

ENGINEERING STUDY CONTRACT

City of Gautier I-10 / Highway 57 (North-East) Master Plan Jackson County, Mississippi

THIS CONTRACT, is made and entered into by and between the *City of Gautier, Mississippi*, a body Corporate of the State of Mississippi (the "LPA"), and, *Brown, Mitchell & Alexander Inc.* (the "CONSULTANT"), a *Mississippi* Corporation, duly registered to do business in the State of Mississippi, whose address for mailing is **521 34th Street, Gulfport, MS 39507**, effective as of the date of latest execution below.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the LPA requires the services of a professional engineering firm to provide preliminary engineering for Master Planning Services of transportation corridors for the area: North of Interstate 10; East of Highway 57; West of the Sandhill Crane Refuge; and South of the City Limits of Gautier, Jackson County, hereinafter called the "PROJECT"; and

WHEREAS, the LPA desires to engage a qualified and experienced CONSULTANT to provide the Planning 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 Planning 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 **June 30, 2016**, 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~~ the services provided by the CONSULTANT for this CONTRACT.

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 should be increased due to an unanticipated increase in the nature, scope or amount of work necessary to properly provide the SERVICES required on any particular phase or project begun hereunder.

Oral agreements or conversations with the LPA, any individual member of the LPA, officer, agent, or employee of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, either before or after execution of this CONTRACT, shall not affect or modify any of the terms or obligations contained in this CONTRACT. All modifications to this CONTRACT, amendments or addenda thereto must be submitted in writing and signed by the parties thereto before any work is commenced.

The CONSULTANT may not begin work on any modifications, amendments, or addenda prior to receiving a Notice to Proceed.

Minor changes in the proposal which do not involve changes in the compensation, extensions of time or changes in the goals and objectives of the CONTRACT may be made by written notification of such change by either the LPA or the CONSULTANT to the other party, and shall become effective upon written acceptance thereof (i.e. letter agreement).

ARTICLE XIV. SUBLETTING, ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER

It is understood by the parties to this CONTRACT that the work of the CONSULTANT is considered personal by the LPA. The CONSULTANT shall not assign, sublet or transfer any or all of its interest in this CONTRACT without prior written approval of the LPA. Under no circumstances will CONSULTANT be allowed to sublet more than 60% of the work required under this contract. It is clearly understood and agreed that specific projects or phases of the work may be sublet in their entirety provided that CONSULTANT performs at least 40% of the overall contract with its own forces. Consent by the LPA to any subcontract shall not relieve CONSULTANT from any of its obligations hereunder, and CONSULTANT is required to maintain final management responsibility with regard to any such subcontract.

The LPA reserves the right to review all subcontract documents prepared in connection with this CONTRACT, and the CONSULTANT agrees that it shall submit to the LPA any proposed subcontract document together with subcontractor cost estimates for review and written concurrence of the LPA in advance of their execution.

ARTICLE XV. OWNERSHIP OF PRODUCTS AND DOCUMENTS AND WORK MADE FOR HIRE

The CONSULTANT agrees that all reports, computer information and access, drawings, studies, notes, maps and other data, prepared by and for them under the terms of this CONTRACT shall be delivered to, become and remain in the property of the LPA upon creation and shall be delivered to the LPA upon termination or completion of work, or upon request of the LPA regardless of any claim or dispute between the parties. All such data shall be delivered within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written request by the LPA.

The CONSULTANT and the LPA intend and agree that this CONTRACT to be a contract for services and each party considers the products and results of the services to be rendered by the CONSULTANT hereunder, including any and all material produced and/or delivered under this CONTRACT (the "Work"), to be a "work made for hire" under U.S. copyright and all applicable laws. The CONSULTANT acknowledges and agrees that the LPA owns all right, title, and interest in and to the Work including, without limitation, the copyright thereto and all trademark, patent, and all intellectual property rights thereto.

If for any reason the Work would not be considered a work made for hire under applicable law, or in the event this CONTRACT is determined to be other than a contract or agreement for a work made for hire, the CONSULTANT does hereby transfer and assign to the LPA, and its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to any Work prepared hereunder including, without limitation, the following: the copyright and all trademark, patent, and all intellectual property rights in the Work and any registrations and copyright, and/or all other intellectual property, applications relating thereto and any renewals and extensions thereof; all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the Work; all income, royalties,

damages, claims, and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto; all causes of action, either in law or in equity, for past, present, or future infringement based on the copyrights and/or all other intellectual property; all rights, including all rights to claim priority, corresponding to the foregoing in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries. The CONSULTANT agrees to execute all papers and perform such other proper acts as the LPA may deem necessary to secure for the LPA or its designee the rights herein assigned.

The LPA may, without any notice or obligation of further compensation to the CONSULTANT, publish, re-publish, anthologize, use, disseminate, license, or sell the Work in any format or medium now known or hereafter invented or devised. The LPA'S rights shall include, without limitation, the rights to publish, re-publish, or license a third party to publish, re-publish, or sell the Work in print, on the World Wide Web, or in any other electronic or digital format or database now known or hereafter invented or devised, as a separate isolated work or as part of a compilation or other collective work, including a work different in form from the first publication, and to include or license a third party to include the Work in an electronic or digital database or any other medium or format now known or hereafter invented or devised.

The CONSULTANT shall obtain any and all right, title, and interest to all input and/or material from any third party subconsultant, or any other party, who may provide such input and/or material to any portion of the Work so that said right, title, and interest, and all such interest in and to the Work including, without limitation, the copyright thereto and all trademark, patent, and all intellectual property rights thereto, shall belong to the LPA.

For any intellectual property rights currently owned by third parties or by the CONSULTANT and not subject to the terms of this CONTRACT, the CONSULTANT agrees that it will obtain or grant royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable license(s) for or to the LPA at no cost to the LPA to use all copyrighted or copyrightable work(s) and all other intellectual property which is incorporated in the material furnished under this CONTRACT. Further, the CONSULTANT warrants and represents to the LPA that it has obtained or granted any and all such licensing prior to presentation of any Work to the LPA under this CONTRACT. This obligation of the CONSULTANT does not apply to a situation involving a third party who enters a license agreement directly with the LPA.

The CONSULTANT warrants and represents that it has not previously licensed the Work in whole or in part to any third party and that use of the Work in whole or in part will not violate any rights of any kind or nature whatsoever of any third party. The CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the LPA, its successors, assigns and assignees, and its respective officers, directors, agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), arising out of or in any way connected with any breach of any representation or warranty made by CONSULTANT herein.

ARTICLE XVI. PUBLICATION AND PUBLICITY

The CONSULTANT agrees that it shall not for any reason whatsoever communicate to any third party, with the exception of the MDOT and the FHWA, in any manner whatsoever concerning any of its CONTRACT work product, its conduct under the CONTRACT, the results or data gathered or processed under this CONTRACT, which includes, but is not limited to, reports, computer information and access, drawings, studies, notes, maps and other data prepared by and for the CONSULTANT under the terms of this CONTRACT, without prior written approval from the LPA, unless such release or disclosure is required by judicial proceeding. The CONSULTANT agrees that it shall immediately refer any third party who requests such information to the LPA and shall also report to the LPA any such third party inquiry, with the exception of the MDOT and/or the FHWA. This Article shall not apply to information in whatever form that comes into the public domain, nor shall it restrict the CONSULTANT from giving notices required by law or complying with an order to provide information or data when such order is issued by a court, administrative agency or other authority with proper jurisdiction, or if it is reasonably necessary for the CONSULTANT to defend itself from any suit or claim.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that all approved releases of information, findings, and recommendations shall include a disclaimer provision and that all published reports shall include that disclaimer on the cover and title page in the following form:

The opinions, findings, and conclusions in this publication are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the Local Public Agency, Mississippi Department of Transportation, Mississippi Transportation Commission, the State of Mississippi, or the Federal Highway Administration.

ARTICLE XVII. CONTRACT DISPUTES

This CONTRACT shall be deemed to have been executed in **Jackson County, Mississippi**, and all questions including, but not limited to, questions of interpretation, ~~construction~~ and performance shall be governed by the laws of the State of Mississippi, excluding its conflicts of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect to this CONTRACT shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in **Jackson County, State of Mississippi**. The CONSULTANT expressly agrees that under no circumstances shall the LPA be obligated to or responsible for payment of an attorney's fee for the cost of legal action to or on behalf of the CONSULTANT.

ARTICLE XVIII. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

- A. The undersigned certify that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the foregoing is in compliance with all applicable laws.
- B. The CONSULTANT shall observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, policies and procedures, ordinances, and orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals of the United States of America or any agency thereof, the State of Mississippi or any agency thereof, and any local governments or political subdivisions, that are in effect at the time of the execution of this CONTRACT or that may later become effective.
- C. The CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against any employee nor shall any party be subject to discrimination in the performance of this CONTRACT because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, age or disability.
- D. IT IS FURTHER SPECIFICALLY AGREED that the CONSULTANT shall comply and shall require its subcontractors to comply with the regulations for COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, as amended, and all other applicable federal regulations as stated in "Exhibit 5" which is incorporated herein by reference.
- E. It is agreed that the CONSULTANT will comply with the provisions set forth in Department of Transportation, 49 CFR, Section 18, Et Seq., regarding Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative agreements in its administration of this CONTRACT or any subcontract resulting herefrom.
- F. The CONSULTANT agrees that it will abide by the provisions of 49 CFR Section 26 regarding disadvantaged business enterprises and include the certification made in "Exhibit 5" to this CONTRACT in any and all subcontracts which may result from this CONTRACTS.
- G. The CONSULTANT shall comply and shall require its subconsultants to comply with Code of Federal Regulations CFR 23 Part 634 - Worker Visibility – as stated in “Exhibit 5”.

- H. IMMIGRANT STATUS CERTIFICATION. The CONSULTANT represents that it is in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-603), as amended, in relation to all employees performing work in the State of Mississippi and does not knowingly employ persons in violation of the United States immigration laws. The CONSULTANT further represents that it is registered and participating in the Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify™ employment eligibility verification program, or successor thereto, and will maintain records of compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act including, but not limited to, requiring compliance certification from all subcontractors and vendors who will participate in the performance of this Agreement and maintaining such certifications for inspection if requested. The CONSULTANT acknowledges that violation may result in the following: (a) cancellation of any public contract and ineligibility for any public contract for up to three (3) years, or (b) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted by an agency, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or (c) both. The CONSULTANT also acknowledges liability for any additional costs incurred by the LPA due to such contract cancellation or loss of license or permit. The CONSULTANT is required to provide the certification on Exhibit 9 in this CONTRACT to the LPA verifying that the CONSULTANT and subconsultant(s) are registered and participating in E-Verify prior to execution of this CONTRACT
- I. The covenants herein shall, except as otherwise provided, accrue to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE XIX. WAIVER

Failure of either party hereto to insist upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants, and conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any similar right or power hereunder at any subsequent time, or of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed to be a modification of the terms of this CONTRACT.

ARTICLE XX. SEVERABILITY

If any terms or provisions of this CONTRACT are prohibited by the laws of the State of Mississippi or declared invalid or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this CONTRACT shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this CONTRACT shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XXI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This CONTRACT constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes and replaces any and all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements, written or oral, between the parties relating thereto.

ARTICLE XXII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The CONSULTANT covenants that no public or private interests exist and none shall be acquired directly or indirectly which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the CONSULTANT'S CONTRACT. The CONSULTANT further covenants that no employee of the CONSULTANT or of any subconsultant(s), regardless of his/her position, is to personally benefit directly or indirectly from the performance of the SERVICES or from any knowledge obtained during the CONSULTANT'S execution of this CONTRACT.

ARTICLE XXIII. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of the LPA to proceed under this CONTRACT is conditioned upon the availability of funds, the appropriation of funds by the Mississippi Legislature, and the receipt of state and/or federal funds. If, at any time, the funds anticipated for the fulfillment of this CONTRACT are not forthcoming or are insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided, or if funds are not otherwise available to the LPA for the performance of this CONTRACT, the LPA shall have the right, upon written notice to the CONSULTANT, to immediately terminate or stop work on this CONTRACT without damage, penalty, cost, or expense to the LPA of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

ARTICLE XXIV. STOP WORK ORDER

A. **Order to Stop Work.** The LPA may, by written order to the CONSULTANT at any time, and without notice to any surety, require the CONSULTANT to stop all or any part of the work called for by this CONTRACT. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months after the order is delivered to the CONSULTANT unless the parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, the CONSULTANT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the parties shall have agreed, the LPA shall either:

- (1) cancel the stop work order; or
- (2) terminate the work covered by such order according to and as provided in Article III of this CONTRACT.

Prior to the LPA'S taking official action to stop work under this CONTRACT, the Executive Director of MDOT may notify the CONSULTANT, in writing, of MDOT'S intentions to ask the LPA to stop work under this CONTRACT. Upon notice from the Executive Director of MDOT, CONSULTANT shall suspend all activities under this CONTRACT, pending final action by the LPA.

B. **Cancellation or Expiration of the Order.** If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order, or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, the CONSULTANT shall have the right to resume work. If the LPA decides that it is justified, an appropriate adjustment may be made in the delivery schedule. If the stop work order results in an increase in the time required for or in the CONSULTANT'S cost properly allocable to the performance of any part of this CONTRACT and the CONSULTANT asserts a claim for such an adjustment within 30 days after the end of the period of work stoppage, an equitable adjustment in this CONTRACT may be made by written modification of this CONTRACT as provided by the terms of this CONTRACT.

C. **Termination of Stopped Work.** If a stop work order is not canceled and the work covered by such order is terminated, the CONSULTANT may be paid for services rendered prior to the Termination. In addition to payment for 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 this CONTRACT, based on actual time and expenses incurred by the 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 XXV. KEY PERSONNEL & DESIGNATED AGENTS

CONSULTANT agrees that Key Personnel identified as assigned to this PROJECT shall not be changed or reassigned without prior approval of the LPA or, if prior approval is impossible, and then notice to the LPA and subsequent review by the LPA which may approve or disapprove the action. For purposes of implementing this section and all other sections of this CONTRACT with regard to notice, the following individuals are herewith designated as agents for the respective parties unless otherwise identified in the addenda hereto:

LPA:

For Contractual Matters:

City of Gautier

Samantha D. Abell
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For Technical Matters:

City of Gautier

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CONSULTANT:

For Contractual Matters:

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For Technical Matters:

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ARTICLE XXVI. AUTHORIZATION

Both parties hereto represent that they have authority to enter into this CONTRACT and that the individuals executing this CONTRACT are authorized to execute it and bind their respective parties and certified copies of the applicable LPA Order and the Resolution of the Corporate Board of Directors of the CONSULTANT are attached hereto as "Exhibit 1" and incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as if fully copied herein in words and figures.

WITNESS this my signature in execution hereof, this the ____ day of _____, 2014.

CITY OF GAUTIER, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____
Samantha D. Abell, City Manager

WITNESS this my signature in execution hereof, this the ____ day of _____, 2014.

BROWN, MITCHELL & ALEXANDER, INC.

BY: _____
Dax Alexander, P.E., President

ATTEST: _____

Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this contract include those identified on the attached page entitled "List of Exhibits".

LIST OF EXHIBITS

1. Evidence of Authority
2. General Scope of Work and Common Specifications
3. Fees and Expenses.
4. Sample Invoice
5. Notice to the CONSULTANT
6. CONSULTANT's Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters.
7. Certification of LPA
8. Exhibit Drawing
9. Prime Consultant EEV Certification and Agreement

EXHIBIT 1-A
EVIDENCE OF AUTHORITY
BROWN, MITCHELL, & ALEXANDER, INC.

WHEREAS, it has been requested that a copy of a resolution granting authority for certain company officials or agents to sign responses, proposals or contracts on behalf of the Corporation be included:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED, that Dax B. Alexander, P.E., is President of Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc. (Corporation) and has full authority to execute proposals, letters, or contracts on behalf of the Corporation.

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HARRISON

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this the _____ day of _____, 2014, within my jurisdiction, the within named Dax B. Alexander, P.E., who acknowledged that he is President of Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc., a Mississippi corporation, and that for and on behalf of the said Corporation, and as its act and deed he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by said Corporation to do so.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Printed Name of Notary:

EXHIBIT 1-B
EVIDENCE OF AUTHORITY
CITY OF GAUTIER
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, it has been requested that a copy of a resolution granting authority for certain company officials or agents to sign responses, proposals or contracts on behalf of the Corporation be included:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED, that Samantha D. Abell, is the City Manager of the City of Gautier, Jackson County, Mississippi. (Corporation) and has full authority to execute proposals, letters, or contracts on behalf of the Corporation.

Date

Samantha D. Abell, City Manager
City of Pascagoula, MS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JACKSON

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this the _____ day of _____, 2014, within my jurisdiction, the within named Samantha D. Abell, who acknowledged that she is the City Manager of the City of Gautier, Jackson County, Mississippi, and that for and on behalf of the said City, and as its act and deed he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized executive power of the municipality under Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 21-8-15 to do so.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Printed Name of Notary:
