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**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER  
AND TITLE AMERICA AGENCY**

**THIS CONTRACT** is made this 18<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 2012**, by and between the **County of Gloucester**, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey, with administrative offices at 2 South Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey, 08096 hereinafter referred to as "**County**", and **Title America Agency**, with offices at 185 West White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ, 08009 hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**".

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need by the County for the provision of **title work and related services for land and/or development right acquisitions** being considered by the County, as needed, for farmland preservation, open space preservation, and other specified project acquisitions deemed necessary and appropriate by the Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, this Contract is awarded pursuant to, and consistent with, the County's Fair and Open Procurement Process, and the terms and provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor represents that it is qualified to perform the said required 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 Contractor do hereby agree as follows:

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICES.** Contractor shall commence services beginning **April 18, 2012**, and ending on **April 17, 2013**, as needed, upon being advised to proceed as to a specific project by the County's Department of Land Preservation, Department of Public Works, or Legal Department.

**2. COMPENSATION.** Contractor shall be compensated pursuant to the unit prices set forth in, and subject to all terms and provisions of, the Contractor's proposal dated March 20, 2012 (hereinafter the "Proposal"), which was submitted in response to the County's Request for Proposal ("RFP") 12-024. The Proposal is incorporated into, and made part of this Contract, by reference. Contractor shall be paid a minimum amount of **\$0.00**, and a maximum amount not to exceed **\$35,000.00**.

Contractor shall be paid in accordance with this Contract document upon receipt of an invoice and a properly executed voucher. After approval by the 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 Contractor 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 CONTRACTOR.** The specific duties of the Contractor shall be as set forth in RFP 12-024, and Contractor's Proposal, which are incorporated by reference in their entirety, and made a part of this Contract.

Contractor agrees that it has or will comply with, and where applicable shall continue throughout the period of the Contract to comply with, all of the requirements set out in RFP 12-024.

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

**A.** The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of gender, age, race, creed, color, religion, Vietnam-era veteran status, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, sex or atypical heredity cellular blood trait. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment with regard to their gender, age, race, creed, color, religion, Vietnam-era veteran status, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, sex or atypical heredity cellular or blood trait. Such actions 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 Contractor 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.

**B.** The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment with regard to gender, age, race, creed, color, religion, Vietnam-era veteran status, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, sex or atypical heredity cellular or blood trait.

**C.** The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative or workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Agency Contracting Officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

**D.** The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, C. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

**E.** The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to attempt in good faith to employ minority and female workers consistent with the applicable County employment goals prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, C.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time or in accordance with a binding

determination of the applicable County employment goals determined by Affirmative Action Officer pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, C.127, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

F. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to inform in writing appropriate recruitment agencies in the area, including employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, race, creed, color, religion, Vietnam-era veteran status, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, sex or atypical heredity cellular or blood trait and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

G. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

H. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to gender, age, creed, color, religion, Vietnam-era veteran status, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, or disability and conform with the applicable employment goals, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

I. The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall furnish such report or other document to the Affirmative Action Office as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purpose of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Affirmative Action Officer for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

J. Only manufactured products of the United States of America, wherever available, shall be used in the execution of the work specific herein.

K. In accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), it is expressly understood that if the net amount paid to Contractor pursuant to this Contract exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) in twelve-month period, Contractor will grant to the Department of Health and Human Services and/or the general Accounting Office access to such of Contractor's books, documents, and records as are necessary to verify the nature and extent of costs of services furnished under this Contract. Contractor agrees to grant such access until the expiration of four (4) years after the services are furnished under the contract. In the events that Contractor carries out any duties of the contract through a subcontract with a related organization which will result in payment to the related organization of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more over a twelve-month period, Contractor agrees that any such subcontract shall require that the related organization shall make available such books, documents, and records which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs.

**5. LICENSING.** If the Contractor, 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, Contractor 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.

Contractor 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 Contractor, 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 Bid Specification, or in the Request for Proposals, if any, as the case may be, which are specifically referred to and incorporated herein by reference.

**B.** If Contractor 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 Contractor'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 Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations under this Contract, or if the Contractor 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 Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports prepared by the Contractor 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 Contractor. If the Contract is terminated by the County as provided herein, the Contractor will be paid for the services rendered to the time of termination.

**E.** Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor 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 Contractor, and the County may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the County from the Contractor 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 Contractor, 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 such subcontractor or assignee shall arise, unless the County shall elect to accept, and consent to, such assignment or subcontract.

**8. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall be responsible for, shall keep save and hold the County harmless from, and shall indemnify 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 disability, including death, to employees or recipients of the Contractor'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 Contractor's failure to provide for the safety and protection of its employees, or from Contractor'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 Contractor. The Contractor'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.** Contractor shall, if applicable to the services to be provided, maintain general liability, automobile liability, business operations, builders and Workers' Compensation insurance in amounts and with companies deemed satisfactory by the County. Said policies shall be in compliance with any applicable requirements of the State of New Jersey and of the United States. Contractor shall, simultaneously with the execution of this Contract, deliver certifications of said insurance to County, naming the County as an additional insured.

If Contractor is a member of a profession which is subject to suit for professional malpractice, then Contractor shall maintain and continue in full force and effect, an insurance policy for professional liability/malpractice with limits of liability acceptable to the County. Contractor 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. Contractor 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 Contractor either refuse or neglect to perform the services which Contractor is required to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract, and if expense is incurred by County by reason of Contractor's failure to perform, then and in that event, such expenses shall be deducted from any payment due to Contractor. 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 Contractor 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 Contractor, 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 provisions 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 provisions 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.** Contractor 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 Contractor's services.

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

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

**18. CONTRACT PARTS.** This Contract consists of this Contract document, RFP 12-024 issued by the County, and the Contractor's Proposal. Should there occur a conflict between this form of Contract, and RFP 12-024, this Contract shall prevail. Should there occur a conflict between this Contract or RFP 12-024, and Contractor's Proposal, then this Contract, or the RFP, as the case may be, shall prevail.


**THIS CONTRACT** is dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

**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, pursuant to a Resolution of the said party of the first part passed for that purpose; and Contractor 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:**

  
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**ROBERT N. DILELLA, CLERK**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**RICHARD CROFT**

**COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

**BY:**   
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**ROBERT M. DAMMINGER, DIRECTOR**

**TITLE AMERICA AGENCY**

**BY:**   
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**JOSEPH A. MARESSA, PRESIDENT**