

**CITY OF GAUTIER  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Samantha Abell, City Manager  
**From:** Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager <sup>PH</sup>  
**Through:** Eric Meyer, Economic Development and Planning Director  
**Date:** August 27, 2012  
**Subject:** Preliminary Engineering Services Contract with Neel-Schaffer for Transportation Enhancement Project (Streetscape Improvements)

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**REQUEST:**

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests authorization for the City of Gautier to enter into a preliminary engineering services contract with Neel-Schaffer as part of the Transportation Enhancement Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pending MDOT concurrence, the Economic Development and Planning Department requests authorization for a contract with Neel-Schaffer for engineering services for landscaping on Dolphin Drive and the northern section of Highway 90 between Beasley Road and Gautier-Vancleave. This project will supplement the streetscape improvements that have already been completed and will be funded in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from bond funds from Councilman Jones' ward. This amount will be applied to the City's Transportation Enhancement Project local match requirement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends that City Council authorize entering into a professional services contract with Neel-Schaffer as described above.

The City Council may:

1. Authorize entering into the professional services contract as presented; or
2. Authorize entering into the professional services contract with changes; or
3. Disapprove entering into the professional services contract as presented.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Neel-Schaffer Preliminary Engineering Services Contract- Gautier Streetscape Improvements

## PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT

*Gautier Streetscape Improvements*  
Project No. *STP-0494-00(008)LPA/106378-701000*  
*Jackson County*

THIS CONTRACT, is made and entered into by and between the *City of Gautier*, a body Corporate of the State of Mississippi (the "LPA"), and, *Neel-Schaffer, Inc.* (the "CONSULTANT"), a *Mississippi* Corporation, duly registered to do business in the State of Mississippi, whose address for mailing is *707 Watts Ave., Suite C, Pascagoula, MS 39567*, effective as of the date of latest execution below.

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the LPA proposes to perform *Streetscape Improvements on Dolphin Drive, US 90 and surrounding areas*, as provided for in Project No. *STP-0494-00(008)LPA/106378-701000*, hereinafter called the "PROJECT"; and,

WHEREAS, the LPA desires to engage a qualified and experienced CONSULTANT to perform engineering services in connection with the PROJECT, all of which are hereinafter called the "SERVICES"; and,

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has represented to the LPA that it is experienced and qualified to provide those services, and the LPA has relied upon such representation; and,

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT herein was chosen for their expertise in performing the services in connection with the PROJECT and found satisfactory by the LPA; which is now desirous of entering into a contract;

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT herein was chosen through the Consultant Selection Process pursuant to Mississippi Department of Transportation (hereinafter "MDOT") Standard Operating Procedure ADM-24-01-00-000; (March 1, 2001, as amended) and Federal Aid Policy Guide Part 172 and found satisfactory; to the end that both parties are now desirous of entering into a contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable considerations flowing unto the parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the LPA and the CONSULTANT do hereby contract and agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I. GENERAL RECITALS

CONSULTANT shall, for the agreed fees, furnish all engineering services and materials required to perform the tasks described in the Scope of Work for the proposed transportation project. In so doing, CONSULTANT shall meet the current industry standards as to general format and content and in addition thereto, any special requirements of the LPA.

THE LPA, in support of CONSULTANT will provide the CONSULTANT a Scope of Work shown in "Exhibit 2" hereto and any other data which may be of assistance to CONSULTANT and within the possession and control of the LPA.

Manuals, guides, and specifications applicable to this CONTRACT shall be those approved and/or adopted by MDOT and in effect on the effective date of this CONTRACT, unless otherwise specified in this Contract or subsequently directed by MDOT during the course of the CONTRACT.

## **ARTICLE II. SCOPE OF WORK**

The CONSULTANT shall conduct the SERVICES in accordance with the Scope of Work attached to this CONTRACT as "Exhibit 2" and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein. The performance of the SERVICES referred to in "Exhibit 2" shall be the primary basis for measurement of performance under this CONTRACT. The LPA specifically reserves the right and privilege to enlarge or reduce the scope; or to cancel this CONTRACT at any time.

## **ARTICLE III. CONTRACT TERM**

This CONTRACT shall commence upon the latest date of execution below and continue until such time as the above named project is successfully completed to the satisfaction of the LPA or until ***contract termination date goes here***, CDT, at which time this CONTRACT shall absolutely and finally terminate.

During the term of this CONTRACT, the LPA reserves the right to terminate this CONTRACT in whole or in part, at any time, with or without cause, upon seven (7) days written notice to the CONSULTANT, notwithstanding any just claims by the CONSULTANT for payment of SERVICES rendered prior to the date of termination. The LPA shall be liable only for the costs, fees and expenses for demobilization and close out of contract, based on actual time and expenses incurred by CONSULTANT in the packaging and shipment of all documents covered by this CONTRACT to the LPA. In no event shall the LPA be liable for lost profits or other consequential damages.

## **ARTICLE IV. TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN THIS CONTRACT. The CONSULTANT shall be prepared to perform its responsibilities for providing SERVICES commencing on the date of execution of the CONTRACT.

The CONSULTANT has submitted a proposed project schedule to the LPA which has been incorporated herein as a part of "Exhibit 2", which when approved by final execution of this CONTRACT shall control the evaluation of the CONSULTANT's progress on this PROJECT. A copy of the progress schedule, indicating the actual time expended on specific portions of this project, shall be submitted along with an estimated percentage completed with each monthly statement.

A Notice to Proceed shall be issued under authority from the LPA within 30 days after final execution of this CONTRACT. The CONSULTANT may not begin work on any feature of this PROJECT prior to receiving a Notice to Proceed from the LPA.

## **ARTICLE V. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

The relationship of the CONSULTANT to the LPA is that of an independent contractor, and said CONSULTANT, in accordance with its status as an independent contractor, covenants and agrees that it will conduct itself consistent with such status, that it will neither hold itself out as, nor claim to be, an officer or employee of the LPA by reason hereof. The CONSULTANT will not by reason hereof, make any claim, demand or application or for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the LPA, including but not limited to workers' compensation coverage, unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage, retirement membership or credit, or any form of tax withholding whatsoever.

All notices, communications, and correspondence between the LPA and the CONSULTANT shall be directed to the key personnel and agents designated in this contract.

#### **ARTICLE VI. COMPENSATION, BILLING & AUDIT**

##### **A. Cost and Fees**

The CONSULTANT shall be paid on the basis set forth in "Exhibit 3" to this CONTRACT. Under no circumstances shall the LPA be liable for any amounts, including any costs, which exceed the maximum dollar amount of compensation that is specified in and set forth in "Exhibit 3".

##### **B. Monthly Billing**

The CONSULTANT may submit monthly billing to the LPA. (A sample of a preferred invoice is attached as "Exhibit 4".) Each billing shall include all time and allowable expenses through the end of the billing period. Direct expenses, as used herein, include the costs of travel, subsistence, shipping charges, long distance telephone calls and printing if it is not company accounting policy to include these costs in overhead rates. The LPA retains the right to verify time and expense records by audit of any or all CONSULTANT's time and accounting records at any time during the life of the CONTRACT and up to three years thereafter.

If SERVICES are rendered within a given State fiscal year, an invoice requesting payment from the CONSULTANT shall be presented to the LPA within 60 days of the end of the State fiscal year. **Should the CONSULTANT fail to present the invoice within the allotted time, legislative approval may be required before payment can be rendered.**

The CONSULTANT further agrees that FHWA or any other Federal Agency may audit the same records at any time during the life of the CONTRACT and up to three years thereafter, should the funding source for all or any part of the CONTRACT be funds of the United States of America.

##### **C. Record Retention**

The CONSULTANT shall maintain all time and expense records incurred on the PROJECT and used in support of its proposal and shall make such material available at all reasonable times during the period of the CONTRACT and for three years from the date of final payment under this CONTRACT for inspection by the LPA, and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request, at the LPA's expense. The CONSULTANT agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any CONTRACT it may make with any subcontractors, assignees or transferees.

##### **D. Retainage**

The LPA shall retain the final 25% of the CONSULTANT's Fixed Fee until the final payment request has been received and an audit of the total PROJECT cost to date has been completed by the LPA or its designee.

#### **ARTICLE VII. FINAL PAYMENT**

The CONSULTANT shall clearly indicate on its last Invoice for the CONTRACT that the Invoice is "FINAL". The LPA will confirm that the CONTRACT is ready to be closed and the "FINAL" Invoice may be paid. All "FINAL" invoices shall pay any retainage withheld on the CONTRACT. However, under no circumstances will the total amount paid exceed the maximum not to exceed amount established for the CONTRACT. The CONSULTANT agrees that acceptance of the final payment shall be in full and final settlement of all claims arising against the LPA for work done, documents furnished, cost incurred, or otherwise arising out of this CONTRACT and shall release the LPA from any and all further claims of whatever nature, whether known or unknown, for and on account of said CONTRACT, including payment for any and all work done, and labor and material furnished in connection with the same. Errors and/or omissions discovered subsequent to the acceptance by the LPA of the final contract documents shall be corrected by the CONSULTANT without additional compensation. The CONSULTANT shall submit their "FINAL" invoice no later than 45 days following termination of the CONTRACT.

### **ARTICLE VIII. REVIEW OF WORK**

Authorized representatives of the LPA may at all reasonable times review and inspect the SERVICES under this CONTRACT and any addenda or amendments thereto. Authorized representatives of the FHWA may also review and inspect the SERVICES under this CONTRACT should funds of the United States of America be in any way utilized in payment for said SERVICES. Such inspection shall not make the United States of America a party to this CONTRACT, nor will FHWA interfere with the rights of either party hereunder.

All reports, drawings, studies and maps prepared by and for the CONSULTANT, shall be made available to authorized representatives of the LPA for inspection and review at all reasonable times in the General Offices of the LPA. Authorized representatives of the FHWA may also review and inspect said reports, drawings, studies and maps prepared under the CONTRACT should funds of the United States of America be in any way utilized in payment for the same. Acceptance by the LPA shall not relieve the CONSULTANT of its professional obligation to correct, at its expense, any of its breaches, errors and/or omissions, in the final version of the work.

The CONSULTANT shall be responsible for performance of and compliance with all terms of this CONTRACT, including the Scope of Work and other exhibits, and including any technical specifications and special requirements of the LPA, and shall be responsible for errors and/or omissions, including those as to conduct and care, format and content, for all aspects of the CONTRACT, and including professional quality and technical accuracy of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished by the CONSULTANT.

Failure to comply with any terms of this CONTRACT shall be corrected by the CONSULTANT without additional compensation.

If any breach of CONTRACT, is discovered by LPA personnel after final acceptance of the work by the LPA, then the CONSULTANT shall, without additional compensation, cure any deficiency or breach including errors and/or omissions in designs, plans, drawings, specifications, or other services.

In the event that the project schedule requires that a breach of this CONTRACT be corrected by someone other than the CONSULTANT then the actual costs incurred by the LPA for such corrections shall be the responsibility of the CONSULTANT. The LPA shall give the CONSULTANT an opportunity to correct said breach unless (1) the LPA determines, in its sole discretion, that the CONSULTANT cannot cure the breach within the schedule established by the LPA, or (2) the LPA determines, in its sole discretion, that the CONSULTANT cannot cure the breach to the satisfaction of the LPA.

In the event that the CONSULTANT breaches this CONTRACT, and the breaches of the CONSULTANT are discovered during the construction phase, then an accounting of all costs incurred by the LPA resulting from such breach, including errors and/or omissions, will be made and such amount will be recovered from the CONSULTANT.

### **ARTICLE IX. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY**

The CONSULTANT shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the LPA and all its officers, agents and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any negligent act, actions, neglect or omission by the CONSULTANT, its agents, employees, or subcontractors during the performance of this CONTRACT, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property for which LPA or said parties may be subject, except that neither the CONSULTANT nor any of his agents or subcontractors will be liable under this provision for damages arising out of the injury or damage to persons or property solely caused or resulting from the negligence of the LPA or any of its officers, agents or employees.

The CONSULTANT'S obligations under this Article, including the obligations to indemnify, defend, hold harmless, pay reasonable attorney fees or, at the LPA'S option, participate and associate with the LPA in the defense and trial or arbitration of any damage claim, lien or suit and any related settlement negotiations, shall be initiated by the LPA'S notice of claim for indemnification to the CONSULTANT. Only an adjudication or judgment after the highest appeal is exhausted specifically finding the LPA entirely responsible shall excuse performance of this provision by the CONSULTANT. In such case, the LPA shall pay all costs and fees related to this obligation and its enforcement. Should there be a finding of dual or multiple liability, costs and fees shall be apportioned accordingly.

In conjunction herewith, the LPA agrees to notify CONSULTANT in writing as soon as practicable after receipt or notice of any claim involving CONSULTANT. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage below.

#### **ARTICLE X. INSURANCE**

Prior to beginning the work, the CONSULTANT shall obtain and furnish certificates to the LPA for the following minimum amounts of insurance:

- A. Workers' Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.
- B. Public Liability Insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) on account of any one occurrence.
- C. Property Damage Insurance in an amount not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from damages on account of any one occurrence, with an aggregate limit of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).
- D. Valuable Documents Insurance, whether as a part of the property damage insurance referenced above or as separate insurance, in an amount sufficient to cover all costs associated with repairing, restoring or replacing any documents kept or created by Consultant as a part of the Services, in the event of casualty to, or loss or theft of such documents.
- E. Errors and Omissions Insurance, in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per incident; one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) aggregate.
- F. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance, with a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per incident with respect to CONSULTANT's (owned, hired or non-owned) vehicles, assigned to or used in the performance of services.

The LPA shall be listed as a certificate holder of insurance on any of the insurance required under this CONTRACT.

In the event that the CONSULTANT retains any subcontractor or other personnel to perform SERVICES or carry out any activities under or incident to work on any project or phase of this CONTRACT, CONSULTANT agrees to obtain from said subcontractor or other personnel, certificates of insurance demonstrating that said subcontractor or other personnel has all of the above coverage, or to include said subcontractor or other personnel within CONSULTANT's coverage for the duration of said PROJECT or phase for which said subcontractor or other personnel is employed.

The Insurance coverage recited above shall be maintained in full force and effect by CONSULTANT during the life of this CONTRACT. Should CONSULTANT cease to carry the errors and omissions coverage listed above for any reason, it shall obtain "tail" coverage at the same limits for a period of not less than three (3)

years subsequent to policy termination or contract termination, whichever is longer. Should CONSULTANT change insurance carriers for errors and /or coverage, it shall obtain a “retroactive coverage” endorsement from its new insurance carrier.

Insurance carriers must be properly licensed and/or must hold a Certificate of Authority from the Mississippi Department of Insurance.

A certificate of insurance acceptable to the LPA shall be issued to the LPA by the CONSULTANT prior to the execution of this CONTRACT by the CONSULTANT and thereafter on an annual basis for the duration of this CONTRACT as evidence that policies providing the required coverage, conditions and limits are in full force and effect. Such certificate shall identify this CONTRACT and contain provisions that coverage afforded under the policies will not be cancelled, terminated, or materially altered until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the LPA.

The CONSULTANT will furnish certified copies, upon request, of any or all of the policies and/or endorsements to the LPA prior to the execution of this CONTRACT and thereafter on an annual basis for the duration of this CONTRACT.

The CONSULTANT shall provide the LPA any and all documentation necessary to prove compliance with the insurance requirements of this CONTRACT as such documentation is requested, from time to time, by the LPA.

If the CONSULTANT fails to procure or maintain required insurance, the LPA may immediately elect to terminate this CONTRACT or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, and all monies so paid by the LPA shall be repaid by the CONSULTANT to the LPA upon demand, or the LPA may offset the cost of the premiums against any monies due to the CONSULTANT from the LPA.

#### **ARTICLE XI. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES AND LOBBYING**

The CONSULTANT shall comply with the relevant requirements of all federal, state or local laws. The CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONSULTANT, to solicit or secure this CONTRACT, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONSULTANT, any fee commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the CONTRACT. The CONSULTANT warrants that it shall not contribute any money, gift or gratuity of any kind, either directly or indirectly to any employee of the LPA, or to any employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation. For breach or violation of this warranty, the LPA shall have the right to terminate this CONTRACT without liability, and the CONSULTANT shall forfeit any sums due hereunder at the time of such breach and may be barred from performing any future services for the LPA or participating in any future contracts with the LPA.

#### **ARTICLE XII. EMPLOYMENT OF LPA'S PERSONNEL**

The CONSULTANT shall not employ any person or persons in the employ of the LPA for any work required by the terms of this CONTRACT, without the written permission of the LPA, except as may otherwise be provided for herein.

#### **ARTICLES XIII. MODIFICATION**

If, prior to the satisfactory completion of the SERVICES under this CONTRACT, the LPA materially alters the scope, character, complexity or duration of the SERVICES from those required under this CONTRACT, a supplemental agreement may be executed between the parties. Also, a supplemental agreement may be executed between the parties in the event that both parties agree the CONSULTANT's compensation