

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 24-00082

COUNTY OF HINDS

SUB-AWARD AGREEMENT (Governmental Entities)

This document is a Sub-Award Agreement (this "Agreement") between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") and City of Diamondhead, UEI# K9M1T71V8JM9 ("SUB-RECIPIENT", and together with MDEQ, the "Parties", and each, a "Party") to provide grant funds for the Work specified in Article 4, Scope of Work.

1. Source of Funds

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Spill Impact Component of the RESTORE Act, provided through the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council ("RESTORE Council") pursuant to Federal Award #GNSSP21MS0015, CFDA 87.052, Spill Impact Component Project Grants (hereinafter referenced as "Federal Award"), awarded on December 17, 2020. This Federal Award is fully incorporated by reference into this Agreement as Attachment "A", and is an integral part of this Agreement.

2. Project

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUB-RECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to pay the costs associated with SUB-RECIPIENT's implementation of the project entitled "Diamondhead Beneficial Use of Sediment" (the "Project").

3. Purpose

The purpose of this Project is to support dredging of the Diamondhead canal system and placement of the material in a Wolf River BU site in St. Louis Bay. This Project is not for Research and Development. Further detail of the Project is provided in Attachment "A" of this Agreement.

4. Scope of Work

SUB-RECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in the Workplan for the Project, which is fully incorporated as Attachment "B", and is an integral part of this Agreement (the "Work").

5. Terms and Conditions

This Agreement and the SUB-RECIPIENT are subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Federal Award, including any Special Award Conditions, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment "A", the Workplan for this Project,

a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment “B”, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment “C” and fully incorporated herein by reference, the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions, a copy of which is attached hereto in Attachment “D” and fully incorporated herein by reference, and the RESTORE Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(t) *et seq.*, Treasury’s Regulations governing the RESTORE Act, 31 C.F.R. § 34 *et seq.*, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to the SUB-RECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

6. Period of Performance

The Period of Performance shall commence upon execution of this Agreement by MDEQ’s Executive Director and shall end on January 31, 2026 (“Period of Performance”). The SUB-RECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUB-RECIPIENT determines, based on the work performed to date, that the work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUB-RECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

7. Consideration and Payment

- A. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to pay SUB-RECIPIENT an amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$3,122,000.00) (the “Maximum Amount”).
- B. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions and all other terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly-invoiced amounts due to SUB-RECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUB-RECIPIENT that includes work performed outside a one-year period from receipt of such invoice.
 - i. *Request for Payment.* SUB-RECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUB-RECIPIENT shall submit monthly Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to invoices@mdeq.ms.gov. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than forty-five (45) days after the end date of

this Agreement. The monthly Reimbursement Request shall include breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for each personnel cost included in the Reimbursement Request. SUB-RECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUB-RECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.
2. SUB-RECIPIENT shall only request payment under this Agreement for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement;
3. SUB-RECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for services the SUB-RECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Sub-award or Contract.
4. Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to the SUB-RECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement must be returned to MDEQ within thirty (30) days from receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds. Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to the SUB-RECIPIENT which are deemed ineligible by RESTORE Council must also be returned to MDEQ within thirty (30) days from receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.
5. SUB-RECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUB-RECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.
6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUB-RECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUB-RECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUB-RECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUB-RECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

- ii. Indirect Cost Rate. The current indirect cost rate is 0% for this SUB-RECIPIENT regarding this Agreement.

8. Progress Reports

SUB-RECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports as determined by MDEQ.

9. Final Payment and Report

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and notwithstanding the submission of any Reimbursement Request by SUB-RECIPIENT, MDEQ shall not pay more than ninety-five percent (95%) of the Maximum Amount until such time as the SUB-RECIPIENT has completed the Work, submitted the Final Report, as defined below, required pursuant to this section, and received MDEQ's written acceptance of such Final Report. Within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ's written acceptance of such Final Report, MDEQ shall disburse to SUB-RECIPIENT all or such portion of the five-percent (5%) holdback as is properly payable to SUB-RECIPIENT for Work performed under this Agreement. However, if MDEQ is satisfied that the Project is proceeding on schedule and on budget, MDEQ (acting in its sole discretion) may reduce the holdback from five-percent (5%).

When SUB-RECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUB-RECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work, along with the corresponding results (the "Final Report"). As appropriate, the Final Report should include copies of any publications, press releases, and other documents, materials, and products developed as part of the Project, including, without limitation, photographs, video footage, and other electronic representations of the Project and Work not previously submitted to MDEQ. The Final Report shall be provided by SUB-RECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, the SUB-RECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the Final Payment amount is the remaining amount that the SUB-RECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against the SUB-RECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

10. Financial Management and Compliance

MDEQ requires that the SUB-RECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation are copies of checks paid to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUB-RECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally

Identifiable Information” found in 2. C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that is required by law to be disclosed. (See also §200.1 PII). SUB-RECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in the “Contracts” provision of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUB-RECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUB-RECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUB-RECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUB-RECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUB-RECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment “E” and incorporated herein in its entirety.

11. Contracts

SUB-RECIPIENT must notify MDEQ in writing prior to contracting any portion of the Work. MDEQ, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to reject the letting of any such contract. Should MDEQ, in its sole discretion, determine that any proposed contractor of SUB-RECIPIENT under this Agreement has a conflict of interest with respect to RESTORE Council, MDEQ, SUB-RECIPIENT or the Project, MDEQ shall have the right to reject the letting of any such contract. If any potential conflict of interest exists, the Parties will resolve it according to the applicable laws and regulations. MDEQ’s failure to reject the letting of any contract under this Agreement shall not be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in addition to the Funds. If SUB-RECIPIENT makes or issues any contract in coordination with this Agreement, then SUB-RECIPIENT will be deemed to have represented and certified to MDEQ at each such time, in connection with such contract, as follows:

- A. in making such contract, SUB-RECIPIENT has complied with all applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, rules, orders, and other governmental mandates, including, without limitation, those pertaining to procurement, acquisition, and other contracting actions by SUB-RECIPIENT;
- B. in making such contract, SUB-RECIPIENT has complied with its internal policies and procedures applicable to procurement, acquisition, or contracting actions;
- C. each contractor is qualified to perform the applicable Work and is authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi;
- D. each contractor is required under its agreement with SUB-RECIPIENT to perform

the applicable Work within budgeted costs identified for such Work;

- E. each contractor has agreed to conduct its activities related to the Work in compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, and all applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, rules, orders, and other governmental mandates;
- F. each contractor has agreed to obtain and maintain all appropriate bonds and insurance against liability for injury to persons or property from any and all activities undertaken by such contractor related to the Work in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, including, without limitation Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-51; and
- G. no contractor has any conflict of interest with respect to MDEQ, RESTORE Council, the SUB-RECIPIENT or the Project.

SUB-RECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUB-RECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUB-RECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUB-RECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. Parties with whom contracts or sub-award agreements are entered into by the SUB-RECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUB-RECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments "A" and "F" attached hereto in all agreements between the SUB-RECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and their contractors/sub-contractors.

12. Public Communications and Logo Usage

Unless otherwise required by applicable law (based upon the reasonable advice of counsel), SUB-RECIPIENT shall not make any public announcements, communicate with any news media, or provide materials to the public related to this Agreement without first obtaining the written consent of MDEQ. This includes any materials prepared for presentations or materials prepared for distribution to the public. The Parties shall cooperate as to the timing and contents of any such announcement prior to any such communications to the public. The SUB-RECIPIENT must provide materials subject to this provision to MDEQ, for determination of approval, ten (10) days prior to the anticipated publication or other form of public release of such materials. This provision shall not be deemed to limit the SUB-RECIPIENT's ability to discuss this Agreement or Work in meetings required to be held as open meetings by Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-1 *et seq.*, or as otherwise necessary to inform the public of the existence of the Project as is reasonably tailored to keep the public informed of project progress or to address public safety or planning concerns. This provision shall also not apply to any publications, notices, communications, transmittals or the like required of SUB-RECIPIENT to comply with its contractual obligations related to this Agreement,

for procurement of vendors, or compliance with applicable state, federal or local law applicable to the Agreement or Work.

Any publications (except scientific articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals), or signage produced with funds from this Agreement and the Federal Award, or informing the public about the activities funded in whole or in part by this Agreement and the Federal Award, must clearly display the following language:

This project was paid for [in part] with federal funding from the RESTORE Council and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Publications and data (except scientific articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals) produced with funds from this Agreement must display the following additional language: "The data, statements, findings, conclusions, and recommendations are those of the author[s] and do not necessarily reflect any determinations, views, or policies of the RESTORE Council or the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality". Further, data produced under this award and made available to the public must be accompanied by the following statement: "The [report, presentation, video, etc.] and all associated data and related items of information were prepared by [recipient name] under Award No. [number] from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (RESTORE Council). Further Publications based on data, and new products derived from source data, must cite the data used according to the conventions of the Publisher and use Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs), if available. All data and derived products that are used to support the conclusions of a publication must be made available in a form that permits verification and reproducibility of the results. Any signage produced with funds from the award or informing the public about the activities funded in whole or in part by the award, must first be approved in writing by the RESTORE Council or its designee.

The SUB-RECIPIENT is authorized to use the MDEQ logo only for the above-mentioned purposes. The SUB-RECIPIENT may not alter the MDEQ logo in any way, except for its size.

13. Notices

All notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:

Attention: Melanie Green

Address: 515 East Amite Street

Jackson, MS 39201

Phone: 601.961.5270

E-mail: mgreen@mdeq.ms.gov

If to SUB-RECIPIENT:

Attention: Jon McCraw

Address: 5000 Diamondhead Circle

Diamondhead, MS 39525

Phone: 228.222.4626

E-mail: jmccraw@diamondhead.ms.gov

14. Counterparts

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Chris Wells
Executive Director

Date

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Title

Date