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**CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER
AND
SOUTH JERSEY PAPER PRODUCTS, INC.**

THIS CONTRACT is made effective the 8th day of August, 2018, 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 **SOUTH JERSEY PAPER PRODUCTS, INC.**, with offices at 2400 Industrial Way, Vineland, NJ 08360, hereinafter referred to as "**Vendor**".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County sought for the supply and delivery of various paper products for the County of Gloucester Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services as per PD-18-047 which was advertised and awarded based on unit costs per item; and

WHEREAS, the Vendor represents that it is qualified to provide said goods and desires to so provide them 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. **TERM**. This Contract shall be effective for the period of two years, from August 8, 2018 to August 7, 2020.

2. **COMPENSATION**. This Contract shall be for estimated units in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 per year.

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. **VENDOR**. The specific duties of the Vendor shall be as set forth in the specifications

identified as PD-18-047, which is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. Should there occur a conflict between this form of Contract and the bid documents, the bid documents shall prevail.

Vendor agrees that it has or will comply with, and where applicable shall continue throughout the period of this Contract to comply with, all of the requirements of the bid documents.

4. **FURTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES.** During the performance of this Contract, the Vendor agrees as follows:

The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, sex, veteran status or military service. The Vendor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, sex, veteran status or military service. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, will in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, sex, veteran status or military service.

The Vendor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the Vendor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Vendor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

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

A. Pursuant to the termination provisions set forth in the Specifications identified as PD-18-047, 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 for public convenience at 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.

6. **LICENSING AND PERMITTING.** If the Vendor or any of its agents is required to maintain a license, or to maintain in force and effect any permits issued by any governmental or quasi-governmental entity 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 County a copy of its current license and permits required to operate in the State of New Jersey, which license and permits 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 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.

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 harmless from, and shall indemnify and shall defend the County 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 contractors, 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 Contract shall continue after the termination of this Contract with respect to any liability, loss, expense or damage resulting from acts occurring prior to termination.

9. **INSURANCE.** Vendor shall 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 certificates for sufficiency and compliance with this paragraph, and approval of said certificates 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 services 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. **NON-WAIVER.** 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.

13. **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.

14. **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.

15. **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.

16. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS.** The parties acknowledge that Vendor is an independent Contractor, and is not an agent of the County.

17. **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 written approval of the County.

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

19. **CONTRACT PARTS.** This Contract consists of this Contract and the specifications identified as PD-18-047, and the bid proposal package, all of which are referred to and incorporated herein by reference. Should there occur a conflict between this form of Contract and the specifications, then this Contract shall prevail. If there should occur a conflict between either this form of Contract or the specifications and the proposal package, then this Contract and the specifications shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Gloucester County Purchasing Agent, pursuant to statutory authority granted to him and set forth in the County Administrative Code and the Vendor's authorized representative have executed this Agreement on the date indicated herein.

THIS CONTRACT is dated this 8th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:


ANDREA LOMBARDI,
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER


PETER M. MERCANTI,
PURCHASING DIRECTOR

ATTEST:


Melissa Parnell, G.M.

SOUTH JERSEY PAPER PRODUCTS, INC.


BRANDON SPECTOR,
VICE PRESIDENT