions of the Contract resulting from this RFP (refer to RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract, Section C).

4.9.3.3. If any provision of the Contract provides direct funding or reimbursement for the competitive purchase of goods or services as a component of contract performance or otherwise provides for the reimbursement of specified, actual costs, the State will employ all reasonable means and will require all such documentation that it deems necessary to ensure that such purchases were competitive and costs were reasonable, necessary, and actual. The Contractor shall provide reasonable assistance and access related to such review. Further, the State shall not remit, as funding or reimbursement pursuant to such provisions, any amounts that it determines do not represent reasonable, necessary, and actual costs.

#### 4.10. **Contractor Performance**

The Contractor who is awarded a contract will be responsible for the delivery of all acceptable goods or the satisfactory completion of all services set out in this RFP (including attachments) as may be amended. All goods or services are subject to inspection and evaluation by the State. The State will employ all reasonable means to ensure that goods delivered or services rendered are in compliance with the Contract, and the Contractor must cooperate with such efforts.

#### 4.11. **Contract Amendment**

After Contract award, the State may request the Contractor to deliver additional goods or perform additional services within the general scope of the Contract and this RFP, but beyond the specified Scope, and for which the Contractor may be compensated. In such instances, the State will provide the Contractor a written description of the additional goods or services. The Contractor must respond to the State with a time schedule for delivering the additional goods or accomplishing the additional services based on the compensable units included in the Contractor's response to this RFP. If the State and the Contractor reach an agreement regarding the goods or services and associated compensation, such agreement must be effected by means of a contract amendment. Further, any such amendment requiring additional goods or services must be signed by both the State agency head and the Contractor and must be approved by other state officials as required by applicable statutes, rules, policies and procedures of the State of Tennessee. The Contractor must not provide additional goods or render additional services until the State has issued a written contract amendment with all required approvals.

#### 4.12. **Severability**

If any provision of this RFP is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, said decision will not affect the validity of the remaining RFP terms and provisions, and the rights and obligations of the State and Respondents will be construed and enforced as if the RFP did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

4.13. **Next Ranked Respondent**

The State reserves the right to initiate negotiations with the next ranked Respondent should the State cease doing business with any Respondent selected via this RFP process.



## 5. EVALUATION & CONTRACT AWARD

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### 5.1. Evaluation Categories & Maximum Points

The State will consider qualifications, experience, technical approach, and cost in the evaluation of responses and award points in each of the categories detailed below (up to the maximum evaluation points indicated) to each response deemed by the State to be responsive.

EVALUATION CATEGORY	MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE
<b>General Qualifications &amp; Experience</b> (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section B)	<b>20</b>
<b>Technical Qualifications, Experience &amp; Approach</b> (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section C)	<b>35</b>
<b>Oral Presentation</b> (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section D)	<b>15</b>
<b>Cost Proposal</b> (refer to RFP Attachment 6.3.)	<b>30</b>

### 5.2. Evaluation Process

The evaluation process is designed to award the contract resulting from this RFP not necessarily to the Respondent offering the lowest cost, but rather to the Respondent deemed by the State to be responsive and responsible who offers the best combination of attributes based upon the evaluation criteria. ("Responsive Respondent" is defined as a Respondent that has submitted a response that conforms in all material respects to the RFP. "Responsible Respondent" is defined as a Respondent that has the capacity in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.)

5.2.1. **Technical Response Evaluation.** The Solicitation Coordinator and the Proposal Evaluation Team (consisting of three (3) or more State employees) will use the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide to manage the Technical Response Evaluation and maintain evaluation records.

5.2.1.1. The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request Respondent clarification of a Technical Response or to conduct clarification discussions with any or all Respondents. Any such clarification or discussion will be limited to specific sections of the response identified by the State. The subject Respondent must put any resulting clarification in writing as may be required and in accordance with any deadline imposed by the State.

5.2.1.2. The Solicitation Coordinator will review each Technical Response to determine compliance with RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A—Mandatory Requirements. If the Solicitation Coordinator determines that a response failed to meet one or more of the mandatory requirements, the Solicitation Coordinator will review the response and determine whether:

- a. the response adequately meets RFP requirements for further evaluation;
- b. the State will request clarifications or corrections for consideration prior to further evaluation; or,
- c. the State will determine the response to be non-responsive to the RFP and reject it.

- 5.2.1.3. Proposal Evaluation Team members will independently evaluate each Technical Response (that is responsive to the RFP) against the evaluation criteria in this RFP, and will score each in accordance with the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide.
- 5.2.1.4. For each response evaluated, the Solicitation Coordinator will calculate the average of the Proposal Evaluation Team member scores for RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide Sections B and C, and record each average as the response score for the respective Technical Response section.
- 5.2.1.5. The Solicitation Coordinator will invite the top THREE (3) ranked Respondents to make an Oral Presentation. The ranking will be determined after the Section B and C Technical Response scores are totaled and ranked (e.g., 1 – the best evaluated ranking, etc.).
- 5.2.1.5.1. The Oral Presentations are mandatory. The Solicitation Coordinator will schedule Respondent Presentations during the period indicated by the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. The Solicitation Coordinator will make every effort to accommodate each Respondent's schedules. When the Respondent Presentation schedule has been determined, the Solicitation Coordinator will contact Respondents with the relevant information as indicated by RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
- 5.2.1.5.2. Respondent Presentations are only open to the invited Respondent, Proposal Evaluation Team members, the Solicitation Coordinator, and any technical consultants who are selected by the State to provide assistance to the Proposal Evaluation Team.
- 5.2.1.5.3. Oral Presentations provide an opportunity for Respondents to explain and clarify their responses and for the State to test to better understand the practical application of the good or service as applicable. Respondents must not materially alter their responses and Presentations will be limited to addressing the items detailed in RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide. Respondent pricing shall not be discussed or provided during Oral Presentations.
- 5.2.1.5.4. The State will maintain an accurate record of each Respondent's Oral Presentation session. The record of the Respondent's Oral Presentation shall be available for review when the State opens the procurement files for public inspection.
- 5.2.1.5.5. Proposal Evaluation Team members will independently evaluate each Oral Presentation in accordance with the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section D.
- 5.2.1.5.6. The Solicitation Coordinator will calculate and document the average of the Proposal Evaluation Team member scores for RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section D, and record that number as the score for Respondent's Technical Response section.
- 5.2.1.6. Before Cost Proposals are opened, the Proposal Evaluation Team will review the Technical Response Evaluation record and any other available information pertinent to whether or not each Respondent is responsive and responsible. If the Proposal Evaluation Team identifies any Respondent that does not meet the responsive and responsible thresholds such that the team would not recommend the Respondent for Cost Proposal Evaluation and potential contract award, the team members will fully document the determination.

- 5.2.2. **Cost Proposal Evaluation.** The Solicitation Coordinator will open for evaluation the Cost Proposal of each Respondent deemed by the State to be responsive and responsible and calculate and record each Cost Proposal score in accordance with the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.
- 5.2.3. **Total Response Score.** The Solicitation Coordinator will calculate the sum of the Technical Response section scores and the Cost Proposal score and record the resulting number as the total score for the subject Response (refer to RFP Attachment 6.5., Score Summary Matrix).

### 5.3. Contract Award Process

- 5.3.1 The Solicitation Coordinator will review the Proposal Evaluation Team determinations and scores for consideration along with any other relevant information that might be available and pertinent to contract award.
- 5.3.2. The Solicitation Coordinator will determine the apparent best-evaluated Response using the scoring provided by the Proposal Evaluation Team. To effect a contract award to a Respondent other than the one receiving the highest evaluation process score, the Solicitation Coordinator must provide written justification and obtain the written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer and the Comptroller of the Treasury.
- 5.3.3. The State will issue a Notice of Intent to Award identifying the apparent best-evaluated response and make the RFP files available for public inspection at the time and date specified in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

**NOTICE: The Notice of Intent to Award shall not create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in either the apparent best-evaluated Respondent or any other Respondent.**

- 5.3.4 Subject to agreement on the exceptions permitted by RFP Attachment 6.2 – B.#., the Respondent identified as offering the apparent best-evaluated response must sign a contract drawn by the State pursuant to this RFP. The Contract shall be substantially the same as the RFP Attachment 6.6., Pro Forma Contract except as modified by any mutually agreed to exceptions permitted by RFP Attachment 6.2 – B.#. The Respondent must sign the Contract by the Contractor Signature Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. If the Respondent fails to provide the signed Contract by this deadline, the State may determine that the Respondent is non-responsive to this RFP and reject the response.
- 5.3.5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State may, at its sole discretion, entertain limited terms and conditions or pricing negotiations prior to Contract signing and, as a result, revise the *pro forma* contract terms and conditions or performance requirements in the State's best interests, PROVIDED THAT such revision of terms and conditions or performance requirements shall NOT materially affect the basis of response evaluations or negatively impact the competitive nature of the RFP and contractor selection process.
- 5.3.6. If the State determines that a response is non-responsive and rejects it after opening Cost Proposals, the Solicitation Coordinator will re-calculate scores for each remaining responsive Cost Proposal to determine (or re-determine) the apparent best-evaluated response.

**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.1.****RFP # 32122-2024-001 STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES**

The Respondent must sign and complete the Statement of Certifications and Assurances below as required, and it must be included in the Technical Response (as required by RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A, Item A.1.).

**The Respondent does, hereby, expressly affirm, declare, confirm, certify, and assure ALL of the following:**

1. The Respondent will comply with all of the provisions and requirements of the RFP.
2. The Respondent will provide all services as defined in the Scope of the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract for the total Contract Term.
3. The Respondent, except as otherwise provided in this RFP, accepts and agrees to all terms and conditions set out in the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract.
4. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that a contract resulting from the RFP shall incorporate, by reference, all proposal responses as a part of the Contract.
5. The Respondent will comply with:
  - (a) the laws of the State of Tennessee;
  - (b) Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
  - (c) Title IX of the federal Education Amendments Act of 1972;
  - (d) the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued there under by the federal government; and,
  - (e) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.
6. To the knowledge of the undersigned, the information detailed within the response submitted to this RFP is accurate.
7. The response submitted to this RFP was independently prepared, without collusion, under penalty of perjury.
8. No amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Respondent in connection with this RFP or any resulting contract.
9. Both the Technical Response and the Cost Proposal submitted in response to this RFP shall remain valid for at least 120 days subsequent to the date of the Cost Proposal opening and thereafter in accordance with any contract pursuant to the RFP.
10. The Respondent affirms the following statement, as required by the Iran Divestment Act Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-111: "By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to §12-12-106." For reference purposes, the list is currently available online at: <https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office--cpo-/library-/public-information-library.html>.

**By signing this Statement of Certifications and Assurances, below, the signatory also certifies legal authority to bind the proposing entity to the provisions of this RFP and any contract awarded pursuant to it. If the signatory is not the Respondent (if an individual) or the Respondent's company *President* or *Chief Executive Officer*, this document must attach evidence showing the individual's authority to bind the Respondent.**

**DO NOT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT IF YOU ARE NOT LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE RESPONDENT**

**SIGNATURE:**

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**PRINTED NAME & TITLE:**

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**DATE:**

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**RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY  
NAME:**

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**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — Section A****TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE**

**SECTION A: MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.** The Respondent must address all items detailed below and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below.

The Solicitation Coordinator will review the response to determine if the Mandatory Requirement Items are addressed as required and mark each with pass or fail. For each item that is not addressed as required, the Solicitation Coordinator must review the response and attach a written determination. In addition to the Mandatory Requirement Items, the Solicitation Coordinator will review each response for compliance with all RFP requirements.

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:			
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items	Pass/Fail
		The Response must be delivered to the State no later than the Response Deadline specified in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.	
		The Technical Response and the Cost Proposal documentation must be packaged separately as required (refer to RFP Section 3.2., <i>et. seq.</i> ).	
		The Technical Response must NOT contain cost or pricing information of any type.	
		The Technical Response must NOT contain any restrictions of the rights of the State or other qualification of the response.	
		A Respondent must NOT submit alternate responses (refer to RFP Section 3.3.).	
		A Respondent must NOT submit multiple responses in different forms (as a prime and a subcontractor) (refer to RFP Section 3.3.).	
	<b>A.1.</b>	Provide the Statement of Certifications and Assurances (RFP Attachment 6.1.) completed and signed by an individual empowered to bind the Respondent to the provisions of this RFP and any resulting contract. The document must be signed without exception or qualification.	
	<b>A.2.</b>	Provide a statement, based upon reasonable inquiry, of whether the Respondent or any individual who shall cause to deliver goods or perform services under the contract has a possible conflict of interest ( <i>e.g.</i> , employment by the State of Tennessee) and, if so, the nature of that conflict.  NOTE: Any questions of conflict of interest shall be solely within the discretion of the State, and the State reserves the right to cancel any award.	
	<b>A.3.</b>	Provide a current bank reference indicating that the Respondent maintains a satisfactory business relationship with the financial institution. Such reference must be written in the form of a standard business letter, signed, and dated within the past three (3) months.	
	<b>A.4.</b>	Provide two current positive credit references from vendors with which the Respondent has done business written in the form of standard business letters, signed, and dated within the past three (3) months.	

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:			
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items	Pass/Fail
	A.5.	<p>Provide at least one of the following financial documents dated within the last three (3) months: (1) an official document or letter from an accredited credit bureau, indicating a satisfactory credit score for the Respondent (NOTE: A credit bureau report number without the full report is insufficient and will <u>not</u> be considered responsive.); (2) income statement, indicating the Respondent's financial operations; or (3) balance sheet, showing the Respondent's flow of funds.</p> <p>Any documentation disclosing the amount of cash flows from operating activities should be for the Respondent's most current operating period and must indicate whether the cash flows are positive or negative. If the cash flows are negative for the most recent operating period, the documentation must include a detailed explanation of the factors contributing to the negative cash flows.</p> <p>NOTICE: All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide opinions regarding the Respondent's financial status <u>must</u> be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the Respondent to submit proof of such licensure detailing the state of licensure and licensure number for each person or entity that renders the opinions.</p>	
	A.6.	<p>Provide a valid, Certificate of Insurance that is verified and dated within the last six (6) months and which details <u>all</u> of the following:</p> <p>(a) Name of the Insurance Company</p> <p>(b) Respondent's Name and Address as the Insured</p> <p>(c) Policy Number</p> <p>(d) The following minimum insurance coverages:</p> <p>(i) Workers' Compensation/ Employers' Liability with a limit not less than the relevant statutory amount or One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for employers' liability;</p> <p>(ii) Comprehensive Commercial General Liability (including personal injury and property damage, premises/operations, independent contractor, contractual liability and completed operations/products) with a bodily injury/property damage combined single limit not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00 aggregate;</p> <p>(iii) Automobile Coverage (including owned, leased, hired, and non-owned vehicles) with a bodily injury/property damage combined single limit not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence; and</p> <p>(iv) Contractor's Pollution Liability</p> <p>1) State requires this coverage whenever work at issue under this Contract involves potential pollution risk to the environment or losses caused by pollution conditions that may arise from the operations of the Contractor described in the Contractor's scope of services. The Policy shall cover the Contractor's completed operations. The Contractor shall maintain limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate. Coverage shall apply to sudden and gradual pollution conditions resulting from the escape or release of smoke, vapors, fumes, acids, alkalis, toxic chemicals,</p>	

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:			
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items	Pass/Fail
		<p>liquids, gases, natural gas, waste materials, lead, asbestos, or other irritants, contaminants, or pollutants.</p> <p>(e) The following information applicable to each type of insurance coverage:</p> <p>(i) Coverage Description,</p> <p>(ii) Exceptions and Exclusions,</p> <p>(iii) Policy Effective Date,</p> <p>(iv) Policy Expiration Date, and</p> <p>(v) Limit(s) of Liability.</p>	
	<b>A.7.</b>	<p>Provide the Respondent's most recent independent audited financial statements. Said independent audited financial statements must:</p> <p>(1) reflect an audit period for a fiscal year ended within the last 36 months;</p> <p>(2) be prepared with all monetary amounts detailed in United States currency;</p> <p>(3) be prepared under United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP);</p> <p>(4) include the auditor's opinion letter; financial statements; and the notes to the financial statements; and</p> <p>(5) be deemed, in the sole discretion of the State to reflect sufficient financial stability to undertake the subject contract with the State if awarded pursuant to this RFP.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed or Compiled Financial Statements will not be deemed responsive to this requirement and will not be accepted.</li> </ul> <p>All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide opinions regarding the Respondent's financial status must be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the Respondent to submit proof that the person or entity who renders an opinion regarding the Respondent's financial status is licensed, including the license number and state in which the person or entity is licensed.</p>	
	<b>A.8.</b>	<p>Provide a statement confirming that the Respondent has been in the business of providing full-service operation, maintenance and management of water and wastewater infrastructure System for at least five (5) years. Full-service contracts for operation, maintenance and management means, at a minimum, providing all labor and management, paying all operation and maintenance expenses, guaranteeing a maximum cost and guaranteeing performance including regulatory agency compliance. The definition of "full service" contract operation, maintenance, and management (OM&amp;M) does not include contracts for consulting only or contracts for the management of only a portion of an infrastructure facility (i.e., maintenance of equipment, sludge removal or sludge dewatering).</p>	
	<b>A.9</b>	<p>Provide a statement confirming that the Respondent operates or has operated within the past five (5) years, five (5) or more water and/or wastewater treatment Systems of at least 4.0 MGD design capacity. All Systems shall be located in the United States and its possessions and shall</p>	

<b>RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:</b>			
<b>Response Page # (Respondent completes)</b>	<b>Item Ref.</b>	<b>Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
		be under U.S. EPA and appropriate state environmental regulatory agency jurisdiction.	
	<b>A.10.</b>	Provide a statement confirming that the Respondent performs or has performed in the past 5 years as the “pretreatment coordinator” for at least two (2) years for a pretreatment program approved by a state pretreatment program regulatory authority.	
	<b>A.11.</b>	Respondent’s representative attended the mandatory Pre-response Conference.	
<i>State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name &amp; Date:</i>			



## RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B

## TECHNICAL RESPONSE &amp; EVALUATION GUIDE

**SECTION B: GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE.** The Respondent must address all items detailed below and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below. Proposal Evaluation Team members will independently evaluate and assign one score for all responses to Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items.

<b>RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:</b>		
<b>Response Page #</b> (Respondent completes)	<b>Item Ref.</b>	<b>Section B— General Qualifications &amp; Experience Items</b>
	<b>B.1.</b>	Detail the name, e-mail address, mailing address, telephone number, and facsimile number, if applicable, of the person the State should contact regarding the response.
	<b>B.2.</b>	Describe the Respondent's form of business ( <i>i.e.</i> , individual, sole proprietor, corporation, non-profit corporation, partnership, limited liability company) and business location (physical location or domicile).
	<b>B.3.</b>	Detail the number of years the Respondent has been in business.
	<b>B.4.</b>	Briefly describe how long the Respondent has been providing the goods or services required by this RFP.
	<b>B.5.</b>	Describe the Respondent's number of employees, client base, and location of offices.
	<b>B.6.</b>	Provide a statement of whether there have been any mergers, acquisitions, or change of control of the Respondent within the last ten (10) years. If so, include an explanation providing relevant details.
	<b>B.7.</b>	Provide a statement of whether the Respondent or, to the Respondent's knowledge, any of the Respondent's employees, agents, independent contractors, or subcontractors, involved in the delivery of goods or performance of services on a contract pursuant to this RFP, have been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled <i>nolo contendere</i> to any felony. If so, include an explanation providing relevant details.
	<b>B.8.</b>	Provide a statement of whether, in the last ten (10) years, the Respondent has filed (or had filed against it) any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, whether voluntary or involuntary, or undergone the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors. If so, include an explanation providing relevant details.
	<b>B.9.</b>	Provide a statement of whether there is any material, pending litigation against the Respondent that the Respondent should reasonably believe could adversely affect its ability to meet contract requirements pursuant to this RFP or is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Respondent's financial condition. If such exists, list each separately, explain the relevant details, and attach the opinion of counsel addressing whether and to what extent it would impair the Respondent's performance in a contract pursuant to this RFP.  NOTE: All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal opinions regarding the Respondent must be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the Respondent to submit proof of license for each person or entity that renders such opinions.
	<b>B.10.</b>	Provide a statement of whether there are any pending or in progress Securities Exchange Commission investigations involving the Respondent. If such exists, list each separately, explain the relevant details, and attach the opinion of counsel addressing whether and to what extent it will impair the Respondent's performance in a contract pursuant to this RFP.

## RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items
		NOTE: All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal opinions regarding the Respondent must be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the Respondent to submit proof of license for each person or entity that renders such opinions.
	B.11.	Provide a brief, descriptive statement detailing evidence of the Respondent's ability to deliver the goods or services sought under this RFP (e.g., prior experience, training, certifications, resources, program and quality management systems, etc.).
	B.12.	Provide a narrative description of the proposed project team, its members, and organizational structure along with an organizational chart identifying the key people who will be assigned to deliver the goods or services required by this RFP.
	B.13.	Provide a personnel roster listing the names of key people who the Respondent will assign to meet the Respondent's requirements under this RFP along with the estimated number of hours that each individual will devote to that performance. Follow the personnel roster with a resume for each of the people listed. The resumes must detail the individual's title, education, current position with the Respondent, and employment history.
	B.14.	Provide a statement of whether the Respondent intends to use subcontractors to meet the Respondent's requirements of any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP, and if so, detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the names of the subcontractors along with the contact person, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address for each;</li> <li>(b) a description of the scope and portions of the goods each subcontractor involved in the delivery of goods or performance of the services each subcontractor will perform; <u>and</u></li> <li>(c) a statement specifying that each proposed subcontractor has expressly assented to being proposed as a subcontractor in the Respondent's response to this RFP.</li> </ul>
	B.15.	Provide documentation of the Respondent's commitment to diversity as represented by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <u>Business Strategy</u>. Provide a description of the Respondent's existing programs and procedures designed to encourage and foster commerce with business enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities, and small business enterprises. Please also include a list of the Respondent's certifications as a diversity business, if applicable.</li> <li>(b) <u>Business Relationships</u>. Provide a listing of the Respondent's current contracts with business enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities, and small business enterprises. Please include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) contract description;</li> <li>(ii) contractor name and ownership characteristics (i.e., ethnicity, gender, service-disabled veteran-owned or persons with disabilities);</li> <li>(iii) contractor contact name and telephone number.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) <u>Estimated Participation</u>. Provide an estimated level of participation by business enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities and small business enterprises if a contract is awarded to the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a percentage (%) indicating the participation estimate. (Express the estimated participation number as a percentage of the total estimated contract value that will be dedicated to business with subcontractors and supply contractors having such ownership characteristics only and <b>DO NOT INCLUDE DOLLAR AMOUNTS</b>);</li> <li>(ii) anticipated goods or services contract descriptions;</li> <li>(iii) names and ownership characteristics (i.e., ethnicity, gender, service-disabled veterans, or disability) of anticipated subcontractors and supply contractors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items
		<p>NOTE: In order to claim status as a Diversity Business Enterprise under this contract, businesses must be certified by the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise (Go-DBE). Please visit the Go-DBE website at <a href="https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&amp;XID=9810">https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&amp;XID=9810</a> for more information.</p> <p>(d) <u>Workforce</u>. Provide the percentage of the Respondent's total current employees by ethnicity and gender.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents that demonstrate a commitment to diversity will advance State efforts to expand opportunity to do business with the State as contractors and subcontractors. Response evaluations will recognize the positive qualifications and experience of a Respondent that does business with enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities, and small business enterprises and who offer a diverse workforce.</p>
	B.16.	<p>Provide a statement of whether or not the Respondent has any current contracts with the State of Tennessee or has completed any contracts with the State of Tennessee within the previous five (5) year period. If so, provide the following information for all of the current and completed contracts:</p> <p>(a) the name, title, telephone number and e-mail address of the State contact knowledgeable about the contract;</p> <p>(b) the procuring State agency name;</p> <p>(c) a brief description of the contract's scope of services;</p> <p>(d) the contract period; and</p> <p>(e) the contract number.</p>
	B.17.	<p>Provide a statement and any relevant details addressing whether the Respondent is any of the following:</p> <p>(a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;</p> <p>(b) has within the past three (3) years, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against the contracting party from commission of fraud, or a criminal offence in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;</p> <p>(c) is presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed above; and</p> <p>(d) has within a three (3) year period preceding the contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.</p>
	B.18.	<p>Provide a statement that the Respondent has specific State of Tennessee experience providing full-service operation and maintenance services to municipal jurisdictions. List all such contracts respondent has or has had with municipal jurisdictions in Tennessee for the provision of any water or wastewater related services. Name of public sector partner, scope of services, size of System, and length of time services shall be provided.</p>
	B.19.	<p>The Respondents are permitted to submit, as part of their Response, a "redline" of RFP Attachment 6.6, <i>Pro Forma</i> Contract, that tracks the Respondents' request for alternative or supplemental contract language. The redline changes that are allowed by this provision shall not include any exceptions or changes that (1) contradict any applicable state or federal law; (2) a</p>

**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B (continued)**

<b>RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:</b>		
<b>Response Page #</b> (Respondent completes)	<b>Item Ref.</b>	<b>Section B— General Qualifications &amp; Experience Items</b>
		mandatory requirement identified in RFP Attachment 6.2. – Section A; or (3) alter any deadlines in the Schedule of Events.
<p align="center"><b>SCORE (for <u>all</u> Section B—Qualifications &amp; Experience Items above):</b> (maximum possible score = 20)</p>		
<p><i>State Use – Evaluator Identification:</i></p>		

## RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C

## TECHNICAL RESPONSE &amp; EVALUATION GUIDE

**SECTION C: TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE & APPROACH.** The Respondent must address all items (below) and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below.

A Proposal Evaluation Team, made up of three or more State employees, will independently evaluate and score the response to each item. Each evaluator will use the following whole number, raw point scale for scoring each item:

**0 = little value      1 = poor      2 = fair      3 = satisfactory      4 = good      5 = excellent**

The Solicitation Coordinator will multiply the Item Score by the associated Evaluation Factor (indicating the relative emphasis of the item in the overall evaluation). The resulting product will be the item's Raw Weighted Score for purposes of calculating the section score as indicated.

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
	<b>C.1.</b>	Provide a listing of all full-service contracts executed within the last five years for the operation, maintenance and management of water and wastewater infrastructure facilities (Systems) which the respondent currently has in the United States; the partnership start date; the anticipated completion date; the name, address, contact person and telephone number of the water and wastewater infrastructure facilities owner; and the size and type of facility. Full-service contracts for the operation, maintenance and management means, at a minimum, providing all labor and management, and guaranteeing performance including regulatory agency compliance.		<b>3</b>	
	<b>C.2.</b>	Describe Respondent's depth and resources which would also be available for the benefit of the State such as user rate making assistance		<b>5</b>	
	<b>C.3.</b>	Provide a demonstration of experience in capital planning aspects of water and/or wastewater systems. Identify specific projects where such services are provided and the results of such service.		<b>1</b>	
	<b>C.4.</b>	Provide a listing of the specific individuals assigned to the Management Team and to Technical Support that the Respondent will assign to this contract during the transition from post construction to operation start-up and on-going operation and provide the background and experience of those individuals.		<b>10</b>	
	<b>C.5.</b>	Provide a detailed staffing plan indicating the type and quantity of the various positions the Respondent feels are necessary to provide the services requested. This section will be used in conjunction with RFP Attachment 6.3. to inform the payment methodology. The staffing plan shall include personnel with the following classifications of water treatment plant operators, water distribution system operators, wastewater treatment plant operators and wastewater collection system operators as established by the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Board of Water and Wastewater Operator Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade IV Water Treatment Plant Operator</li> </ul>		<b>10</b>	

**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C (continued)**

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade II Water Distribution System Operator</li> <li>Grade IV Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator</li> <li>Grade II Wastewater Collection System Operator</li> </ul>			
	<b>C.6.</b>	Provide an operating plan for all of the Systems (Potable Water System, Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Force Main and Intermediate Pump station) and other responsibilities that details how the Respondent will provide operation, maintenance, and management services.		<b>10</b>	
	<b>C.7.</b>	Business Approach - Discuss the Respondent's long-term plan for financial and operational management of this contract over a ten-year period.  <b>(Please keep in mind the Technical Response must NOT contain cost or pricing information of any type)</b>		<b>7</b>	
<i>The Solicitation Coordinator will use this sum and the formula below to calculate the section score. All calculations will use and result in numbers rounded to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point.</i>					<b>Total Raw Weighted Score:</b> <i>(sum of Raw Weighted Scores above)</i>
<b>Total Raw Weighted Score</b> <hr/> <b>Maximum Possible Raw Weighted Score</b> <i>(i.e., 5 x the sum of item weights above)</i>			<b>X 35</b> <i>(maximum possible score)</i>	<b>= SCORE:</b>	
<i>State Use – Evaluator Identification:</i>					
<i>State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name &amp; Date:</i>					

**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2.— SECTION D**

**TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE**

**SECTION D: ORAL PRESENTATION.** The Respondent must address ALL Oral Presentation Items (below).

A Proposal Evaluation Team, made up of three or more State employees, will independently evaluate and score the oral presentation response to each item. Each evaluator will use the following whole-number, raw point scale for scoring each item:

**0 = little value      1 = poor      2 = fair      3 = satisfactory      4 = good      5 = excellent**

The Solicitation Coordinator will multiply the Item Score by the associated Evaluation Factor (indicating the relative emphasis of the item in the overall evaluation). The resulting product will be the item's raw, weighted score for purposes of calculating the section score as indicated.

<b>RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:</b>			
<b>Oral Presentation Items</b>	<b>Item Score</b>	<b>Evaluation Factor</b>	<b>Raw Weighted Score</b>
<b>D.1.</b> Provide an overall demonstration representing the Respondent's understanding of the needs of the State of Tennessee based on the requirements set forth in scope of the Pro Forma Contract.		<b>1</b>	
<b>D.2.</b> Present innovative ideas and operating or maintenance approaches to improve the operations, extend the life cycle of infrastructure equipment, and that would create efficiencies.		<b>1</b>	
<b>Total Raw Weighted Score</b> <i>(sum of Raw Weighted Scores above):</i> The Solicitation Coordinator will use this sum and the formula below to calculate the score. Numbers rounded to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point will be standard for calculations.			
$\frac{\text{total raw weighted score}}{\text{maximum possible raw weighted score}}$ <i>(i.e., 5 x the sum of item weights above)</i>		<b>X 15</b> <i>(maximum section score)</i>	<b>= SCORE:</b>
<i>State Use – Evaluator Identification:</i>			
<i>State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name &amp; Date:</i>			

**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.3.**

**COST PROPOSAL & SCORING GUIDE**

**NOTICE: THIS COST PROPOSAL MUST BE COMPLETED EXACTLY AS REQUIRED**

**COST PROPOSAL SCHEDULE—** The Cost Proposal, detailed below, shall indicate the proposed price for goods or services defined in the Scope of Services of the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract and for the entire contract period. The Cost Proposal shall remain valid for at least one hundred twenty (120) days subsequent to the date of the Cost Proposal opening and thereafter in accordance with any contract resulting from this RFP. All monetary amounts shall be in U.S. currency and limited to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point.

Please note that the monthly fee for years 6-10 will be escalated in accordance with Pro Forma Section C.2.b.

**NOTICE:** The Evaluation Factor associated with each cost item is for evaluation purposes only. The evaluation factors do NOT and should NOT be construed as any type of volume guarantee or minimum purchase quantity. The evaluation factors shall NOT create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in the Respondent.

Notwithstanding the cost items herein, pursuant to the second paragraph of the *Pro Forma* Contract section C.1. (refer to RFP Attachment 6.6.), the State is under no obligation to request work from the Contractor in any specific dollar amounts or to request any work at all from the Contractor during any period of this Contract.

This Cost Proposal must be signed, in the space below, by an individual empowered to bind the Respondent to the provisions of this RFP and any contract awarded pursuant to it. If said individual is not the *President* or *Chief Executive Officer*, this document must attach evidence showing the individual's authority to legally bind the Respondent.

<b>RESPONDENT SIGNATURE:</b>	
<b>PRINTED NAME &amp; TITLE:</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	

<b>RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:</b>			
Cost Item Description	Proposed Cost	State Use Only	
		Evaluation Factor	Evaluation Cost (cost x factor)
Monthly Fee Years 1-5 (including overhead and maintenance as specified in Pro Forma Section C.3.e., not to include passthrough costs, as specified in Pro Forma Section A.19.)	\$ / Month	60	
<b>EVALUATION COST AMOUNT</b> (sum of evaluation costs above): The Solicitation Coordinator will use this sum and the formula below to calculate the Cost Proposal Score. Numbers rounded to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point will be standard for calculations.			
$\frac{\text{lowest evaluation cost amount from all proposals}}{\text{evaluation cost amount being evaluated}}$	$\times 30$ (maximum section score)	=	<b>SCORE:</b>



**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.3. (continued)**

*State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:*

## REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

**The standard reference questionnaire provided on the following pages of this attachment should be completed by all individuals offering a reference for the Respondent.**

The Respondent will be solely responsible for obtaining completed reference questionnaires as detailed below.. Provide references from individuals who are not current State employees of the procuring State Agency for projects similar to the goods or services sought under this RFP and which represent:

- two (2) contracts Respondent currently services that are similar in size and scope to the services required by this RFP; and
- three (3) completed contracts that are similar in size and scope to the services required by this RFP.

References from at least three (3) different individuals are required to satisfy the requirements above, e.g., an individual may provide a reference about a completed project and another reference about a currently serviced account. The individual contact reference provided for each contract or project shall not be a current State employee of the procuring State agency. Procuring State agencies that accept references from another State agency shall document, in writing, a plan to ensure that no contact is made between the procuring State agency and a referring State agency. The standard reference questionnaire, should be used and completed, and is provided on the next page of this RFP Attachment 6.4.

In order to obtain and submit the completed reference questionnaires following one of the two processes below.

Written:

- (a) Add the Respondent's name to the standard reference questionnaire at RFP Attachment 6.4. and make a copy for each reference.
- (b) Send a reference questionnaire and new, standard #10 envelope to each reference.
- (c) Instruct the reference to:
  - (i) complete the reference questionnaire;
  - (ii) sign and date the completed reference questionnaire;
  - (iii) seal the completed, signed, and dated reference questionnaire within the envelope provided;
  - (iv) sign his or her name in ink across the sealed portion of the envelope; and
  - (v) return the sealed envelope directly to the Respondent (the Respondent may wish to give each reference a deadline, such that the Respondent will be able to collect all required references in time to include them within the sealed Technical Response).
- (d) Do NOT open the sealed references upon receipt.
- (e) Enclose all sealed reference envelopes within a larger, labeled envelope for inclusion in the Technical Response as required.

Email:

- (a) Add the Respondent's name to the standard reference questionnaire at RFP Attachment 6.4. and make a copy for each reference.
- (b) E-mail a reference questionnaire to each reference.
- (c) Instruct the reference to:
  - (i) complete the reference questionnaire;
  - (ii) sign and date the completed reference questionnaire;
  - (iii) E-mail the reference directly to the Solicitation Coordinator by the RFP Technical Response Deadline with the Subject line of the e-mail as "[Respondent's Name] Reference for RFP # 32122-2024-001".

NOTES:

- The State will not accept late references or references submitted by any means other than the two which are described above, and each reference questionnaire submitted must be completed as required.
- The State will not review more than the number of required references indicated above.

- While the State will base its reference check on the contents of the reference e-mails or sealed reference envelopes included in the Technical Response package, the State reserves the right to confirm and clarify information detailed in the completed reference questionnaires, and may consider clarification responses in the evaluation of references.
- The State is under no obligation to clarify any reference information.

**RFP # 32122-2024-001 REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**REFERENCE SUBJECT:** RESPONDENT NAME (completed by Respondent before reference is requested)

The “reference subject” specified above, intends to submit a response to the State of Tennessee in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) indicated. As a part of such response, the reference subject must include a number of completed and sealed reference questionnaires (using this form).

Each individual responding to this reference questionnaire is asked to follow these instructions:

- complete this questionnaire (either using the form provided or an exact duplicate of this document);
- sign and date the completed questionnaire and follow either process outlined below;

**Physical:**

- seal the completed, signed, and dated questionnaire in a new standard #10 envelope;
- sign in ink across the sealed portion of the envelope; and
- return the sealed envelope containing the completed questionnaire directly to the reference subject.

**E-Mail:**

- e-mail the completed questionnaire to:  
 Nicholas Edwards and Karen Conway  
[Nicholas.Edwards@tn.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Edwards@tn.gov) and [Karen.Conway@tn.gov](mailto:Karen.Conway@tn.gov)

(1) **What is the name of the individual, company, organization, or entity responding to this reference questionnaire?**

(2) **Please provide the following information about the individual completing this reference questionnaire on behalf of the above-named individual, company, organization, or entity.**

<b>NAME:</b>	
<b>TITLE:</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE #</b>	
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	

(3) **What goods or services does/did the reference subject provide to your company or organization?**

- (4) **If the goods or services that the reference subject provided to your company or organization are completed, were the goods or services provided in compliance with the terms of the contract, on time, and within budget? If not, please explain.**
  
- (5) **If the reference subject is still providing goods or services to your company or organization, are these goods or services being provided in compliance with the terms of the contract, on time, and within budget? If not, please explain.**
  
- (6) **How satisfied are you with the reference subject’s ability to perform based on your expectations and according to the contractual arrangements?**

**REFERENCE SIGNATURE:**

(by the individual completing this request for reference information)

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(must be the same as the signature across the envelope seal)

**DATE:**

**RFP ATTACHMENT 6.5.**

**SCORE SUMMARY MATRIX**

	<i>RESPONDENT NAME</i>		<i>RESPONDENT NAME</i>		<i>RESPONDENT NAME</i>	
<b>GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS &amp; EXPERIENCE</b> (maximum: 20)						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>REPEAT AS NECESSARY</i>						
	<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>AVERAGE:</b>	
<b>TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE &amp; APPROACH</b> (maximum: 35)						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>REPEAT AS NECESSARY</i>						
	<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>AVERAGE:</b>	
<b>ORAL PRESENTATION</b> (maximum: 15)						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>REPEAT AS NECESSARY</i>						
	<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>AVERAGE:</b>	
<b>COST PROPOSAL</b> (maximum: 30)	<b>SCORE:</b>		<b>SCORE:</b>		<b>SCORE:</b>	
<b>TOTAL RESPONSE EVALUATION SCORE:</b> (maximum: 100)						

Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:

**RFP # 32122-2024-001 *PRO FORMA* CONTRACT**

The *Pro Forma* Contract detailed in following pages of this exhibit contains some “blanks” (signified by descriptions in capital letters) that will be completed with appropriate information in the final contract resulting from the RFP.

**CONTRACT**  
**BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,**  
**ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE MEGASITE AUTHORITY OF WEST TENNESSEE**  
**AND**  
**CONTRACTOR NAME**

This Contract, by and between the State of Tennessee, acting by and through the MEGASITE AUTHORITY OF WEST TENNESSEE ("State") and **Contractor Legal Entity Name** ("Contractor"), is for the provision of of State-Owned Municipal Infrastructure, Water and Wastewater System Management, Operation and Maintenance Services, as further defined in the "SCOPE." State and Contractor may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties" to this Contract.

The Contractor is **a/an Individual, For-Profit Corporation, Non-Profit Corporation, Special Purpose Corporation Or Association, Partnership, Joint Venture, Or Limited Liability Company.**

Contractor Place of Incorporation or Organization: **Location**

Contractor Edison Registration ID # **Number**

**A. SCOPE:**

A.1. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required, described, and detailed below and shall meet all service and delivery timelines as specified by this Contract And related to Contractor's operation and maintenance of the State's water storage and distribution system, wastewater collection system and wastewater effluent outfall located at the Megasite.

A.2. Definitions. For purposes of this Contract, definitions shall be as follows and as set forth in the Contract:

- a. Megasite Authority of West Tennessee – The regional development authority administratively attached to the Department of General Services. The Megasite Authority is governed by a board of directors consisting of an ex officio and appointed members.
- b. Megasite of West Tennessee (Megasite)- A 4,100-acre certified industrial site in West Tennessee.
- c. Million Gallons Per Day ("MGD") - A measurement of water flow frequently used in measurement of water consumption.
- d. Pretreatment Coordinator - The administrative entity representing the Authority (which will act as the Control Authority in an approved Pretreatment Program under the provision of 40 CFR Part 403.11) in all matters related to the administration, implementation, and enforcement of the Pretreatment Program of the Authority as approved by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
- e. Pretreatment Program – The national pretreatment program that is a component of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.
- f. Potable Water ("PW") - Water that is suitable for human consumption.
- g. Water Treatment Plant ("WTP") shall have the meaning ascribed to this term in Section A. 18. of this Contract.
- h. South Water Tower – The existing One Million Gallon elevated water tank located at the Megasite.
- i. SSOE Group - Engineering Firm/Designer of Record for the Megasite.
- j. System - The various components of the Megasite infrastructure that pump, divert, transport, store, treat and deliver safe drinking water and treated effluent; all man-made natural features that move and treat water. This term also includes the WTP, the WWTP, and the Force Main & Pump Station.
- k. Tenant - Ford Motor Company
- l. Wastewater Treatment Plant ("WWTP") – That portion of the System, which receives and treats municipal and industrial wastewater.
- m. Wellhead Protection Plant - The surface and subsurface area surrounding a water well or wellfield, supplying a public water system, through which contaminants are reasonably likely to move toward and reach such water well or wellfield.

A.3. The Contractor shall operate, maintain, and manage the System in a cost effective and efficient manner. The Contractor shall operate in compliance with State and Federal permits and rules,



which includes required reporting to authorities having jurisdiction, providing adequate maintenance, consider innovations to lower the capital and operating costs of all aspects of operations, and utilize local purchases of supplies, consumables, and services.

The System shall include the existing South Water Tower elevated water storage tank and the following infrastructure of the WWTP that is currently under construction.

1. Water Treatment Plant (WTP) (SSOE Project No. 012-02080-21)
2. Water Wells (SSOE Project No. 012-02080-21)
3. North Water Tower (SSOE Project No. 012-02081-21)
4. Site Piping Water (SSOE Project No. 012-02080-21)
5. Wastewater Treatment Plant and Disposal The WWTP (SSOE Project No. 012-02080-16)
6. Force Main and Pump Station (SSOE Project No. 012-02080-16)
7. Emergency Effluent Lagoon (SSOE Project No. 012-02080-21)

#### A.4. Temporary Services in Operation

- a. The State is currently providing temporary services to meet the tenant demands for the System startup. Operational start-up for the System began November 1, 2023. The System is operating at a maximum of one million gallons per day until the WTP is operational.
- b. To enable water supply to meet the demands noted in the ramp up schedule provided by the Tenant, the State will provide use of temporary well and a 1 MGD pad mounted WTP will be provided by the State. The Tenant will use two (2) of the four water supply connections to the site. Temporary System capacity currently does not exceed 1 MGD during operations.
- c. The Contractor's Temporary Operation of the System.

Temporary operations services that will be conducted by Contractor before System startup include:

- i. The Contractor shall ascertain the water volume required by Tenant for a given week before operation.
- ii. The Contractor shall operate the temporary aerator fan prior to startup.
- iii. Either Well No. 1 or No. 2 will be used by the Contractor to direct flow at a rate of 700 Gallons per Minute (GPM) to the temporary aerator unit mounted above the potable water tank.
- iv. The Contractor will accumulate water in potable water tank below aerator.
- v. The Contractor will utilize a high service pump to deliver a flow of 700 GPM to the System.
- vi. Contractor will start the chemical metering system from the signal at the meter on high service pump skid inject hypochlorite solution to the System.
- vii. The Contractor shall cause the water to flow through the 24-inch header and reach the south tower. A set minimum volume will be placed in the water tower, and then the pump shut down by the Contractor.
- viii. The Contractor shall check and record the residual chlorine level at base of the water tower.

A.5. The Contractor is required to integrate the temporary and permanent Systems and phase out the temporary System and bring the permanent System into fully operational status.

A.6. The Contractor shall manage the System in compliance with such permits issued under the State's Pretreatment Program approved by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation or such other environmental requirements of governmental authorities with jurisdiction over the System.

The Contractor shall act as "Pretreatment Coordinator". During the first year's administration of the Pretreatment Program, no more than four Industrial User Permits and two inspections of the

significant industrial user facilities per year are envisioned by the State, which may include wastewater sampling and analysis for all permitted parameters.

- A.7. Real Property, Equipment, and Materials Owned by the Authority and by the Contractor.
- a. All land, buildings, improvements, and permanent equipment relating to the System that are presently in place, or new improvements, refurbishments, or repairs to the System, shall become and remain, property of the State throughout the Term upon completion or installation. The construction of any new System improvements, refurbishments, or repairs shall follow the appropriate process as determined by the State for the same. The System, as improved, refurbished, or repaired during the Term, shall be made available to the Contractor for its use in providing the services under this Contract.
  - b. The Contractor shall maintain all land, including rights-of-way, buildings, improvements, and permanent equipment that are within the scope of the Contract in a good and workmanlike condition throughout the Term. Equipment maintenance shall be performed by the Contractor in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations or good industry practices. The Contractor shall maintain maintenance and repair logs or such other proof of maintenance or repair as the State may require.
  - c. The Contractor shall provide, maintain, repair, and replace all rolling stock or transportable equipment required for implementing the scope of work under this Contract.
- A.8. The Contractor shall be responsible for and hold the State harmless from the payment of any fines or civil penalties levied against the Contractor or the State by any regulatory agency having jurisdiction of the System, as a result of Contractor's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any duly authorized permit, court order, administrative order, law, statute, or ordinance.
- A.9. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable law and regulations regarding the operation, maintenance, and management of the System and or any reporting requirements related to their operation, maintenance, or management. The Contractor shall implement a process control system that furnishes complete and accurate records related to Contractor's operation, maintenance, or management. The System shall be capable of readily providing historical data and trends to the State upon request.
- A.10. The Contractor shall provide sufficient qualified personnel, including management, administrative, operational, technical, laboratory and clerical, who meet all legal requirements or certifications regarding operation and maintenance of the System. All Contractor personnel shall have the demonstrated ability, training, and experience to operate and maintain the System in accordance with the Pretreatment Program.
- A.11. The Contractor shall operate the System such that odor and noise shall be effectively controlled or mitigated, and that no avoidable disruption of adjacent neighborhoods occurs.
- A.12. The Contractor shall provide training for Contractor personnel in areas of operation, maintenance, safety, supervisory skills, laboratory, energy management. The Contractor shall implement a safety program in accordance with applicable industry guidelines, best practices, or state or federal law.
- A.13. The Contractor shall provide the State with full documentation that maintenance is being performed on all System equipment, systems, or facilities in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations at required intervals and in sufficient detail as may be determined by the State.
- A.14. The Contractor shall provide computerized reporting maintenance, process control, and laboratory management systems supporting its operation of the System.

- A.15. The Contractor shall be responsible for biosolids management and disposal. The method of biosolids disposal shall be landfilling in a Class I Solid Waste Disposal Facility and costs of biosolids management shall be approved by the State.
- A.16. The Contractor shall be responsible for all necessary lab equipment not provided by the State. The State shall provide the list of lab equipment detailed in Attachment B.
- A.17. The Contractor shall be responsible for landscaping and mowing the site as shown in Attachment C.
- A.18. The Contractor shall provide cost for the operation and maintenance of the System. The System operations and maintenance includes all services, competencies, processes, and activities required to assure the built environment will perform the functions for which a facility was designed and constructed. Operations and maintenance include the day-to-day activities necessary for the structures, its systems and equipment, and occupants/users to perform their intended function. The scope of operations and maintenance includes the activities, processes, and workflows required to keep the entire built environment of the System, and their supporting infrastructure, including utility systems, parking lots, roads, drainage structures and grounds in an as new condition, less ordinary wear and tear during the Term.
- A.19. The following items shall pass-through costs that shall be reimbursed by the State:
- a. Chemicals used in treatment at the PWP or WWTP along with the cost of sludge removal at the WWTP. Chemicals used at both the PWP or the WWTP and project sludge removal frequency are identified as below:
 

PWP

    1. Sodium Hydroxide with a concentration level of 50%.
    2. Sodium Hypochlorite with a concentration level of 12.5%.
    3. Phosphate (Aqua Mag) with a concentration level of 1%.

WWTP

    1. Sodium Hypochlorite with a concentration level of 12.5%.
    2. Sodium Thiosulfate with a concentration level of 30%.
    3. The State estimates that the Contractor will dispose of approximately 2,000 lb/day of sludge. The Contractor should anticipate that sludge production will fluctuate through the year based on the strength of flow and seasonal changes. The Contractor should further assume that a roll-off container holds 10,000-12,000lb there would be about one container sent to the landfill per week.
  - b. Major expenditures that enhance fixed assets and equipment replacement; any capital improvement that is a structural change, refurbishment or restoration of property or equipment, or prolongs the useful life of an asset.
- A.20. Warranty.
- a. All required scheduled services for both structures and equipment will to be performed by the Contractor and are to be performed by qualified Contractor personnel or subcontractors in a professional manner, and in accordance with the provided performance specifications of the engineers of record or by the manufacturers of the equipment.
  - b. The Contractor shall perform services in accordance with good standards that are generally accepted in the industry and profession relevant to operation of a potable water treatment plant or a wastewater treatment plant.
  - c. In the event of structure or equipment failure to the System, the Contractor shall act as an Agent of the Owner and facilitate a remedial response through the manufacturer's warranty to keep the System in full operation, through repair or replacement, with minimal downtime or other interruption.
  - d. The builder's warranty is in effect from one-year from the date of substantial completion. Should any structure or equipment failure take place during this period, the Contractor shall notify the designer of record and the State's project representative. The builder will be notified

and the Contractor shall assist in the coordination effort for remediation as outlined in Section A.20.c.

**B. TERM OF CONTRACT:**

- B.1. This Contract shall be effective on **DATE** (“Effective Date”) and extend for a period of sixty (60) months after the Effective Date (“Term”). The State shall have no obligation for goods or services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date.
- B.2. **Renewal Options.** This Contract may be renewed upon satisfactory completion of the Term. The State reserves the right to execute up to five (5) renewal options under the same terms and conditions for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months each by the State, at the State's sole option. In no event, however, shall the maximum Term, including all renewals or extensions, exceed a total of one hundred twenty (120) months.

**C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- C.1. **Maximum Liability.** In no event shall the maximum liability of the State under this Contract exceed **Written Dollar Amount (\$Number)** (“Maximum Liability”). This Contract does not grant the Contractor any exclusive rights. The State does not guarantee that it will buy any minimum quantity of goods or services under this Contract. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Contractor will only be paid for goods or services provided under this Contract after a purchase order is issued to Contractor by the State or as otherwise specified by this Contract.
- C.2. **Price Changes.** Contractor’s prices shall remain firm for One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five (1,825) days (“Firm Price Period”).
- a. **Price Decreases.** After the Firm Price Period, prices shall be equitably adjusted to reflect a decrease in Contractor’s costs.
  - b. **Price Increases.** Beginning the first anniversary after the Firm Price Period, the rates and charges set forth in this Contract shall be increased effective as of that anniversary and each anniversary thereafter by an amount equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (Professional Services) (“CPI”), South Region, published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, from the immediately preceding calendar year times the rates and charges in effect for the immediately preceding calendar year.
- C.3. **Payment Methodology.** The Contractor shall be compensated based on the payment methodology for goods or services authorized by the State in a total amount as set forth in Section C.1.
- a. The Contractor’s compensation shall be contingent upon the satisfactory provision of goods or services as set forth in Section A.
  - b. The Contractor shall be compensated based upon the following payment methodology:

<b>Goods or Services Description</b>	<b>Amount</b> (per compensable increment)
Monthly Fee – Years 1-5	\$ <b>Number</b> per Month

Monthly Fee – Years 6-10	In accordance with Section C.2.
Pass Through Costs (See Sections A.19)	Cost plus 15%

- c. All materials and expenses incurred by the Contractor that are reasonable and necessary to fulfill the Contractor's obligations under this Contract shall be charged to the State at cost (inclusive of shipping, freight, and taxes, if applicable) plus fifteen percent (15%).
- d. The Contractor shall submit a monthly invoice to the State in accordance with the provisions of Sections C.3.b. and C.5.
- e. The Contractor shall include the following items in the monthly fee:
  1. Personnel Services. Salaries, wages, overtime, pay differential, longevity, unemployment compensation, holiday pay, meal allowance, education assistance, hospital, medical, dental plans, life insurance, retirement contributions, sick leave and other costs directly attributable to employees' personnel services. Travel, per diems.
  2. Equipment. Office equipment, laboratory equipment, safety equipment, tools, communication equipment, maintenance equipment, vehicles, mechanical equipment and manually operated equipment.
  3. Materials and Supplies. Gasoline and diesel fuel, vehicle supplies, vehicle accessories, office supplies, duplicating and photo supplies, medical supplies, , laboratory supplies, clothing and uniforms and other materials and supplies.
  4. Outside Services. Equipment rentals, temporary and/or part-time help, legal fees, registrations, telephone, courier service, dues, subscriptions, postage and freight charges, advertising, printing and binding, insurance and other professional services.

C.4. Travel Compensation. The Contractor shall not be compensated or reimbursed for travel time, travel expenses, meals, or lodging.

C.5. Invoice Requirements. The Contractor shall invoice the State only for goods delivered and accepted by the State or services satisfactorily provided at the amounts stipulated in Section C.3., above. Contractor shall submit invoices and necessary supporting documentation, no more frequently than once a month, and no later than thirty (30) days after goods or services have been provided to the following address:

Department of General Services, Megasite Authority of West Tennessee  
 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243  
[OAS.ElectronicInvoices@tn.gov](mailto:OAS.ElectronicInvoices@tn.gov)

- a. Each invoice, on Contractor's letterhead, shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly):
  - (1) Invoice number (assigned by the Contractor);
  - (2) Invoice date;
  - (3) Contract number (assigned by the State);
  - (4) Customer account name: Department of General Services, Megasite Authority of West Tennessee;
  - (5) Customer account number (assigned by the Contractor to the above-referenced Customer);
  - (6) Contractor name;
  - (7) Contractor Tennessee Edison registration ID number;
  - (8) Contractor contact for invoice questions (name, phone, or email);
  - (9) Contractor remittance address;
  - (10) Description of delivered goods or services provided and invoiced, including identifying information as applicable;

- (11) Number of delivered or completed units, increments, hours, or days as applicable, of each good or service invoiced;
- (12) Applicable payment methodology (as stipulated in Section C.3.) of each good or service invoiced;
- (13) Amount due for each compensable unit of good or service; and
- (14) Total amount due for the invoice period.

b. Contractor's invoices shall:

- (1) Only include charges for goods delivered or services provided as described in Section A and in accordance with payment terms and conditions set forth in Section C;
- (2) Only be submitted for goods delivered or services completed and shall not include any charge for future goods to be delivered or services to be performed;
- (3) Not include Contractor's taxes, which includes without limitation Contractor's sales and use tax, excise taxes, franchise taxes, real or personal property taxes, or income taxes; and
- (4) Include shipping or delivery charges only as authorized in this Contract.

c. The timeframe for payment (or any discounts) begins only when the State is in receipt of an invoice that meets the minimum requirements of this Section C.5.

C.6. Payment of Invoice. A payment by the State shall not prejudice the State's right to object to or question any payment, invoice, or other matter. A payment by the State shall not be construed as acceptance of goods delivered, any part of the services provided, or as approval of any amount invoiced.

C.7. Invoice Reductions. The Contractor's invoice shall be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment that is determined by the State, on the basis of audits conducted in accordance with the terms of this Contract, to not constitute proper compensation for goods delivered or services provided.

C.8. Deductions. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the Contractor under this or any contract between the Contractor and the State of Tennessee, any amounts that are or shall become due and payable to the State of Tennessee by the Contractor.

C.9. Prerequisite Documentation. The Contractor shall not invoice the State under this Contract until the State has received the following, properly completed documentation.

- a. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, payments to the Contractor, under this or any other contract the Contractor has with the State of Tennessee, may be made by ACH; and
- b. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and return to the State the State-provided W-9 form. The taxpayer identification number on the W-9 form must be the same as the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number referenced in the Contractor's Edison registration information.

**D. MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

D.1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Contract until it is duly approved by the Parties and all appropriate State officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations. Depending upon the specifics of this Contract, this may include approvals by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Chief Procurement Officer. Approvals shall be evidenced by a signature or electronic approval.

- D.2. Communications and Contacts. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be made by certified, first class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by overnight courier service with an asset tracking system, or by email or facsimile transmission with recipient confirmation. All communications, regardless of method of transmission, shall be addressed to the respective Party at the appropriate mailing address, facsimile number, or email address as stated below or any other address provided in writing by a Party.

The State:

Contract Manager:

Stephanie Reedy, Procurement Team Lead  
 Department of General Services, OAS  
 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 22nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37243  
[Stephanie.Reedy@tn.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Reedy@tn.gov)  
 Telephone # 615-708-9382

and

Subject Matter Expert:

Larry Milton, Project Manager  
 State of Tennessee Real Estate Asset Management (STREAM)  
 Tennessee Tower, 24th Floor  
 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37243  
 c. 615-708-0083  
[larry.milton@tn.gov](mailto:larry.milton@tn.gov)

The Contractor:

**Contractor Contact Name & Title**

**Contractor Name**

**Address**

**Email Address**

**Telephone # Number**

**FAX # Number**

All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effective upon receipt or recipient confirmation as may be required.

- D.3. Modification and Amendment. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all Parties and approved by all applicable State officials.
- D.4. Subject to Funds Availability. The Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State or federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor. The State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract shall not constitute a breach of Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall cease all work associated with the Contract. If the State terminates this Contract due to lack of funds availability, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods requested and accepted by the State and for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Should the State exercise its right to terminate this Contract due to unavailability of funds, the Contractor shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages of any description or amount.
- D.5. Termination for Convenience. The State may terminate this Contract for convenience without cause and for any reason. The State shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all

conforming goods delivered and accepted by the State or for satisfactory, authorized services completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the State be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any goods neither requested nor accepted by the State or for any services neither requested by the State nor satisfactorily performed by the Contractor. In no event shall the State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the State for any damages or claims arising under this Contract.

- D.6. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to properly perform its obligations under this Contract, or if the Contractor materially violates any terms of this Contract ("Breach Condition"), the State shall provide written notice to Contractor specifying the Breach Condition. If within thirty (30) days of notice, the Contractor has not cured the Breach Condition, the State may terminate the Contract and withhold payments in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the State for damages sustained by virtue of any breach of this Contract by the Contractor and the State may seek other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of this Contract.
- D.7. Assignment and Subcontracting. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the goods or services provided under this Contract without the prior written approval of the State. Notwithstanding any use of the approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The State reserves the right to request additional information or impose additional terms and conditions before approving an assignment of this Contract in whole or in part or the use of subcontractors in fulfilling the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- D.8. Conflicts of Interest. The Contractor warrants that no part of the Contractor's compensation shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Contractor in connection with any work contemplated or performed under this Contract.

The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that this Contract shall be null and void if the Contractor is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee or if the Contractor is an entity in which a controlling interest is held by an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee.

- D.9. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal or state law. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.10. Prohibition of Illegal Immigrants. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 addressing the use of illegal immigrants in the performance of any contract to supply goods or services to the state of Tennessee, shall be a material provision of this Contract, a breach of which shall be grounds for monetary and other penalties, up to and including termination of this Contract.
- a. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall reaffirm this attestation by submitting to the State a completed Attestation (accessible through the Edison Supplier Portal) and included at Attachment A, semi-annually during the Term. If the Contractor is a party to more than one contract with the State, the Contractor may submit one attestation that applies to all contracts with the State. All Contractor attestations shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.



- b. Prior to the use of any subcontractor in the performance of this Contract, and semi-annually thereafter, during the Term, the Contractor shall obtain and retain a current, written attestation that the subcontractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract. Attestations obtained from subcontractors shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
  - c. The Contractor shall maintain records for all personnel used in the performance of this Contract. Contractor's records shall be subject to review and random inspection at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice by the State.
  - d. The Contractor understands and agrees that failure to comply with this section will be subject to the sanctions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 for acts or omissions occurring after its effective date.
  - e. For purposes of this Contract, "illegal immigrant" shall be defined as any person who is not: (i) a United States citizen; (ii) a Lawful Permanent Resident; (iii) a person whose physical presence in the United States is authorized; (iv) allowed by the federal Department of Homeland Security and who, under federal immigration laws or regulations, is authorized to be employed in the U.S.; or (v) is otherwise authorized to provide services under the Contract.
- D.11. Records. The Contractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Contractor, for work performed or money received under this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of five (5) full years from the date of the final payment and shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- D.12. Monitoring. The Contractor's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
- D.13. Progress Reports. The Contractor shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
- D.14. Strict Performance. Failure by any Party to this Contract to require, in any one or more cases, the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the Parties.
- D.15. Independent Contractor. The Parties shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. The Parties are independent contracting entities. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow either Party to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one Party are not employees or agents of the other Party.
- D.16. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Contractor agrees that it will be responsible for compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") with respect to itself and its employees, including any obligation to report health insurance coverage, provide health insurance coverage, or pay any financial assessment, tax, or penalty for not providing health insurance. The Contractor shall indemnify the State and hold it harmless from any costs to the State arising from Contractor's failure to fulfill its PPACA responsibilities for itself or its employees.

- D.17. Limitation of State's Liability. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract. In no event will the State be liable to the Contractor or any other party for any lost revenues, lost profits, loss of business, decrease in the value of any securities or cash position, time, goodwill, or any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages of any nature, whether based on warranty, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including but not limited to negligence), or any other legal theory that may arise under this Contract or otherwise. The State's total liability under this Contract (including any exhibits, schedules, amendments or other attachments to the Contract) or otherwise shall under no circumstances exceed the Maximum Liability. This limitation of liability is cumulative and not per incident.
- D.18. Limitation of Contractor's Liability. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-701, the Contractor's liability for all claims arising under this Contract shall be limited to an amount equal to two (2) times the Maximum Liability amount detailed in Section C.1. and as may be amended, PROVIDED THAT in no event shall this Section limit the liability of the Contractor for: (i) intellectual property or any Contractor indemnity obligations for infringement for third-party intellectual property rights; (ii) any claims covered by any specific provision in the Contract providing for liquidated damages; or (iii) any claims for intentional torts, criminal acts, fraudulent conduct, or acts or omissions that result in personal injuries or death. For clarity, except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Section, Contractor's indemnification obligations and other remedies available under this Contract are subject to the limitations on liability set forth in this Section.
- D.19. Hold Harmless. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee as well as its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and causes of action which may arise, accrue, or result to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which may be injured or damaged as a result of acts, omissions, or negligence on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or any person acting for or on its or their behalf relating to this Contract. The Contractor further agrees it shall be liable for the reasonable cost of attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and other litigation expenses for the State to enforce the terms of this Contract.
- In the event of any suit or claim, the Parties shall give each other immediate notice and provide all necessary assistance to respond. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.
- D.20. Reserved.
- D.21. Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Subject to statutory exceptions contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-36-801, *et seq.*, the law governing the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System ("TCRS"), provides that if a retired member of TCRS, or of any superseded system administered by TCRS, or of any local retirement fund established under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-35-101, *et seq.*, accepts State employment, the member's retirement allowance is suspended during the period of the employment. Accordingly and notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, the Contractor agrees that if it is later determined that the true nature of the working relationship between the Contractor and the State under this Contract is that of "employee/employer" and not that of an independent contractor, the Contractor, if a retired member of TCRS, may be required to repay to TCRS the amount of retirement benefits the Contractor received from TCRS during the Term.
- D.22. Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable registration requirements contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 67-6-601 – 608. Compliance with applicable registration requirements is a material requirement of this Contract.
- D.23. Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its current and future principals, its current and future subcontractors and their principals:

- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;
- b. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them from commission of fraud, or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed in section b. of this certification; and
- d. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded, disqualified, or presently fall under any of the prohibitions of sections a-d.

- D.24. Force Majeure. "Force Majeure Event" means fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God, wars, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, acts of terrorism or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party except to the extent that the non-performing Party is at fault in failing to prevent or causing the default or delay, and provided that the default or delay cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing Party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means. A strike, lockout or labor dispute shall not excuse either Party from its obligations under this Contract. Except as set forth in this Section, any failure or delay by a Party in the performance of its obligations under this Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event is not a default under this Contract or grounds for termination. The non-performing Party will be excused from performing those obligations directly affected by the Force Majeure Event, and only for as long as the Force Majeure Event continues, provided that the Party continues to use diligent, good faith efforts to resume performance without delay. The occurrence of a Force Majeure Event affecting Contractor's representatives, suppliers, subcontractors, customers or business apart from this Contract is not a Force Majeure Event under this Contract. Contractor will promptly notify the State of any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event (to be confirmed in a written notice to the State within one (1) day of the inception of the delay) that a Force Majeure Event has occurred, and will describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event results in a delay in Contractor's performance longer than forty-eight (48) hours, the State may, upon notice to Contractor: (a) cease payment of the fees for the affected obligations until Contractor resumes performance of the affected obligations; or (b) immediately terminate this Contract or any purchase order, in whole or in part, without further payment except for fees then due and payable. Contractor will not increase its charges under this Contract or charge the State any fees other than those provided for in this Contract as the result of a Force Majeure Event.
- D.25. State and Federal Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all State and federal laws and regulations applicable to Contractor in the Contractor's performance of this Contract.
- D.26. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to its conflict or choice of law rules. The Tennessee Claims Commission or the state or federal courts in Tennessee shall be the venue for all claims, disputes, or disagreements arising under this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any rights, claims, or remedies against the State of Tennessee or its employees arising under this Contract shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 9-8-101 - 408.

- D.27. Entire Agreement. This Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the Parties relating to its subject matter, including all the terms and conditions of the Parties' agreement. This Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral.
- D.28. Severability. If any terms and conditions of this Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions of this Contract shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. The terms and conditions of this Contract are severable.
- D.29. Headings. Section headings of this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Contract.
- D.30. Incorporation of Additional Documents. Each of the following documents is included as a part of this Contract by reference. In the event of a discrepancy or ambiguity regarding the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and performance under this Contract, these items shall govern in order of precedence below:
- a. any amendment to this Contract, with the latter in time controlling over any earlier amendments;
  - b. this Contract with any attachments or exhibits (excluding the items listed at subsections c. through f., below), which includes Attachments A, B, C, and D;
  - c. any clarifications of or addenda to the Contractor's proposal seeking this Contract;
  - d. the State solicitation, as may be amended, requesting responses in competition for this Contract;
  - e. any technical specifications provided to proposers during the procurement process to award this Contract; and
  - f. the Contractor's response seeking this Contract.
- D.31. Iran Divestment Act. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101, *et seq.*, addressing contracting with persons as defined at Tenn. Code Ann. §12-12-103(5) that engage in investment activities in Iran, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it is not on the list created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.
- D.32. Insurance. Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage as specified in this Section. The State reserves the right to amend or require additional insurance coverage, coverage amounts, and endorsements required under this Contract. Contractor's failure to maintain or submit evidence of insurance coverage, as required, is a material breach of this Contract. If Contractor loses insurance coverage, fails to renew coverage, or for any reason becomes uninsured during the Term, Contractor shall immediately notify the State. All insurance companies providing coverage must be: (a) acceptable to the State; (b) authorized by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance ("TDCI"); and (c) rated A- / VII or better by A.M. Best. All coverage must be on a primary basis and noncontributory with any other insurance or self-insurance carried by the State. Contractor agrees to name the State as an additional insured on any insurance policy with the exception of workers' compensation (employer liability) and professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance. All policies must contain an endorsement for a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State. The deductible or SIR and any premiums are the Contractor's sole responsibility. The Contractor agrees that the insurance requirements specified in this Section do not reduce any liability the Contractor has assumed under this Contract including any indemnification or hold harmless requirements.

To achieve the required coverage amounts, a combination of an otherwise deficient specific policy and an umbrella policy with an aggregate meeting or exceeding the required coverage amounts is acceptable. For example: If the required policy limit under this Contract is for two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in coverage, acceptable coverage would include a specific policy covering one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined with an umbrella policy for an additional one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the deficient underlying policy is for a coverage area without aggregate limits (generally Automobile Liability and Employers' Liability Accident), Contractor

shall provide a copy of the umbrella insurance policy documents to ensure that no aggregate limit applies to the umbrella policy for that coverage area. In the event that an umbrella policy is being provided to achieve any required coverage amounts, the umbrella policy shall be accompanied by an endorsement at least as broad as the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (also known as "ISO") "Noncontributory—Other Insurance Condition" endorsement or shall be written on a policy form that addresses both the primary and noncontributory basis of the umbrella policy if the State is otherwise named as an additional insured.

Contractor shall provide the State a certificate of insurance ("COI") evidencing the coverages and amounts specified in this Section. The COI must be on a form approved by the TDCI (standard ACORD form preferred). The COI must list each insurer's National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) number and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer. The COI must list the State of Tennessee – CPO Risk Manager, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Central Procurement Office, Nashville, TN 37243 as the certificate holder. Contractor shall provide the COI ten (10) business days prior to the Effective Date and again thirty (30) calendar days before renewal or replacement of coverage. Contractor shall provide the State evidence that all subcontractors maintain the required insurance or that subcontractors are included under the Contractor's policy. At any time, the State may require Contractor to provide a valid COI. The Parties agree that failure to provide evidence of insurance coverage as required is a material breach of this Contract. If Contractor self-insures, then a COI will not be required to prove coverage. Instead Contractor shall provide a certificate of self-insurance or a letter, on Contractor's letterhead, detailing its coverage, policy amounts, and proof of funds to reasonably cover such expenses. In the event of a claim or lawsuit naming the State, the Contractor agrees to provide the State with a copy of all applicable insurance policies, including any policy amendments and endorsements

The State agrees that it shall give written notice to the Contractor as soon as practicable after the State becomes aware of any claim asserted or made against the State, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days after the State becomes aware of such claim. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor or its insurer, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

**The insurance obligations under this Contract shall be: (1)—all the insurance coverage and policy limits carried by the Contractor; or (2)—the minimum insurance coverage requirements and policy limits shown in this Contract; whichever is greater. Any insurance proceeds in excess of or broader than the minimum required coverage and minimum required policy limits, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to the State. No representation is made that the minimum insurance requirements of the Contract are sufficient to cover the obligations of the Contractor arising under this Contract. The Contractor shall obtain and maintain, at a minimum, the following insurance coverages and policy limits.**

a. Commercial General Liability ("CGL") Insurance

- 1) The Contractor shall maintain CGL, which shall be written on an ISO Form CG 00 01 occurrence form (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage) and shall cover liability arising from property damage, premises and operations products and completed operations, bodily injury, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).  
The Contractor shall maintain single limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this policy or location of occurrence or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

b. Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance

- 1) For Contractors statutorily required to carry workers' compensation and employer liability insurance, the Contractor shall maintain:
  - i. Workers' compensation in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) including employer liability of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury by accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit by disease, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per employee for bodily injury by disease.
- 2) If the Contractor certifies that it is exempt from the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 50-6-101 – 103, then the Contractor shall furnish written proof of such exemption for one or more of the following reasons:
  - i. The Contractor employs fewer than five (5) employees;
  - ii. The Contractor is a sole proprietor;
  - iii. The Contractor is in the construction business or trades with no employees;
  - iv. The Contractor is in the coal mining industry with no employees;
  - v. The Contractor is a state or local government; or
  - vi. The Contractor self-insures its workers' compensation and is in compliance with the TDCI rules and Tenn. Code Ann. § 50-6-405.

c. Automobile Liability Insurance

- 1) The Contractor shall maintain automobile liability insurance which shall cover liability arising out of any automobile (including owned, leased, hired, and non-owned automobiles).
- 2) The Contractor shall maintain bodily injury/property damage with a limit not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or combined single limit.

d. Contractor's Pollution Liability

- 1) State requires this coverage whenever work at issue under this Contract involves potential pollution risk to the environment or losses caused by pollution conditions that may arise from the operations of the Contractor described in the Contractor's scope of services. The Policy shall cover the Contractor's completed operations. The Contractor shall maintain limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate. Coverage shall apply to sudden and gradual pollution conditions resulting from the escape or release of smoke, vapors, fumes, acids, alkalis, toxic chemicals, liquids, gases, natural gas, waste materials, lead, asbestos, or other irritants, contaminants, or pollutants.

- D.33. Major Procurement Contract Sales and Use Tax. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-39-102 and to the extent applicable, the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors shall remit sales and use taxes on the sales of goods or services that are made by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors and that are subject to tax.

- D.34. Confidentiality of Records. Strict standards of confidentiality of records and information shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All material and information, regardless of form, medium or method of communication, provided to the Contractor by the State or acquired by the Contractor on behalf of the State that is regarded as confidential under state or federal law shall be regarded as “Confidential Information.” Nothing in this Section shall permit Contractor to disclose any Confidential Information, regardless of whether it has been disclosed or made available to the Contractor due to intentional or negligent actions or inactions of agents of the State or third parties. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed except as required or permitted under state or federal law. Contractor shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the confidentiality of such material or information in conformance with applicable state and federal law.

The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

- D.35. Boycott of Israel. The Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and covenants that it will not, for the duration of the Contract, engage in a Boycott of Israel, as that term is defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-119.
- D.36. Prohibited Contract Terms. The prohibited contract terms and conditions enumerated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-515, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that the inclusion of a term or condition prohibited by Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-515, shall be null and void and the Contract shall be enforceable as if the Contract did not contain such term or condition.

**E. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- E.1. Conflicting Terms and Conditions. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the special terms and conditions shall be subordinate to the Contract’s other terms and conditions.
- E.2. Contractor Commitment to Diversity. The Contractor shall comply with and make reasonable business efforts to exceed the commitment to diversity represented by the Contractor’s Response to RFP 32122-2024-001 (Attachment 6.2. – SECTION B Item B.15) and resulting in this Contract.

The Contractor shall assist the State in monitoring the Contractor’s performance of this commitment by providing, as requested, a monthly report of participation in the performance of this Contract by small business enterprises and businesses owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, and persons with disabilities. Such reports shall be provided to the State of Tennessee Governor’s Office of Diversity Business Enterprise in the TN Diversity Software available online at:

<https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&XID=9810>.

- E.3. Additional lines, items, or options. At its sole discretion, the State may make written requests to the Contractor to add lines, items, or options that are needed and within the Scope but were not included in the original Contract. Such lines, items, or options will be added to the Contract through a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), not an amendment.
- a. After the Contractor receives a written request to add lines, items, or options, the Contractor shall have ten (10) business days to respond with a written proposal. The Contractor’s written proposal shall include:
- (1) The effect, if any, of adding the lines, items, or options on the other goods or services required under the Contract;
  - (2) Any pricing related to the new lines, items, or options;
  - (3) The expected effective date for the availability of the new lines, items, or options; and
  - (4) Any additional information requested by the State.
- b. The State may negotiate the terms of the Contractor’s proposal by requesting revisions to the proposal.

- c. To indicate acceptance of a proposal, the State will sign it. The signed proposal shall constitute a MOU between the Parties, and the lines, items, or options shall be incorporated into the Contract as if set forth verbatim.
- d. Only after a MOU has been executed shall the Contractor perform or deliver the new lines, items, or options.
- E.4. Extraneous Terms and Conditions. Contractor shall fill all orders submitted by the State under this Contract. No purchase order, invoice, or other documents associated with any sales, orders, or supply of any good or service under this Contract shall contain any terms or conditions other than as set forth in the Contract. Any such extraneous terms and conditions shall be void, invalid and unenforceable against the State. Any refusal by Contractor to supply any goods or services under this Contract conditioned upon the State submitting to any extraneous terms and conditions shall be a material breach of the Contract and constitute an act of bad faith by Contractor.
- E.5. Performance Bond. The Contractor shall provide to the State a performance bond guaranteeing full and faithful performance of all undertakings and obligations under this Contract specifically faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and Contract documents. The Contractor shall submit the bond no later than the day immediately preceding the Effective Date and in the manner and form prescribed by the State at Attachment D. The bond shall be issued by a company licensed to issue such a bond in the state of Tennessee. The performance bond shall guarantee full and faithful performance of all undertakings and obligations under this Contract for the first year of the Term in the amount of **Written Dollar Amount (\$Number)** and, thereafter, a new performance bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Maximum Liability, **Written Dollar Amount (\$Number)** covering each subsequent year of the Term, including any renewals or extensions. The State reserves the right to review the bond amount and bonding requirements at any time during the Term. The Contractor shall provide performance bonds to the State prior to the Effective Date and thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of each renewal or extended Term.
- Failure to provide to the State the performance bond(s) as required under this Contract may result in this Contract being terminated by the State. The performance bond required under this Contract shall not be reduced during the Term without the State's prior written approval.
- E.6. Partial Takeover of Contract. The State may, at its convenience and without cause, exercise a partial takeover of any service that the Contractor is obligated to perform under this Contract, including any service which is the subject of a subcontract between Contractor and a third party (a "Partial Takeover"). A Partial Takeover of this Contract by the State shall not be deemed a breach of contract. The Contractor shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of a Partial Takeover. The notice shall specify the areas of service the State will assume and the date the State will be assuming. The State's exercise of a Partial Takeover shall not alter the Contractor's other duties and responsibilities under this Contract. The State reserves the right to withhold from the Contractor any amounts the Contractor would have been paid but for the State's exercise of a Partial Takeover. The amounts shall be withheld effective as of the date the State exercises its right to a Partial Takeover. The State's exercise of its right to a Partial Takeover of this Contract shall not entitle the Contractor to any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages irrespective of any description or amount.
- E.7. Reimbursement. This Contract provides for reimbursement of the cost of goods, materials, supplies, equipment, or contracted services. Any goods, materials, supplies, equipment or contracted services procured by Contractor under this Contract that are over \$10,000.00 shall be procured on a competitive basis when practicable. The Contractor shall maintain documentation supporting Contractor's request for reimbursement. In each instance where it is determined that use of a competitive procurement method was not practicable, Contractor shall seek approval of the Megasite Authority CEO to procure by non-competitive procurement as a condition for reimbursement.



- E.8. Data Ownership. The State will own all right, title and interest in its data that is related to the services provided by this Contract.
- a. All data obtained by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract shall become and remain the property of the State.
  - b. Protection of personal privacy and data shall be an integral part of the business activities of the Contractor to ensure there is no inappropriate or unauthorized use of State information at any time. The Contractor shall not use or disclose any data related to this Contract except as specifically authorized by the State in writing, or as required to perform their obligations under this Contract.
  - c. The Contractor shall ensure that the State has access to all data provided under this Contract 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,**

**CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:**

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**CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

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**PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR SIGNATORY (above)**

**MEGASITE AUTHORITY OF WEST TENNESSEE:**

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**CLAY BRIGHT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**DATE**

**ATTACHMENT A****ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

<b>SUBJECT CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>	
<b>CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:</b>	
<b>EDISON VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:</b>	

**The Contractor, identified above, does hereby attest, certify, warrant, and assure that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract.**

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**CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE**

NOTICE: This attestation MUST be signed by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contractor. Attach evidence documenting the individual's authority to contractually bind the Contractor, unless the signatory is the Contractor's chief executive or president.

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**PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY**


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**DATE OF ATTESTATION**

SECTION 12 56 53LABORATORY CASEWORK AND RELATED PRODUCTS**PART 1 – GENERAL****1.01 FURNITURE, CABINETS, SINKS AND ACCESSORIES**

The Contractor shall furnish and install furniture, cabinets, sinks, and accessories completed as shown on the Plans and specified herein. Model numbers shown on the Plans for the laboratory furniture, desk and shelves are Kewaunee Scientific Corporation Signature Series – Conventional Radius LIP-Style 1 Laboratory Furniture. These model numbers are used to establish quality, type, style, use and configuration of the laboratory furniture. Similar units as manufactured by Campbell Rhea Manufacturing, Inc. or approved equal will be accepted.

**PART 2 – PRODUCTS****2.01 CASEWORK**

The wood base cabinets shall be furnished as shown on the Plans. The lumber used for all exterior surfaces exposed to view shall be Oak. Finish shall be selected from samples furnished to the Designer for approval. The cabinet tops shall be continuous and equal to Kemresin™ as furnished by Kewaunee Scientific or approved equal. The sink units shall be Kemresin™ or equal with plug and strainer. They shall have a hot and cold water spread gooseneck faucet. Fillers shall be furnished as necessary. Cut-outs shall be made by the manufacturer for the electrical outlets and switches on the back curb of the units. The switch and outlet locations are shown on the electrical plans.

**2.02 LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

The Contractor shall furnish the following laboratory equipment and supplies listed hereinafter or specified on the Plans. Manufacturers are provided or pre-approved equivalents. All laboratory equipment shall be on-site and fully operational prior to the wastewater treatment plant's start-up. PREVIOUSLY, DELAYS HAVE BEEN COMMON FOR DELIVERY OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES; THEREFORE, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL ALLOW SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME FOR DELIVERY OF ALL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Manufacturer &amp; Catalog Number</u>
1.	1 Each	Bench Top DO/PM/Conductivity	HACH HQ40D Product # 8508700 or equal
2.	1 Each	Magnetic Stirrer, 7 X 7, 120 Volts, Aluminum, Microprocessor control, LED display	HANNA Instruments Model HI 300N or equal
3.	1 Each	Rugged D/PM/Conductivity Field Kit	HACH HQ40D Product # 8505300 or equal
4.	1 Each	Vacuum Pump, Oil-less Diaphragm Pump with air filters; pump-mounted switch, serrated connectors for tubing, 3-wire cord for 120 Volts, 1/8 hp motor; corrosion resistant; vacuum and pressure gauges and regulators; stainless steel valves	Thomas Scientific Gast 7893DQ5 or equal
5.	1 Each	Drying Oven, Mechanical Convection; microprocessor temperature control; push button; digital temperature set with 3 digit LED display; RTD temperature sensor; digital timer with hold function; digital, high-limit safety temperature control with audio/visual alarms and mute; and 2 shelves, 2.5 ft <sup>3</sup> ; 115 Volts	Thomas Scientific Model 70 DM or equal
6.	1 Each	Analytical Balance; 210 g capacity; 3 seconds stabilization time; 0.1 mg readability and repeatability; 0.2 mg linearity; 3.1" diameter pan size; 115 Volts at 100 mA	Denver Instrument Pinnacle Series P-214 or equal
7.	1 Each	BOD Incubator, Incubator for BOD analysis capable of maintaining 20°C, $\pm$ 0.1°C, capacity 21 ft <sup>3</sup> , 115 Volts	LabtronX Model 2000 D or equal

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Manufacturer &amp; Catalog Number</u>
8.	1 Each	Muffle Furnace, 1,200°C maximum; chamber capacity of 139 cubic inches; digital single set point control; ceramic fiber insulation; 120 Volts	Thomas Scientific Model 5300A15 or equal
9.	1 Each	Desiccator; Non-vacuum; 454 g capacity; transparent polycarbonate cover and green polypropylene base; 13-inch outside diameter by 9.7-inches high; body impervious to acids, alkalies, and all usual desiccants; recessed rim cover; drierite desiccant with indicator - 454 g	HACH Product Number 1428500 or equal
10.	1 Each	Desiccator Plate, Ceramic 9-inch in diameter	HACH Product Number 14284-00 or equal
11.	3 Each	Compact Portable Samplers with 2.5 gallon glass bottle configurations, suction lines and strainers, and Ni-cap power source	Teledyne ISCO Model 6712 or equal
12.	2 Each	Portable Colorimeter	HACH DR/850 or equal
13.	1 Each	Complete IDEXX Colilert Testing System. Including but not limited to: 400 Quanti-Tray and test kits, 3 Quanti-Tray Rubber Sealers, 400 – 120 mL Disposable Vessels, 1-120V Fluorescent UV lamp, 2-Comparators, 1-Incubator, 1-Quanti-Tray Sealer (120V)	IDEXX Colilert or equal
14.	1 Each	Water Purification System Type II 30 Liters per hour with 25 Liter reservoir	Siemens Purelab Option – R30 Model # OPT030PLXXII503 Model # LA611 or equal
15.	1 Each	Emergency Eyewash Station, floor mounted	Guardian Equipment Model G1950 or equal

### **2.03 LUNCH ROOM/BREAK ROOM EQUIPMENT**

The Contractor shall supply and install the following equipment in the lunch room/break room:

- Free standing 30-in, 5.3 cubic foot, self-cleaning electric range. GE Model JBPZZDR or equal.
- 1200-watt, 2 cubic foot, counter top microwave oven. GE Model JES2051DN or equal
- Built-In dishwasher. GE Model GDF510PGD or equal
- 18.1 cubic foot top-freezer refrigerator. GE Model GTH18GCD or equal.
- One 72” Rectangular Table. Iceberg Model ICE-65127 or equal.
- Eight Stacking Chairs. Iceberg Model ICE-64023 or equal.

### **2.04 REST ROOM EQUIPMENT**

The Contractor shall supply and install the following equipment in the rest room:

- Five wardrobe metal lockers, 15”x15”x66”. Minimum of 16 gauge steel with stainless steel latch capable of receiving a padlock. Lockers shall be manufactured by Hallowell or equal. Owner shall pick color during shop drawings.
- One movable 42-inch maple bench with aluminum pedestals as manufactured by Hallowell or equal.

### **2.05 MISCELLANEOUS FURNISHINGS**

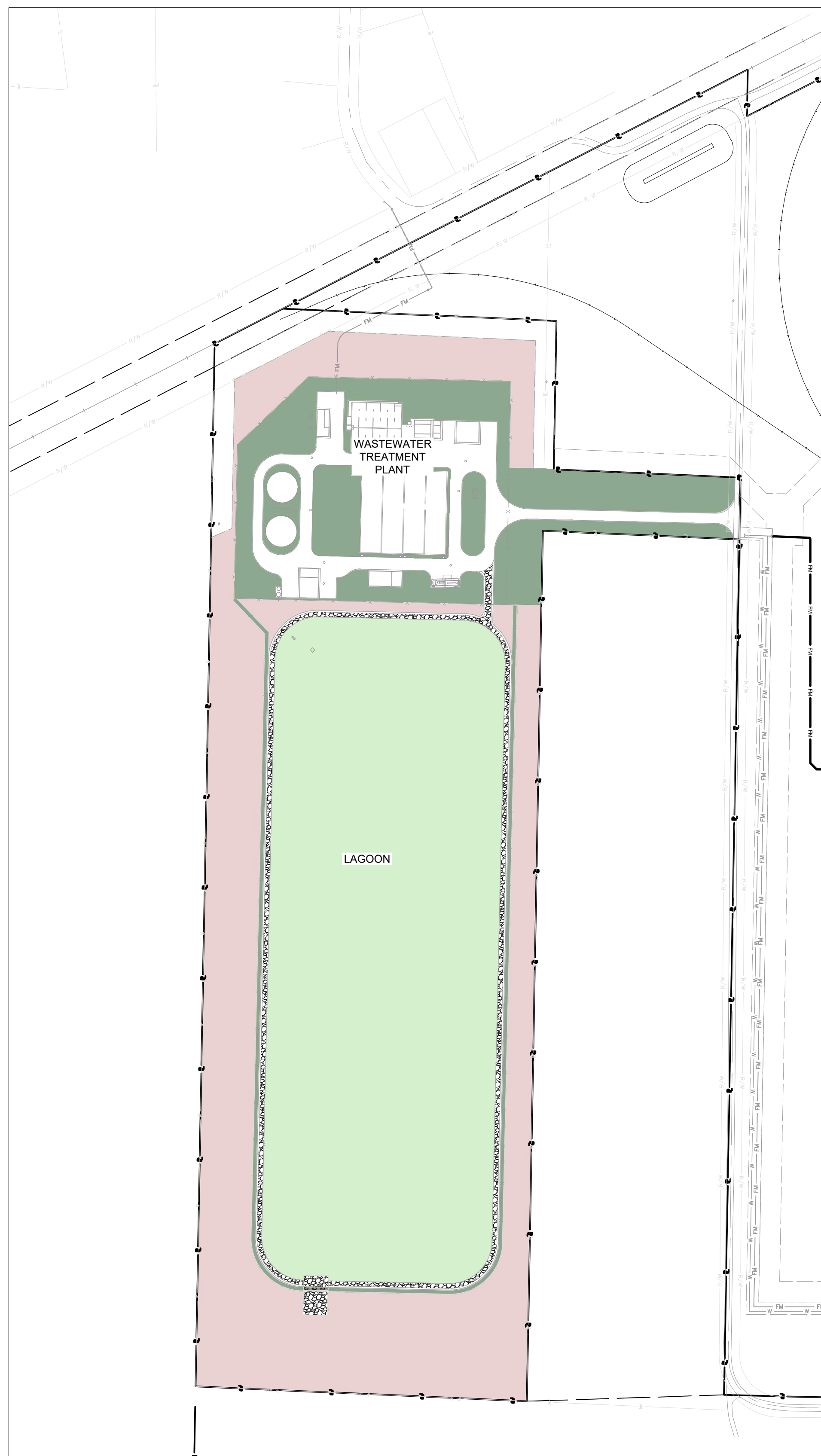
The Contractor shall supply and install the following items:

- Two Task Stools. Safco Model SAF-3442BL or equal.
- Two High Task Stools with back. Safco Model SAF-3442BL or equal.
- Two Four Drawer Legal File Cabinets. HON Model HON-214CPL or equal
- Four Heavy Duty Commercial Steel Shelving Units. Safco Model SAF-6270 or equal.
- Four Desk Side Plastic Waste Baskets. Rubbermaid Model RCP-295500BK or equal.
- Two Waste Receptacles (Break Room/Restroom). Rubbermaid Model RCP-R1536MGL or equal.

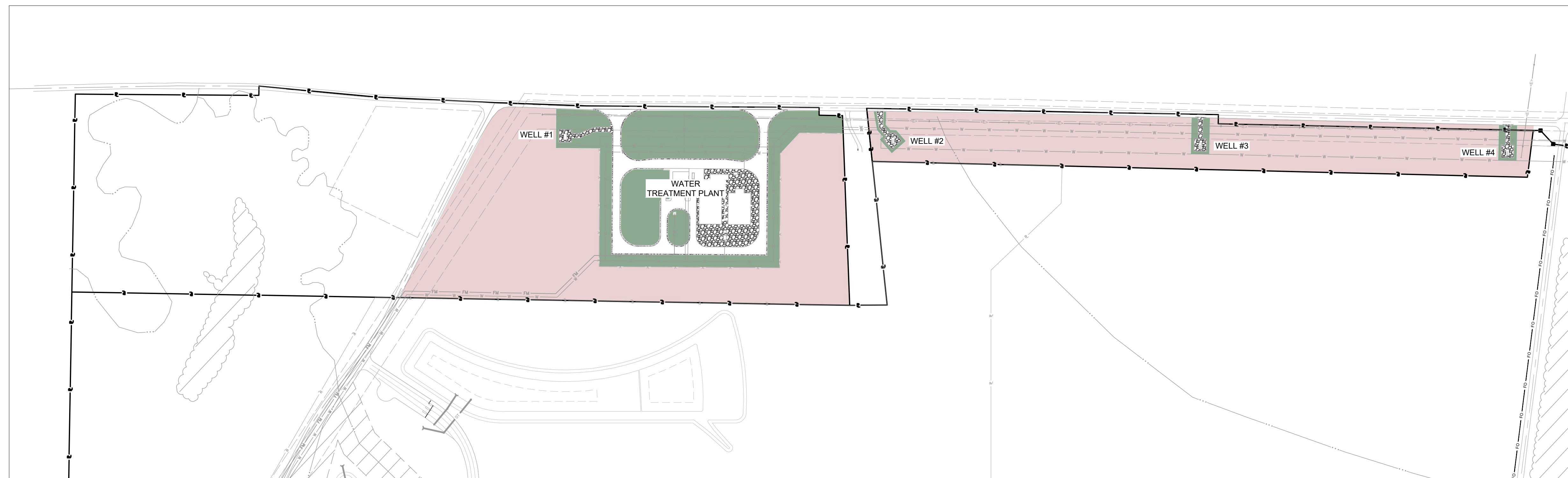
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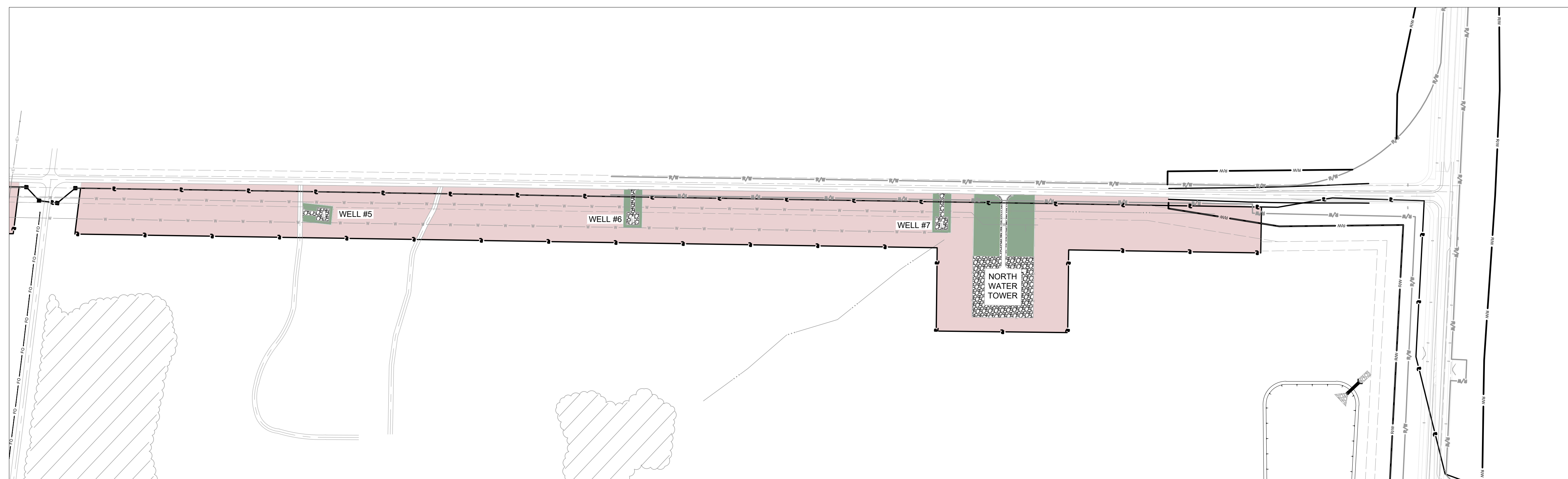
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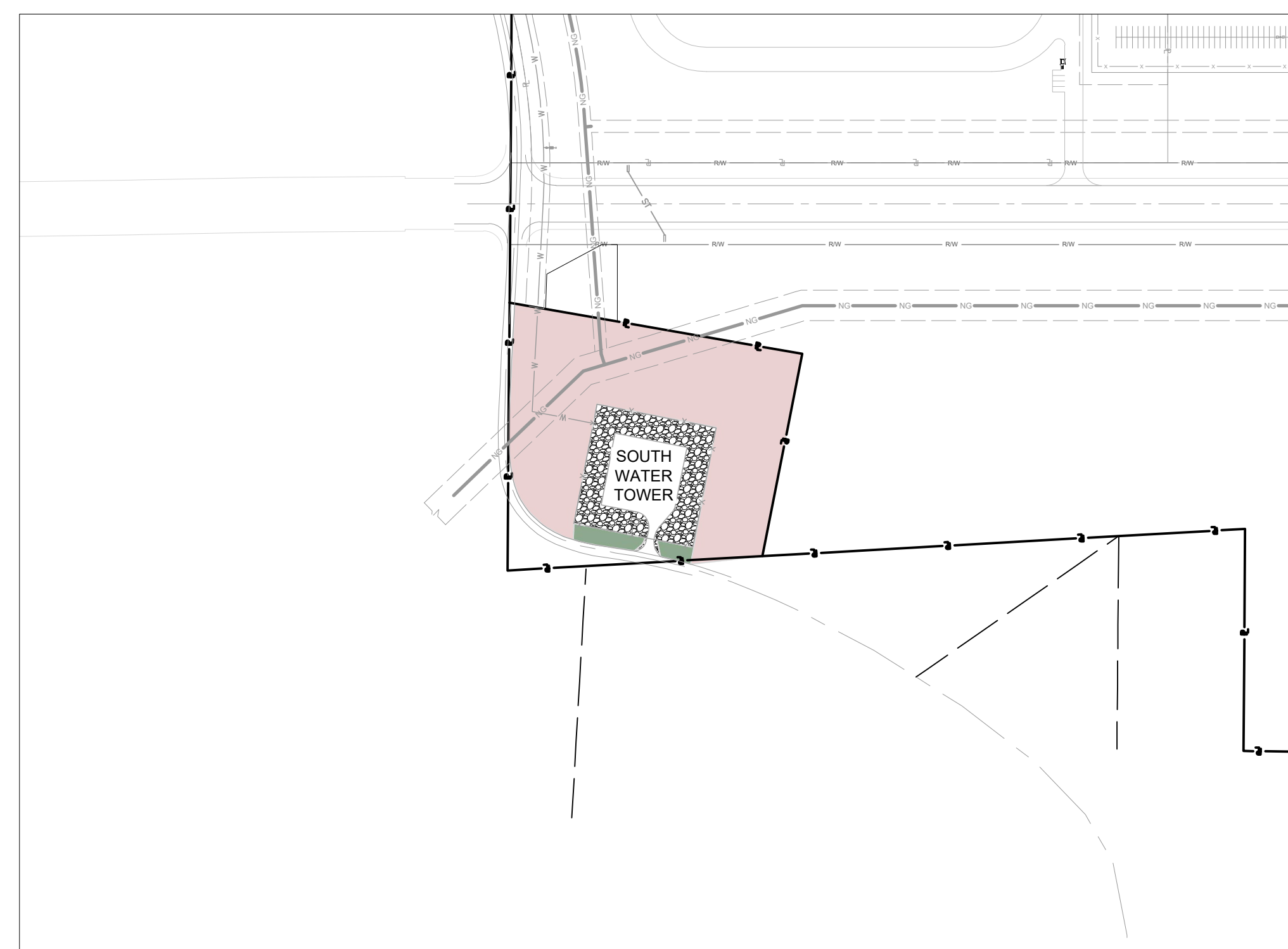
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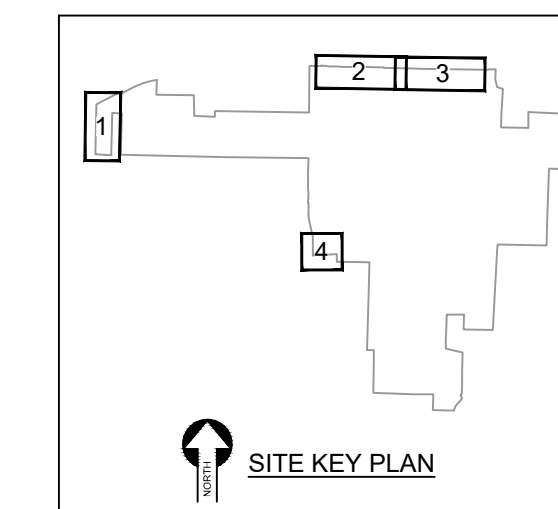
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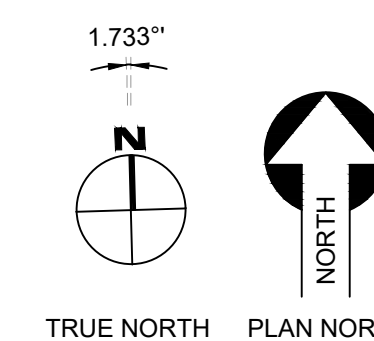
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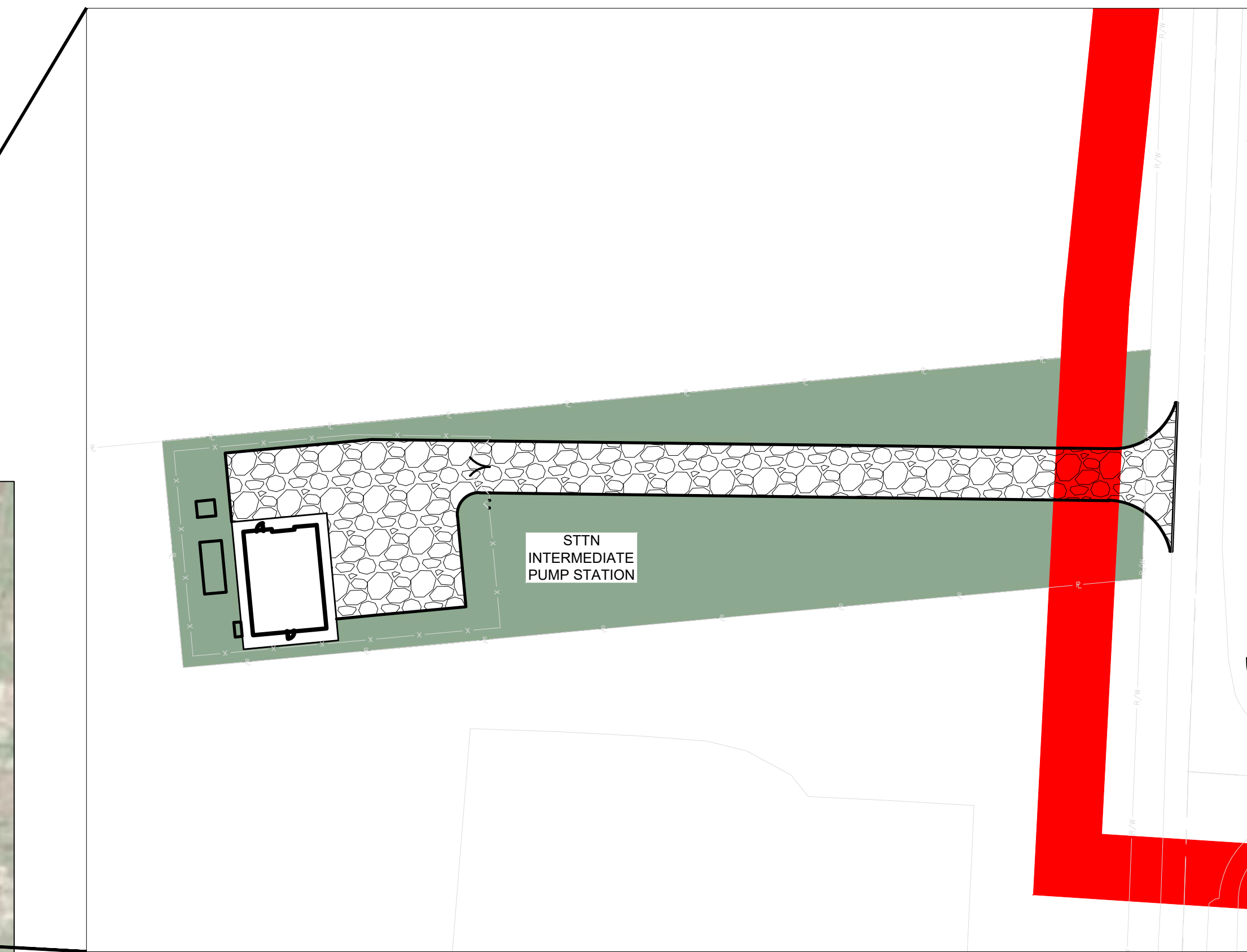
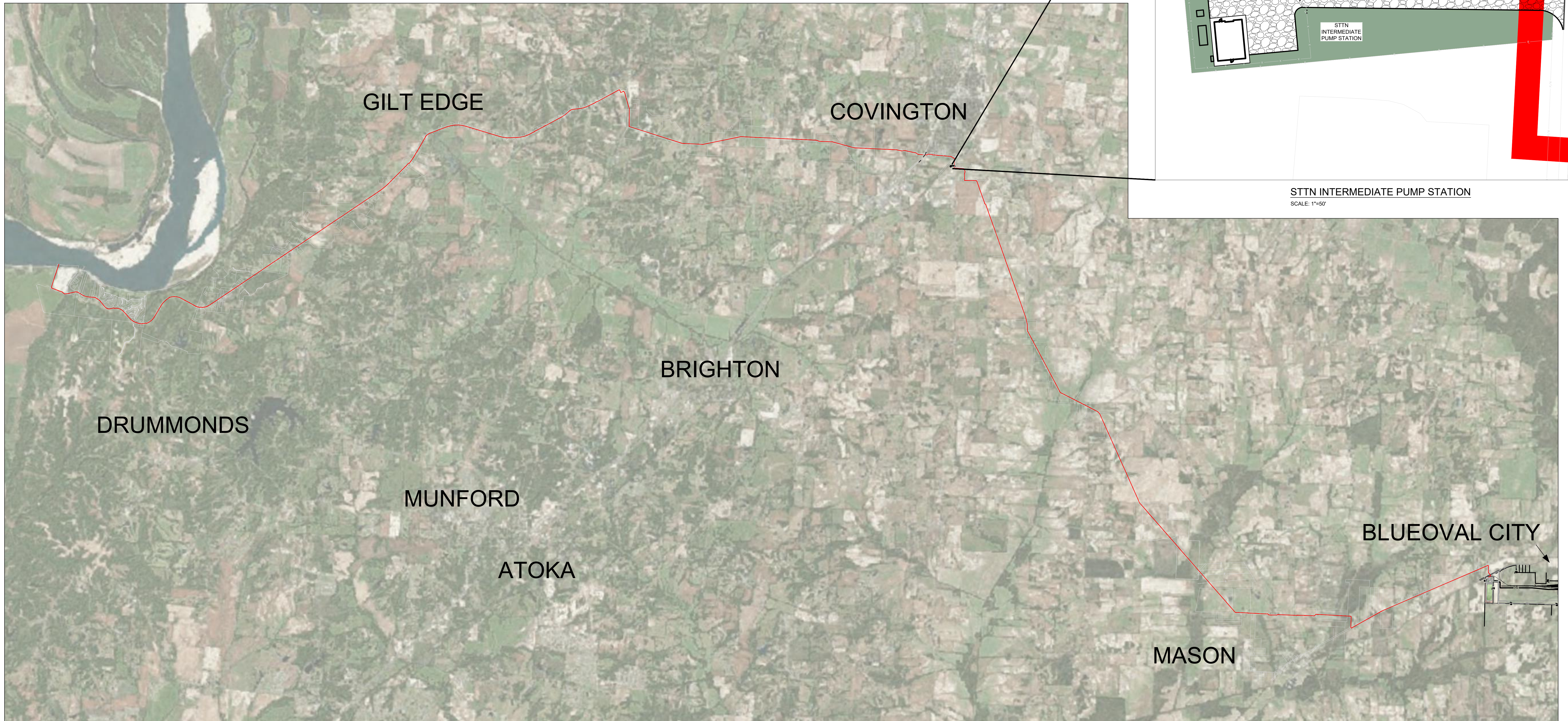
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NOTE:  
 - ALL PERIMETER AND INTERIOR FENCING SHALL BE KEPT CLEAN OF ALL VEGETATION  
 - FREQUENCY TO ADJUST BASED UPON SEASON AND WEATHER CONDITIONS



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DESIGNED BY:	D. WOLF
CHECKED BY:	-
APPROVED BY:	-
AE PROJECT NUMBER:	XX-XXXX-XX
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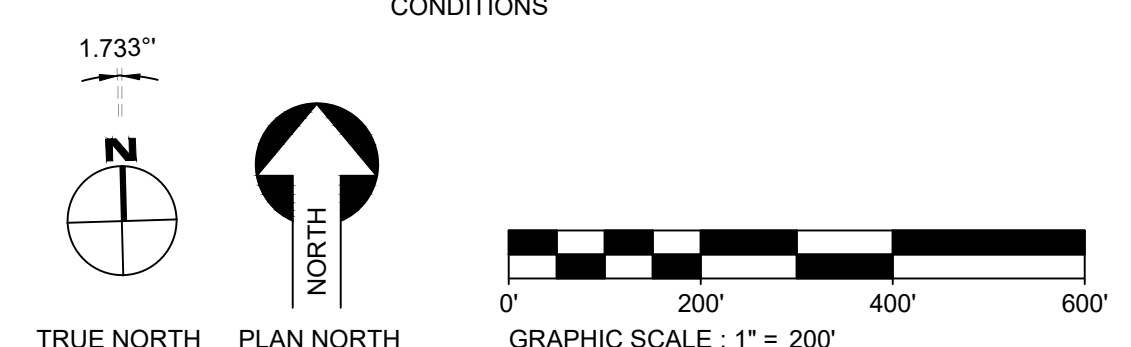
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ATTACHMENT D

BOND NO. #

**PERFORMANCE BOND****KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** that We,

Contractor name  
 Contractor address  
 Contractor telephone

(hereinafter called the “Principal”), whose principal business address and telephone number is as stated above; and

Surety name  
 Surety address  
 Surety telephone

(hereinafter called the “Surety”), whose principal address and telephone number is as stated above, a surety insurer chartered and existing under the laws of the State of **state name** and authorized to do business in the State of Tennessee;

are held and firmly bound unto the State of Tennessee Department of General Services Central Procurement Office (“State”), whose principal address is 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, and whose principal telephone number is 615-741-1035 in the penal sum of **written amount (\$ number)** for payment of which we bond ourselves, our heirs, our personal representatives, our successors and our assignees, jointly and severally.

**WHEREAS**, Principal has entered into a contract with State for **solicitation name** (Solicitation No. #) (the “Contract”) in accordance with the scope of services and deliverables (the “Scope”) set forth in Section **reference** of the Contract.

**THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND** is that if Principal:

1. Performs the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed in the Contract; and
2. Pays State any and all losses, damages, costs and attorneys’ fees, including appellate proceedings, that State sustains because of any default by Principal under the Contract, including, but not limited to, all delay damages, whether liquidated or actual, incurred by State; and
3. Performs, to the satisfaction of State the Scope under the Contract for the time specified in the Contract;

then this bond is void; otherwise it remains in full force.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that no changes, extensions of time, alterations or additions to the terms of the Contract or other work to be performed hereunder, or the specifications referred to in the Contract shall in anyway affect its obligation under this bond. The Surety waives notice of any such changes, extensions of time, alterations or additions to the terms of the Contract or to the Scope.

It is expressly understood the time provision under Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-502 shall apply to this bond. Bond must be received within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of request by the State or a Delegated State Agency.

By execution of this bond, the Surety acknowledges that it has read the Surety qualifications and obligations imposed by the Contract and hereby satisfies those conditions.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the above bounded parties have executed this instrument this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the name of each party being affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
In the presence of:

PRINCIPAL:

**Contractor name**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contractor’s authorized signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name and title)

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the person (or persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that such person (or persons) executed the same as such person (or person's) free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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

Commission Expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed, sealed and delivered  
In the presence of:

SURETY:

**Surety name**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surety’s authorized signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name and title)

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me known to be the person (or persons) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that such person (or persons) executed the same as such person (or person's) free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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

Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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