

NEW HANOVER COUNTY
Environmental Management Dept.
3002 U.S. Highway 421 North

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BID SPECIFICATIONS

RFB #15-0329

New Hanover County
Environmental Management Department
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Request for Bids

Section 1: Advertisement

New Hanover County (NHC) is accepting bids for Repairs to an office building, located at 3002 U.S. Highway 421 North, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Sealed proposals addressed to Kim Roane, Business Officer, 3002 U.S. Highway 421 North, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 and marked "**RFB # 15-0329 REPAIRS TO OFFICE BUILDING**" will be accepted until **2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2015**.

Instructions for submitting bids and complete requirements and information may be obtained by contacting Kim Roane, Business Officer: kroane@nhcgov.com. New Hanover County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to make the award which will be in the best interest of the County.

Section 2: Instructions and General Conditions

2.1 Schedule

Monday, April 27, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Deadline for questions. All questions must be submitted in writing to Kim Roane, Business Officer (kroane@nhcgov.com).
Tuesday, April 28, 2015 7:00 p.m.	Questions will be answered via written addendum.
Thursday, April 30, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of bids.

2.2 Bidder Instructions

- 2.2.1** Proposals shall be submitted as a document set, containing one (1) original, two (2) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy on either a CD or a flash drive.

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Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope properly marked
“RFB # 15-0329 REPAIRS TO OFFICE BUILDING” and addressed to the County
at the following address:

New Hanover County
Environmental Management
Attn: Kim Roane, Business Officer
3002 U.S. Highway 421 North
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2.2.1(a) Completion of Bid Form (Price Sheet): Bidders are expected to examine the specifications herein, the schedule and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the bidder’s risk. Each bidder shall furnish the information required on the price sheet. Bids **must** be submitted on the price sheet contained in this bid package. Bids submitted that are not on the attached price sheet will be rejected. **Bids not signed will be rejected.**

All prices and notations shall be written in ink or typed. Discrepancies between words and numerals will be resolved in favor of words.

Changes or corrections made on the bid **must** be initialed by the individual signing the bid. No corrections will be permitted once bids have been opened.

2.2.1(b) Prospective bidders are welcome to visit the site by appointment prior to bid development. Appointments may be made by contacting Kim Roane, Business Officer, via email at kroane@nhcgov.com, or by phone at (910) 798-4402.

2.2.2 No telephone, electronic or facsimile proposals will be considered. Proposals received after the time and date for closing will not be considered.

2.2.3 The public bid opening will be Wednesday, April 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room of the New Hanover County Department of Environmental Management, 3002 U.S. Hwy 421 N., Wilmington, NC 28401.

2.2.4 After the bid issue date, all communications between the County and prospective bidders regarding this bid request shall be in writing. Any inquires, requests for interpretation, technical questions, clarification, or additional information shall be directed to Kim Roane, Business Officer, via email: kroane@nhcgov.com. Questions and responses affecting the specifications of the bid will be provided by issuance of an Addendum. **All questions shall be received no later than 2:00 P.M., EST, Monday, April 27, 2015.**

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- 2.2.5** The deadline for receipt of all proposals is **Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 2:00 PM, EST**. Any proposals received after the scheduled closing time will not be accepted.
- 2.2.6** New Hanover County reserves the right to allow or disallow minor deviations or technicalities should the County deem it to be in the best interest of the County. New Hanover County shall be the sole judge of what is to be considered a minor deviation or technicality.
- 2.2.7** Once an award is made, all proposals become public record and will be disclosed upon request. According to General Statutes 132 - 1.2, trade secrets contained in a bid may be kept confidential if the bidder, at the time the bid is submitted, designates the secret and requests that it be kept confidential. This right of privacy will be construed as narrowly as possible to protect the interests of the vendor while attempting to maximize the availability of information to the public.
- 2.2.8** Bidders may withdraw or withdraw and resubmit their bid at any time prior to the closing time for receipt of bids. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids and as such shall constitute a firm offer that is binding for a period of ninety (90) days.
- 2.2.9** The award will be made to the responsible bidder whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the County. Although price will be considered, it will not be the sole determining factor.
- 2.2.10** Bids must be signed by an authorized individual of the firm(s). Bids that are not signed will be rejected.
- 2.2.11** The County reserves the following rights, which may be exercised at its sole discretion:
- to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, or to accept any bid, or any part thereof;
 - to supplement, amend, substitute or otherwise modify this bid at any time;
 - to cancel this bid with or without the substitution of another bid;
 - to take any action affecting this bid, this bid process, or the services or facilities subject to this bid that would be in the best interests of the County;
 - to issue additional requests for information;
 - to require one or more bidders to supplement, clarify or provide additional information in order for the County to evaluate the bids submitted;
 - to conduct investigations with respect to the qualifications and experience of each bidder;
 - to waive any defect or irregularity in any bid received;
 - to reject any or all bids;
 - to award all, none, or any part of the items that is in the best interest of the County, with one or more of the bidders responding, which may be done with

or without re-solicitation;

- to enter into any agreement deemed by the County to be in the best interest of the County, with one or more of the bidders responding.

2.2.12 The successful vendor is expected to enter into a contract with the County.

2.2.13 Unless specifically stated to the contrary, any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names or catalog numbers used in the specifications of the Request for Bid are for the purpose of describing and/or establishing the quality, design and performance required. Any such reference is not intended to limit or restrict an offer by any bidder and is included in order to advise the potential bidder of the requirements for the County. Any offer which proposes quality, design, or performance, will be considered.

2.2.14 Any person, firm(s), corporation or association submitting a proposal shall be deemed to have read and understood all the terms, conditions and requirements in the specifications and/or scope of work.

2.2.15 All proposals and accompanying documentation will become the property of New Hanover County at the time the proposals are opened and as such will not be returned to the bidder.

2.2.16 The County is exempt from and will not pay Federal Excise Taxes or Transportation Taxes.

2.2.17 If the Vendor is required to charge North Carolina sales tax on bidder's sales, bidder shall not include it as part of the bid price. The County will pay North Carolina sales tax over and above bid prices when invoiced.

2.2.18 The bidder's products, service and facilities shall be in full compliance with any and all applicable state, federal, local, environmental and safety laws, regulations, ordinances and standards or any standards adopted by nationally recognized testing facilities regardless of whether or not they are referred to in the bid documents.

2.2.19 Contractor shall sign and return NHC Environmental Management Contractor Compliance Requirements document (attached to the contract).

2.2.20 Failure to comply with these provisions or any other provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina will result in rejection of bid.

2.2.21 **Permitting:** Contractor shall be responsible for any and all permits and all associated documentation necessary to complete the work

2.2.22 Warranty :

- Contractor shall specify the warranty period for the repairs, which shall include all parts, labor and craftsmanship from date of installation
- The full cost of the warranty as specified herein shall be supported solely by the bidder (Contractor).
- Any potential actions that would potentially void the warranty must be clearly specified by the contractor

2.2.23 Insurance

Before commencing any work and prior to contract execution, the Contractor shall procure insurance in the contractor's name and maintain all insurance policies for the duration of the contract of the types and in the amounts listed in the attached Contract draft. The insurance shall provide coverage against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from operations or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors, whether such operations by himself/herself or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him/her.

2.2.24 The successful bidder will be a contractor familiar with this type of work with the necessary equipment and personnel to perform the work within the required time.

2.2.25 Costs incurred by prospective bidders in the preparation of the response to this Request for Bid are the responsibility of the responding bidder and will not be reimbursed by the County.

2.2.26 Federal Taxes: New Hanover County is exempt from and will not pay Federal Excise Taxes or Transportation taxes.

2.2.27 North Carolina Sales Tax: If bidder is required to charge North Carolina sales tax on bidder's sales, bidder shall not include it as part of the bid price. County will pay North Carolina sales tax over and above bid prices when invoiced.

2.2.28 Responsibility of Compliance with Legal Requirements

The bidder's products, service and facilities shall be in full compliance with any and all applicable state, federal, local, environmental and safety laws, regulations, ordinances and standards or any standards adopted by nationally recognized testing facilities regardless of whether or not they are referred to in the bid documents.

2.3 References

The Contractor shall provide at least three (3) references of work completed of a similar nature. Contact information shall include company name, company address, contact name, contact phone number, contact email address and type & cost of project completed.

2.4 TERM and TIME/COMPLETION SCHEDULE

The CONTRACTOR will commence services upon receipt of notice to proceed and purchase order, with all work being completed within sixty (60) days.

2.5 Equal Opportunity

The non-discrimination clause contained in Section 202 (Federal) Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, relative to Equal Employment Opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin, and the implementing rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, are incorporated herein. The contractors agree not to discriminate against any employees or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employees or applicant is qualified. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicap in all employment practices.

2.6 Minority Participation

The bidder will make good faith efforts to subcontract with individuals who are minorities to include women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. Bidders should submit along with the bid information concerning minority business enterprises that they have contacted and those which will participate in the contract. The information will include:

1. Name, address, phone number, and email address of each minority firm.
2. Description of the work to be performed by each minority firm named.
3. Dollar value of the work to be performed by each firm named.

Section 3: Contract draft

The Draft Contract is attached to this RFB.

Section 4: Scope of Work (also referred to as Contract “Exhibit A”)

**Bid Specifications
Repairs to Office Building
RFB # 15-0329**

The New Hanover County Environmental Management Department is requesting bids for repairs to an office building, located at 3002 U.S. Highway 421 North. The repairs shall include the following:

- Remove and dispose of all existing T1-11 siding, including all trim boards and window sills. Remove all damaged fiberboard from behind T1-11 siding. Install new osb ½ inch sheathing to exterior walls. Install Tyvek house wrap to cover all exterior sheathing. Replace window sills.
- Remove and replace entire roof, replacing any damaged sheathing. Replacement roof shall include synthetic underlayment and architectural shingles. Install a new drip edge and a new ridge vent.
- Remove deck at main entrance so full sheets of siding may be installed. Reinstall deck to its current location, replacing any damaged wood. Deck roof shall be completely replaced according to above specification.
- Install new vinyl siding, vinyl corners and vinyl soffit. Fascia and all other wood trim shall be wrapped with bent aluminum.
- Remove and dispose of existing 2 x 10 inch band board at two locations and replace with pressure treated lumber:
 - Approximately 20 feet at west end of building
 - Approximately 20 feet at north side at building entrance location.
- Inspect any exterior areas that show water damage for any type of interior mold growth.
- Remove and replace existing window/door brick molding with new PVC materials.
- Any deteriorated sheathing shall be replaced to match existing
- Remove interior break room flooring, replacing any damaged subflooring. Install new commercial grade tile, baseboard and trim.
- Remove all vinyl underpins. Dig and install a new footer. After footer has dried, install new brick skirting with vents. Brick shall be a standard 3 x 6 size.
- Insulate crawl space floor area with R-19 insulation.
- Add temporary supports as necessary for load bearing structure during repair work.
- Environmental Management staff to select all colors for materials prior to installation.
- Materials removed from the project may be disposed of at the New Hanover County Landfill at no charge.

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4.2 CONTRACTOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 4.21** Contractor shall comply with all local, state and federal safety rules and regulations and shall sign and return NHC Environmental Management Contractor Compliance Requirements document (attached to the contract).
- 4.22** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for maintaining safety at all work sites. The Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to ensure safety for both workers and visitors to include traffic control.
- 4.23** The Contractor shall comply with all OSHA requirements including, but not limited to, notices and training.

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**NEW HANOVER COUNTY
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REPAIRS TO OFFICE BUILDING
Price Sheet/Bid Form**

TO: Kim Roane, Business Officer
New Hanover County
3002 Hwy. 421 North
Wilmington, NC 28401

DATE: _____ CONTRACTOR: _____

PHONE: _____ ADDRESS: _____

UNIT PRICE BID: The undersigned, having carefully examined the Instructions to Bidders, RFB #15-0329, Repairs to Office Building, dated April 20, 2015, including the following addenda;

ADDENDUM # _____ DATED: _____

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As well as the premises and conditions affecting the work, proposes to furnish all services, labor, materials and equipment called for to complete the project in accordance with the contract documents for the following price:

TOTAL TURNKEY BID PRICE: _____

Signature

Title

State of Incorporation

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**NEW HANOVER COUNTY
RFB #15-0329 REPAIRS TO OFFICE BUILDING
STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES AND COMPLIANCE**

The undersigned, as bidder certifies that the General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders, the Draft Contract, the Scope of Work and the Price Sheet/Bid Form found in the bidding documents dated April 20, 2015, have been read and understood.

The bidder hereby provides assurance that the firm represented in this bid, as indicated below:

- 1) Will comply with all requirements, stipulations, terms, and conditions as stated in the bid document:
- 2) Currently complies with all applicable State and Federal Laws:
- 3) Is not guilty of collusion with the vendors possibly interested in this bid or in determining prices to be submitted: and
- 4) Such agent as indicated below is officially authorized to represent the firm in whose name this bid is submitted.

_____ Name of Firm	_____ Name of Firm Representative
_____ Address of Firm	_____ Title
_____ Telephone Number	
_____ Date	
_____ State of Incorporation	

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REFERENCES

This form must be completed and submitted with Bid

Company Name of Bidder: _____

	Reference #1	Reference #2	Reference #3
Company Name			
Company Address			
Contact Name			
Contact Phone #			
Contact Email Address			
Type of project			
Cost of project			
Date of project completion			

NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2015 by and between **NEW HANOVER COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as "County"; and _____, a _____, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor."

WITNESSETH:

That the Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter fully set out, hereby agrees with the County as follows:

1. Scope of Services. Contractor shall provide labor, materials and equipment necessary to repair an office building located at 3002 U.S. Hwy 421 N., Wilmington, as more fully described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. Time of Performance. The term of this Agreement shall begin from Notice to Proceed and all work shall be completed within sixty (60) days.

3. Payment. County hereby agrees to pay for the cost of this Contract not to exceed a sum of _____ (\$_____) Dollars. Payment is contingent upon a final County inspection and acceptance of work or services.

4. Extra Work. County and Contractor shall negotiate and agree upon the value of any extra work or services prior to the issuance of a County Change Order or Renewal/Amendment (CRA) form covering said extra work or services. Such Change Order or CRA shall set forth the corresponding adjustment, if any, to the Contract Price and Contract Time.

5. Indemnity. Contractor shall indemnify and hold County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees, harmless against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or other liability, including attorney fees, on account of Contract or personal injuries or death or on account of property damages arising out of or relating to the work or services to be performed by Contractor hereunder, resulting from the negligence of or the willful act or omission of Contractor, its agents, employees and subcontractors.

6. Insurance. Before commencing any work or services, Contractor shall procure insurance in Contractor's name and maintain all insurance policies for the duration of the Contract of the types and in the amounts listed in this Contract. The insurance shall provide coverage against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from operations or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors, whether such operations by itself or anyone directly or indirectly employed by it.

7. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance

7.1 Commercial General Liability

7.1.1 Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) and if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance with a total limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. If such CGL insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this work or services, or the general aggregate shall be twice the required limit.

7.1.2 CGL insurance shall be written on Insurance Services Office (ISO) "occurrence" form CG 00 01 covering CGL or its equivalent and shall cover the liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract, including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract.

7.1.3 County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees are to be covered as additional insureds under the CGL by endorsement CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 or an endorsement providing equivalent coverage as respects to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of Contractor; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, leased or used by Contractor; and under the commercial umbrella, if any. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees.

7.1.4 Contractor's CGL insurance shall be primary as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees. Any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be excess of and not contribute with Contractor's insurance.

7.2 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

7.2.1 Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation as required by the general statutes of the State of North Carolina and Employer's Liability Insurance.

7.2.2 The Employer's Liability, and if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, \$1,000,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 policy limit.

7.2.3 The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work or services performed by Contractor for County.

7.3 Business Auto Liability

7.3.1 Contractor shall maintain Business or Personal Auto Liability and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Personal auto insurance may be accepted in lieu of Business Auto Insurance.

7.3.2 Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any auto, including owned, hired, and non-owned autos.

7.3.3 Business Auto coverage shall be written on ISO form CA 00 01, or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide Contractual liability coverage equivalent to that provided in ISO form CA 00 01.

7.3.4 Contractor's Business Auto Liability insurance shall be primary as respects County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees. Any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by County, its officers, officials, agents, and employees shall be excess of and not contribute with Contractor's insurance.

7.4 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

7.4.1 Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. At the option of County, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects County, its

officers, officials, agents, or employees; or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of deductibles or self-insured retentions.

7.4.2 Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles to which such policies are subject, regardless of whether County is an insured under the policy.

7.5 Miscellaneous Insurance Provisions. The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

7.5.1 Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies listed in this Contract shall not affect coverage provided to County its officers, officials, agents, and employees.

7.5.2 Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled by either party except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to County, 230 Government Center Drive #125, Wilmington, NC 28403.

7.5.3 If Contractor's liability policies do not contain the standard ISO separation of insureds provision, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide cross-liability coverage.

7.6 Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers licensed to do business in the State of North Carolina with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A VII unless County has granted specific approval.

7.7 Evidence of Insurance

7.7.1 Contractor shall furnish County with a certificate(s) of insurance, executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements prior to commencing the work or services, and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of each certified coverage until all operations under this Contract are deemed complete.

7.7.2 Evidence of additional insured status shall be noted on the certificate of insurance as per requirements in this Contract.

7.7.3 With respect to insurance maintained after final payment in compliance with requirements, an additional certificate(s) evidencing such coverage shall be provided to County with final application for payment and thereafter

upon renewal or replacement of such insurance until the expiration of the period for which such insurance must be maintained.

7.8 Subcontractors. Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates for each subcontractor. All coverage for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. CGL coverage shall include independent contractors' coverage, and Contractor shall be responsible for assuring that all subcontractors are properly insured.

7.9 Conditions

7.9.1 The insurance required for this Contract must be on forms acceptable to County.

7.9.2 Where circumstances warrant, County may, at its discretion subject to acceptance by the Risk Management and Finance Department accept letters of credit or custodial accounts in lieu of specific insurance requirements.

7.9.3 Contractor shall provide that the insurance contributing to satisfaction of insurance requirements in this Contract and shall not be canceled, terminated, or modified by Contractor without prior written approval of County.

7.9.4 Contractor shall promptly notify the New Hanover County Environmental Management Department and New Hanover County Risk Management at (910) 798-7497 of any accidents arising in the course of operations under the Contract causing bodily injury or property damage.

7.9.5 County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

7.9.6 Failure of County to demand a certificate of insurance or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of County to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

7.9.7 By requiring insurance herein, County does not represent that coverage and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect Contractor and such coverage and limits shall not be deemed as a limitation of Contractor's liability under the indemnities granted to County in this Contract.

7.9.8 If Contractor fails to maintain the insurance as set forth herein, County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase said insurance at Contractor's expense.

7.9.9 Contractor or its agent may apply to County for approval of higher deductibles based on financial capacity and quality of the carrier affording coverage.

7.9.10 County shall have the right, but not the obligation of prohibiting Contractor or any subcontractor from entering the work or service area or withhold payment until such certificates or other evidence that insurance has been placed in complete compliance with these requirements is received and approved by County.

8. Independent Contractor. The parties mutually agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an agent of the County, and as such, the Contractor shall not be entitled to any County employment benefits, such as, but not limited to, vacation, sick leave, insurance, workmen's compensation, or pension and retirement benefits.

9. Default and Termination. If Contractor fails to prosecute the work or services with such diligence as will insure its completion within the Contract time, or if Contractor breaches any of the terms or conditions contained in this Contract and fails to cure said breach within two (2) days of County's mailing of Notice of Default, or otherwise fails to perform the work or services hereunder to the County's reasonable satisfaction, County may terminate this Contract forthwith. Upon termination, County may, without prejudice to an action for damages or any other remedy, take the prosecution of the work or services out of the hands of Contractor. County may enter into another Contract for the completion of the Contract, or use such other methods as may be required for the completion of the Contract. County may deduct all costs of completing the Contract from any monies due or which may become due to Contractor. In the event this Contract is terminated prior to completion of the services by the Contractor, the Contractor shall be paid for work or services performed to the date of termination. In no event will the amount due Contractor in the event of termination exceed that amount set forth in this Contract. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the

County from pursuing any other remedy, which it may have against Contractor, including claims for damages.

10. Termination for Convenience. County may terminate this Contract for convenience at any time and without cause. Upon receipt of notice, Contractor shall immediately discontinue providing the work or service and, if applicable, placing any orders for any materials, facilities, and supplies in connection with the performance of the work or services of this Contract.

11. Non-appropriation. All funds for payment by County under this Contract are subject to the availability of any annual appropriation for this purpose by the Board of Commissioners. In the event of non-appropriation of funds by the Board of Commissioners for the services provided under the Contract, County will terminate the Contract, without termination charge or liability, on the last day of the then-current fiscal year or when the appropriation made for then-current year for the services/items covered by this Contract is spent, whichever occurs first. If at any time funds are not appropriated for the continuance of this Contract, cancellation shall be accepted by the Professional on ten (10) business days' prior written notice, but failure to give such notice shall be of no effect and County shall not be obligated under this Contract beyond the date of termination.

12. Non-waiver of Rights. The parties mutually agree that either party's failure to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of this Contract or to exercise any right based upon a breach thereof, or the acceptance of any performance during such breach, shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this Contract.

13. Conflict of Interest. No paid employee of the County shall have a personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, as a contracting party or otherwise, in the performance of this Contract.

14. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall utilize no subcontractors for carrying out the services to be performed under this Contract without the written approval of the County.

15. Entire Contract. This Contract constitutes the entire understanding of the parties.

16. Binding Effect. This Contract shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns.

17. Further Actions. The parties will make and execute all further instruments and documents required to carry out the purposes and intent of this Contract.

18. Severability. If any provision of this Contract is held unenforceable, then such provision will be modified to reflect the parties' intention. All remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

19. Inclusive Terms. Use of the masculine herein shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall include the plural.

20. Governing Law. All of the terms and conditions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

21. Accounting Procedures for Refund of County Sales & Use Tax. Pursuant to G.S. 105-164.14(c), the County is entitled to a refund of sales and/or use taxes paid by contractors on purchases of building materials, supplies, fixtures and equipment that become a part of or are annexed to any building or structure that is owned or leased by the County and is being erected, altered or repaired for use by the County.

Contractors shall provide a "certified statement" containing the specific required information. The certified statement must include all of the following information:

- a. the date the property was purchased;
- b. the type of property purchased;
- c. the cost of property purchased and the amount of sales and use taxes paid thereon;
- d. the project for which the property was used;
- e. if the property was purchased in this State, the county to which it was delivered; and
- f. if the property was not purchased in this State, the county in which the property was used.

If the contractor makes several purchases from the same vendor, the certified statement must indicate each invoice number, the inclusive dates of the invoices, the

total amount each invoice, and the state and local sales and use taxes paid on the purchase. The statement must also include the cost of any tangible personal property withdrawn from the contractor's warehouse stock and the amount of state and local sales or use tax paid by the contractor. If subcontractors are used, similar certified statements by its subcontractors must be obtained by the general contractor and furnished to the County. Local sales or use taxes included in the contractor's statements must be shown separately from the State sales or use taxes. The contractor's statements must not contain sales or use taxes paid on purchases of tangible personal property purchased by the contractor for use in performing the contract which does not annex to, affix to or in some manner become a part of the building or structure that is owned or leased by the County and is being erected, altered or repaired for use by the County.

Examples of property on which sales or use tax has been paid by the contractor and which shall not be included in the contractor's statement are scaffolding, forms for concrete, fuel for the operation of machinery and equipment, tools, equipment, equipment repair parts and equipment rentals.

A certified statement must be provided with each pay request. If there was no sales or use tax paid during the period, the contractor shall provide a "Zero" sales and use tax statement.

22. Notices. All notices required hereunder to be sent to either party shall be sent to the following designated addresses, or to such other address or addresses as may hereafter be designated by either party by mailing of written notice of such change of address, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested:

To County:
New Hanover County Environmental Management
Attention: Kim Roane, Business Officer
3002 U.S. Hwy 421 North
Wilmington, NC 28401

To Contractor:

23. Assignability. The parties hereto agree that this Contract is not transferable and shall not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party to this Contract.

24. Contract Under Seal. The parties hereto expressly agree to create a Contract under seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals, the day and year first above written and by authority duly given.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

[SEAL]

County Manager

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

CONTRACTOR

[SEAL]

President (Seal)

ATTEST:

Secretary

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Approved as to form:

County Finance Director

County Attorney

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

I, _____, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, certify that Teresa P. Elmore acknowledged that she is Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the Board, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its _____ County Manager, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by herself as its Clerk.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires:_____

STATE OF _____

_____ COUNTY

I, _____, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, certify that _____ came before me this day and acknowledged that (s)he is Secretary of _____ an _____, and that by County duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its President and sealed with its corporate seal.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Notary Public

My commission expires:_____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____ (hereinafter Affiant), being duly authorized by and on behalf of _____ (hereinafter "Employer") after first being duly sworn hereby swears or affirms as follows:

- 1. Employer understands that E-Verify is the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law in accordance with NCGS §64-25(5).
- 2. Employer understands that Employers Must Use E-Verify. Each employer, after hiring an employee to work in the United States, shall verify the work authorization of the employee through E-Verify in accordance with NCGS§64-26(a).
- 3. Employer is a person, business entity, or other organization that transacts business in this State and that employs 25 or more employees in this State. (Mark Yes or No)
 - a. YES _____, or
 - b. NO _____
- 4. Employer's subcontractors must comply with E-Verify and Employer will ensure compliance with E-Verify by any subcontractors subsequently hired.

This ____ day of _____, 2015.

Signature of Affiant

Print or Type Name: _____

State of North Carolina County of _____

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this the _____

day of _____, 2015.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

(Affix Official/Notarial Seal)