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**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER  
AND  
PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS**

**THIS CONTRACT** is made effective this 16<sup>th</sup> day of **December 2015**, by and between the **COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**, a body politic and corporate, with administrative offices at 2 South Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096, hereinafter referred to as "**County**", and **PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC.**, with offices at 515 Grove Street, Suite 1B, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, hereinafter referred to as "**Vendor**".

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined that there is a need for Professional Engineering Services in the nature of engineering, management, inspection and environmental services for various County Capital Projects, "Annual Capital Projects Management for the Provision of Engineering, Construction Inspection & Environmental Services and/or Other Unspecified Projects (RFP-015-035)" Engineering Project #15-12 (hereinafter the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County issued RFP-015-035 for the said Professional Engineering Services, to which the Contractor responded; and

**WHEREAS**, Vendor represents that it is qualified to perform said services, and desires to so perform pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, agreements and other considerations made by and between the parties, the County and the Vendor do hereby agree as follows:

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

1. **COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES.** This Contract shall be effective for a period of one (1) year from December 16, 2015 to December 15, 2016.

2. **COMPENSATION.** This Contract shall be for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the Contract term, so that this is an open ended contract. The Contract shall be for estimated units of service, as set forth in County RFP-15-035 (hereinafter the "RFP"), and the Vendor's proposal, "Engineering Construction Inspection, and Environmental Services and/or Other Unspecified Projects, RFP#15-035", dated November 4, 2015 (hereinafter the ("Proposal")), which are both incorporated into and made part of this Contract.

The County shall not be required to purchase any minimum amount of services, as this is an open ended contract. The Vendor shall be paid for services based upon the fee schedule in the Proposal.

Vendor shall be paid in accordance with this Contract document upon receipt of an invoice, and a properly executed voucher. After approval by County, the payment voucher shall be placed in line for prompt payment.

Each invoice shall contain an itemized, detailed description of all work performed during the billing period. Failure to provide sufficient specificity shall be cause for rejection of the invoice until the necessary details are provided.

It is also agreed and understood that the acceptance of the final payment by Vendor shall be considered a release in full of all claims against the County arising out of, or by reason of, the work done and materials furnished under this Contract.

3. **DUTIES OF VENDOR.** The specific duties of the Vendor shall be as set forth in the RFP and the Proposal, and only as directed by the County. The Vendor shall render services to and for the County only when requested by the County on an "as-needed" basis.

4. **FURTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES.** During the performance of this Contract, the parties agree as follows, where applicable:

Contractor acknowledges that the County must be bound by and comply with, and itself agrees to abide and to be bound by, the requirements of C.F.R. 18.13(i)(1) to (13); including:

1. That the County hereby specifically reserves the right to exercise administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in the event Contractor or subcontractor(s) violates or breaches agreed upon contract terms.
2. That the County may terminate this contract, in its discretion, for cause provided said termination is in good faith. Further, Contractor may also, in its sole discretion terminate for convenience.
3. That the County must act in compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60).
4. That the County must act in compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3).
5. That the County, where applicable, is required to act in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5).
6. That the County must to act in compliance with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act 40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5).
7. That the County must comply with Notice of awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to reporting
8. That the County must comply with Notice of awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to patent rights with respect to any discovery or invention which arises or is developed in the course of or under this contract.
9. That the County must comply with awarding agency requirements and regulations pertaining to copyrights and rights in data.

10. That the County must comply with access by the grantee, the subgrantee, the Federal grantor agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
11. That the County is required to maintain and keep all required records for three (3) years after final payments and all other pending matters are closed.
12. That the County is required to act in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
13. That the County hereby agrees to act in accordance with standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in the New Jersey State Energy Conservation Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

In the event that any provisions in the remainder of this Contract are inconsistent with the foregoing section, the foregoing section controls, with the understanding that this does not mean that the procedure, notification provisions, etc., set forth in the corresponding provisions in the remainder of the contract are not in full force and effect (i.e. termination provision of subparagraph (3) above shall read in the context of, and in pari materia with, the termination provision and procedure set forth in the Contract at paragraph 6.

5. **LICENSING.** If the Vendor or any of its subcontractors is required to maintain a license in order to perform the services which are the subject of this Contract, then prior to the effective date of this Contract, and as a condition precedent to its taking effect, Vendor shall provide to the County a copy of all current licenses to operate in the State of New Jersey, which license shall be in good standing and shall not be subject to any current action to revoke or suspend, and shall remain so throughout the term of this Contract.

Vendor shall notify the County immediately in the event of suspension, revocation or any change in status (or in the event of the initiation of any action to accomplish such suspension, revocation and/or change in status) of license or certification held by Vendor or its agents and/or subcontractors.

6. **TERMINATION.** This Contract may be terminated as follows:

A. Pursuant to the termination provisions set forth in the RFP, if any, which are specifically referred to and incorporated herein by reference.

B. If Vendor is required to be licensed in order to perform the services which are the subject of this Contract, then this Contract may be terminated by County in the event that the appropriate governmental entity with jurisdiction has instituted an action to have the Vendor's license suspended, or in the event that such entity has revoked or suspended said license. Notice of termination pursuant to this subparagraph shall be effective immediately upon the giving of said notice.

C. If, through any cause, the Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations under this Contract, or if the Vendor shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the County shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports prepared by the Vendor under this Contract, shall be forthwith delivered to the County.

D. The County may terminate this Contract any time by a notice in writing from the County to the Vendor. If the Contract is terminated by the County as provided herein, the Vendor will be paid for the services rendered to the time of termination.

E. Notwithstanding the above, the Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of the Contract by the Vendor, and the County may withhold any payments to the Vendor for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the County from the Vendor is determined.

F. Termination shall not operate to affect the validity of the indemnification provisions of this Contract.

7. **NO ASSIGNMENT OR SUBCONTRACT.** This Contract may not be assigned nor subcontracted by the Vendor, except as otherwise agreed in writing by both parties. Any attempted assignment or subcontract without such written consent shall be void with respect to the County and no obligation on the County's part to the assignee shall arise, unless the County shall elect to accept and to consent to such assignment or subcontract.

8. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall be responsible for, shall keep, save and hold the County of Gloucester harmless from, and shall indemnify the County of Gloucester against any claim, loss, liability, expense (specifically including but not limited to costs, counsel fees and/or experts' fees), or damage resulting from all mental or physical injuries or disabilities, including death, to employees or recipients of the Vendor's services or to any other persons, or from any damage to any property sustained in connection with this contract which results from any acts or omissions, including negligence or malpractice, of any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, servants or independent Vendors, or from the Vendor's failure to provide for the safety and protection of its employees, or from Vendor's performance or failure to perform pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Contract, whether or not due to negligence, fault, or default of the Vendor. The Vendor's liability under this agreement shall continue after the termination of this agreement with respect to any liability, loss, expense or damage resulting from acts occurring prior to termination.

9. **INSURANCE.** Vendor shall, if applicable to the services to be provided, maintain general liability, automobile liability, business operations, builder's and Workers' Compensation insurance in amounts and with companies deemed satisfactory by County. Said policies shall be in compliance with any applicable requirements of the State of New Jersey and of the United States. Vendor shall, simultaneously with the execution of this Contract, deliver certifications of said insurance to County, naming County as an additional insured.

If Vendor is a member of a profession which is subject to suit for professional malpractice, then Vendor shall maintain and continue in full force and effect an insurance policy for professional liability/malpractice with limits of liability acceptable to the County. Vendor shall, simultaneously with the execution of this Contract, and as a condition precedent to its taking effect, provide to County a copy of a certificate of insurance, verifying that said insurance is and will be in effect during the term of this Contract.

The County shall review the certificate for sufficiency and compliance with this paragraph, and approval of said certificate and policy shall be necessary prior to this Contract taking effect. Vendor also hereby agrees to continue said policy in force and effect for the period of the applicable statute of limitations following the termination of this Contract and shall provide the County with copies of certificates of insurance as the certificates may be renewed during that period of time.

10. **SET-OFF.** Should Vendor either refuse or neglect to perform the service which Vendor is required to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract, and if expense is incurred by County by reason of Vendor's failure to perform, then and in that event, such expense shall be deducted from any payment due to Vendor. Exercise of such set-off shall not operate to prevent County from pursuing any other remedy to which it may be entitled.

11. **PREVENTION OF PERFORMANCE BY COUNTY.** In the event that the County is prevented from performing this Contract by circumstances beyond its control, then any obligations owing by the County to the Vendor shall be suspended without liability for the period during which the County is so prevented.

12. **METHODS OF WORK.** Vendor agrees that in performing its work, it shall employ such methods or means as will not cause any interruption or interference with the operations of County or infringe on the rights of the public.

13. **NONWAIVER.** The failure by the County to enforce any particular provision of this Contract, or to act upon a breach of this Contract by Vendor, shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach, nor a bar to any subsequent enforcement.

14. **PARTIAL INVALIDITY.** In the event that any provision of this Contract shall be or become invalid under any law or applicable regulation, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Contract.

15. **CHANGES.** This Contract may be modified by approved change orders, consistent with applicable laws, rules and regulations. The County, without invalidating this Contract, may order changes consisting of additions, deletions, and/or modifications, and the contract sum shall be adjusted accordingly. This Contract and the contract terms may be changed only by change order. The cost or credit to the County from change in this Contract shall be determined by mutual agreement before executing the change involved.

16. **NOTICES.** Notices required by this Contract shall be effective upon mailing of notice by regular and certified mail to the addresses set forth above, or by personal service, or if such notice cannot be delivered or personally served, then by any procedure for notice pursuant to the Rules of Court of the State of New Jersey.

17. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.** Vendor shall at all times during the course of the effective period of this Contract comply with and be subject to all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey and of the United States and of any other entity having jurisdiction pertaining to the performance of Vendor's services.

18. **INDEPENDENT VENDOR STATUS.** The parties acknowledge that Vendor is an independent Vendor and is not an agent of the County.

19. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Vendor agrees not to divulge or release any information, reports, or recommendations developed or obtained in connection with the performance of this Contract, during the term of this Contract, except to authorized County personnel or upon prior approval of the County.

20. **BINDING EFFECT.** This Contract shall be binding on the undersigned and their successors and assigns.

21. **CONTRACT PARTS.** This Contract consists of this Contract, the RFP, and the Proposal. The RFP and the Proposal are incorporated herein by reference. Should there occur a conflict between this Contract, and the RFP, this Contract shall prevail. Should there occur a conflict between this Contract or the RFP, and the Proposal, then this Contract and the RFP shall prevail.

**THIS CONTRACT is dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the County has caused this instrument to be signed by its Director, attested by its Clerk, and its corporate seal affixed hereunto; and Vendor has caused this instrument to be signed by its properly authorized representative and its corporate seal affixed the day and year first above written.

**ATTEST:**



**CHAD M. BRUNER,  
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**



**ROBERT M. DAMMING, DIRECTOR**

**PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC.,**



By: 

**EDWARD P. GUETENS**

(Please Print Name)

**V.P.**

(Please Print Title)

