

## **Disaster Debris Removal Services**

**This document is a pre-event contract.**

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**THIS AGREEMENT**, made and entered into by and between the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter called the “**County**”), and **CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC** (hereinafter called the “**Contractor**”) of 6968 PROFESSIONAL PARKWAY, SARASOTA, FL 34240, a corporation maintaining an office located in FLORIDA, for the purposes of engaging in the business of providing Disaster Debris Removal Services.

**WHEREAS**, the County is empowered to provide for Disaster Debris Removal Services and is further allowed by law to enter contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor is willing to render the service of Disaster Debris Removal Services within the County upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the expectation of each of the parties that by entering into this Agreement, and by the full and faithful observance and performance of its respective duties, obligations and responsibilities, a mutually-satisfactory relationship between them will be established and maintained;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the County and the Contractor hereby agree as follows:

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The Contractor agrees to comply with all the laws of the federal government and the State of Georgia and the rules and regulations of any and all other governmental agencies relative to natural disasters. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all present and future ordinances which have an effect on or regulate natural disasters. The Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of all governmental agencies in the performance of this contract.

### **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action 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 setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.”

#### **CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702, the contractor will compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

#### **Compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act**

(1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such

laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (name of the Federal agency or the loan or grant recipient) shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.”

### **DAVIS BACON ACT**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows (if applicable):

Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5 (Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction)). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, ¶ D.

### **COPELAND “ANTI-KICKBACK” ACT**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) Contractor: The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

(2) Subcontracts: The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

(3) Breach: A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.”

## **CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

### **Clean Air Act**

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the (name of the state agency or local or Indian tribal government) and understands and agrees that the (name of the state agency or local or Indian tribal government) will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the (name of recipient), Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

### **Federal Water Pollution Control Act**

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the Effingham County Board of Commissioners and understands and agrees that the Effingham County Board of Commissioners will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the (name of recipient), Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.”

## **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

- (1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS(insert name of subrecipient). If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to GEMA/EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (name of state agency serving as recipient and name of subrecipient), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

**BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)**

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.”

**PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

(1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.”

**CHANGES**

The County reserves the right to make changes in the Services, including alterations, reductions or additions thereto. If the County elects to make the change, the County shall issue a contract amendment or change order and Contractor shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment or change order has been issued and signed by both parties.

If the contractor wishes to make changes, the contractor shall submit a written request – either a contract amendment or change order and shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment or change order has been approved and signed by both parties.

**ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The following access to records requirements apply to this contract:

- (1) The contractor agrees to provide Effingham County Board of Commissioners, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- (2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- (3) The contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

### **DHS SEAL, LOGO AND FLAGS**

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre- approval.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

By executing this contract, the contractor acknowledges that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the contract only. The contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

### **NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

### **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS**

By executing this contract, the contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

### **AGREEMENT NOT AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE**

It is the understanding and intention of the parties hereto that the Agreement shall constitute a contract for Disaster Debris Removal Services; that said Agreement shall not constitute an exclusive franchise; nor shall same be deemed or construed as such.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE: TERM OF CONTRACT**

This Agreement shall be effective and binding on the date that the last authorized signature is affixed and performance of such Agreement shall begin upon issuance of a Task Order. The initial agreement shall terminate on August 31, 2026. There will be two (2) single-year renewals. This Agreement shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation on the part of County at the close of the fiscal year in which it was executed and at the close of each succeeding fiscal year for which it may be renewed as provided for in O.C.G.A. §36-60-13, the provisions of which are incorporated herein. This Agreement shall terminate immediately and absolutely at such time as appropriated and otherwise unobligated funds are no longer available to satisfy the obligations of the County under this Agreement.

### **LICENSES AND TAXES**

The Contractor must obtain all licenses and permits required by the County, the Federal Government and the State Government.

### **INDEMNITY**

The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its commissioners, officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, damages, claims, suits, liens, and judgments, of whatever nature, including claims for contribution and/or indemnification, for injuries to or death of any person or persons, or damage to the property or other rights of any person or persons caused by the Contractor or its subcontractors. Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, at its sole expense, and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if such claims, suits, etc., are groundless, false, or fraudulent, including any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employee of the Contractor or its subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them. The Contractor's obligation to indemnify the County under this Section shall not be limited in any way by the agreed-upon contract price, or to the scope and amount of coverage provided by any insurance maintained by the Contractor.

## IMMUNITY

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed or deemed to be a waiver of any immunity to which the County, its officials, or employees are legally entitled.

## INSURANCE

The Contractor shall maintain such insurance as will protect the company from claims under workmen's compensation acts and from any other claims for damages to property, and for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations are by the Contractor or by any sub-contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor.

Certificates of such insurance shall be filed with the County. The Contractor will provide the County ten (10) days' notice in the event the Contractor's insurance is cancelled or terminated for any reason

\*The limits of insurance are as follows:

- A. **Commercial General Liability:** Provides protection against bodily injury, including death and property damage claims arising from operations of a contractor or tenant. Minimum limits: \$1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage each occurrence, and \$2,000,000 Property Damage, in the aggregate.
- B. **Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability:** Provides statutory protection against bodily injury, sickness or disease sustained by employees of the contractor while performing within the scope of duties. Minimum limits: \$500,000 for each accident, disease policy limit, and disease each employee and Statutory Worker's Compensation limit.
- C. **Business Automobile Liability:** Coverage insures against liability claims arising out of the contractor's use of automobiles. Minimum limit: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury, property damage, and should be written on an "Any Auto" basis.
- D. **Umbrella Policy:** \$10,000,000

Failure to obtain or maintain the appropriate insurance coverages as stated herein (and in RFP 18-002) shall be deemed a default on the part of the Contractor. The Contractor shall immediately cure a default under this provision within twenty-four (24) hours thereof. In the event Contractor does not timely cure a default under this provision, the County shall be entitled to immediately terminate this contract.

\*Liability Insurance shall be effective for the duration of the contract period as described in the contract documents, including RFP 18-002 and any authorized change orders/task orders.

All insurance premiums shall be paid by the Contractor and shall be without cost to the County.

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**FEES: \*\*SEE ATTACHMENT A FOR THE FEE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FOR 23-RFP-026\*\***

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ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	
REMOVAL AND HAULING OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS FROM ROW TO DMS. To include limbs and trees placed on ROW under other pay items below.	0-15.9 miles	\$____./cy
	16.0-30.9 miles	\$____./cy
	31-60 miles	\$____./cy
DMS SITE MANAGEMENT, Management of disaster related debris delivered to the DMS by the Contractor or County.	\$____./cy	
GRINDING OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS AT A DMS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. Grinding of disaster related debris delivered to the DMS by Contractor or County	\$____./cy	
AIR CURTAIN BURNING OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS AT A DMS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. Burning of disaster related debris delivered to the DMS by Contractor or County.	\$____./cy	
LOADING, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS REDUCED BY GRINDING FROM DMS TO AN APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly.	0-15.9 miles	\$____./cy
	16.0-30.9 miles	\$____./cy
	31-60 miles	\$____./cy
LOADING, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS REDUCED BY AIR CURTAIN BURNING FROM DMS TO APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly.	0-15.9 miles	\$____./cy
	16.0-30.9 miles	\$____./cy
	31-60 miles	\$____./cy



REMOVAL AND HAULING OF C&D DEBRIS FROM ROW TO DMS	0-15.9 miles	\$____./cy
	16.0-30.9 miles	\$____./cy
	31-60 miles	\$____./cy
REDUCTION OF C&D DEBRIS BY GRINDING		\$____./cy
REDUCTION OF C&D DEBRIS BY COMPACTION		\$____./cy
LOADING, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF C&D DEBRIS REDUCED BY GRINDING/COMPACTION FROM DMS TO AN APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly.	0-15.9 miles	\$____./cy
	16.0-30.9 miles	\$____./cy
	31-60 miles	\$____./cy
REMOVAL OF C&D DEBRIS AND HAULING DIRECTLY TO AN APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly. (NON DMS OPTION)	0-15.9 miles	\$____./cy
	16.0-30.9 miles	\$____./cy
	31-60 miles	\$____./cy
REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS LIMBS (HANGERS). The Contractor shall remove all hazardous hanging limbs over 2" in diameter and place them on public property or ROW		\$____./tree
REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES (LEANERS). The Contractor shall remove all hazardous trees 6" in diameter and greater (measured 54" above ground) and place them on public property or ROW	6" – 12"	\$____./tree
	12" – 24"	\$____./tree
	24" – 36"	\$____./tree
	36" and greater	\$____./tree

<p><b>REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS STUMPS.</b>  The Contractor shall remove all hazardous stumps 24” and place them on public property or ROW</p>	<p>24” – 36”            \$ ____./stump  36” – 48”            \$ ____./stump  48” and greater      \$ ____./stump</p>
<p><b>REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF WHITE GOODS.</b>  The Contractor shall remove, decontaminate, transport and recycle or dispose approved white goods (appliances) in accordance with all federal, state, and local rules, regulations, and laws.</p>	<p>\$ ____./unit</p>
<p><b>REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONICS WASTE.</b>  The Contractor shall remove, haul, and dispose electronics waste in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and laws. The e-waste will be loaded, transported, and disposed at a facility approved to accept such items.</p>	<p>\$ ____./cy</p>
<p><b>REMOVAL, HAULING, OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES (HHW).</b>  The Contractor shall collect and transport household hazardous wastes to a central collection site identified by the County.</p>	<p>\$ ____./lb.</p>
<p><b>REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF LAWNMOWERS AND EQUIPMENT WITH SMALL ENGINES.</b>  The Contractor shall load, haul, and dispose of lawnmowers and other equipment with small engines. County is responsible for final disposal costs.</p>	<p>\$ ____./each</p>
<p><b>REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF DEAD ANIMAL CARCASSES.</b>  The Contractor shall collect and transport dead animal carcasses to a central collection site identified by the County. County to pay all tipping fees directly.</p>	<p>\$ ____./lb.</p>

<b>REMOVAL AND HAULING OF STORM DEPOSITED SOILS TO DMS.</b> The contractor shall haul storm deposited soils to a DMS designated by the County. Final disposition of the soils shall be the responsibility of the County.	0-15.9 miles	\$____./____/cy
	16.0-30.9 miles	\$____./____/cy
	31-60 miles	\$____./____/cy
<b>DEMOLITION.</b> The Contractor shall demolish structures identified by the County as eligible for reimbursement and place on the ROW for removal.		\$____./sq. ft.

ITEM DESCRIPTION	HOURLY RATE
EMERGENCY ROAD CLEARANCE (per item 5.29 of RFP 18-002)	\$____./per hour (complete)

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT NO COST:**

- A. Training and Assistance: One (1) day of training for all key personnel and assistance in all disaster debris recovery planning efforts is required.
- B. Preliminary Damage Assessment: Determining the impact and magnitude of the disaster event to help expedite any applications for federal assistance.
- C. Mobilization and Demobilization: All arrangements necessary to mobilize and demobilize the Contractor's labor force and equipment needed to perform the Scope of Services contained herein shall be made by the Contractor.
- D. Temporary Storage of Documents: The Contractor shall provide storage of daily disaster-related documents and reports for protection during the disaster event.
- E. Debris Planning Efforts: The Contractor shall assist in disaster debris recovery planning efforts as requested by the County. These planning efforts shall include, but are not limited to; identification of adequate temporary debris storage and reduction sites, estimation of debris quantities, and emergency action plans for debris clearance following a disaster event.
- F. Reporting and Documentation: The Contractor shall provide and submit to the Monitor and the County, all reports and documents as may be necessary to adequately document its performance of this Contract, to include all requirements for documentation requested by FEMA and/or State government for reimbursement of costs.

These prices shall remain in effect for a period of 36 months, no exception.

No work outside the scope of work contained in the RFP will be performed without the advanced written consent of the County Manager or Project Manager.

### **TERMINATION**

The agreement between the County and Contractor can be terminated with 30 days written notice by the County based on:

- a. County electing, in writing, not to exercise any of its option periods.
- b. Failure of the Contractor to perform based on the Contractor's bankruptcy, lack or loss of skilled personnel, or disregarding laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction. Should any single, multiple or all of the above conditions occur, the County shall have the authority to terminate the contract with written notice to Contractor. The Contractor shall be liable for any losses occurring as a result of not abiding by the terms of the agreement.
- c. Failure of the Contractor to abide by any of the conditions of this Agreement.
- d. Any termination of the Contractor's services shall not affect any right of the County against the Contractor then-existing or which may thereafter occur. Any retention of payment monies by the County due the Contractor will not release Contractor from compliance with the Contract documents.

Should the contract, upon expiration, be awarded to another service provider, Contractor shall cooperate with the County to assist with the orderly transfer of the functions and operations provided by the Contractor hereunder to another service provider or to the County as determined by the County in its sole discretion. Prior to termination or expiration of this Agreement, the County may require the Contractor to perform and, if so required, the Contractor shall perform certain transition services necessary to shift the support work of the Contractor to another provider or to the County itself and the County shall pay for such service at the rates set forth in this Agreement. Transition services may include but shall not be limited to the following:

1. Working with the County to jointly develop a mutually agreed upon Transition Services Plan to facilitate the termination of the Services; and
2. Notifying all affected service providers and subcontractors of the Service provider

Effingham County shall have the right to terminate any contract to be made hereunder for its convenience by giving written notice 30 days in advance of its election to do so and by specifying the effective date of such termination. The Vendor shall be paid for services rendered through the effective date of such termination. Further, provided a contract is awarded, if a Vendor shall fail to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder, the County may, by giving written notice to the Vendor, terminate the agreement with said Vendor for such default. If this agreement is so terminated, the Vendor shall be paid only for work satisfactorily completed.

### **TRANSFERABILITY OF CONTRACT**

No assignment of the Contract or any right accruing under this Contract shall be made in whole or in part to third persons by the Contractor without the express written consent of the County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; in the event of any assignment, the assignee shall assume the liability of the Contractor.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The administration and enforcement of this Agreement shall be the responsibility of the County Manager or his designated representative(s).

The County Manager shall recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt any rules and regulations required to implement or enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Contractor shall cooperate with the County Manager or his representative(s) in any inspections and render whatever assistance they reasonably request. The Contractor agrees to follow the reasonable recommendations of the County Manager so that the County's reputation is in no way damaged by the Contractor's performance.

**NO AGENCY CREATED**

Nothing in the Contract is intended to grant authority to the Contractor, as agent or otherwise, to bind the County to any contract, warranty, or agreement, or to subject the County to any costs, liabilities or expenses. It is expressly understood that the Contractor shall be an independent contractor with absolutely no authority to bind or obligate the County and for whom the County shall have no liability or responsibility.

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

This agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof, and no representations, inducements, or agreements, oral or otherwise, not embodied herein, shall be of any force and effect. Should, through administrative oversight, a particular requirement of RFP No. 18-002 not be expressly addressed within the body of this Agreement, the RFP language shall be referred to for guidance.

**CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

It is the intention and agreement of the parties of this Contract that all legal provisions of law which are required to be inserted herein, shall be and are inserted herein. However, if by mistake or otherwise, some such provision is not herein inserted, or is not inserted in proper form, the contract may be amended provided that such amendment is in writing and signed by the parties hereto stating that said writing is an amendment or modification hereto. Any other attempts at modification, whether by course of conduct, oral or informally written agreement or whatever, shall not prevail.

**SEPERABILITY OR PROVISION**

If any provision of this Agreement, or its application to any person or circumstances, is invalid or unenforceable, a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefore in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of this invalid and unenforceable provision herein and the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

**CONSTRUCTION**

This Agreement shall be deemed to have been approved and accepted at Springfield, Effingham County, Georgia, and shall be construed under the laws of the State of Georgia.

**HEADINGS**

The use of headings, captions, and numbers herein is solely for the convenience of identifying and indexing the various paragraphs and shall in no event be considered otherwise in construing or interpreting any provision of the Agreement

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their corporate seals affixed hereto on the day and year below their respective signatures.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: Wesley M. Corbitt  
Wesley Corbitt, Chairman

ATTEST: S. Johnson  
Stephanie Johnson, Effingham County Clerk

Date: 08/01/2023

CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.

BY: Li An

Title: Corp. Secretary

Attest: Jacelyn Mauri

Date: September 18, 2023



June 1, 2023

Effingham County  
Purchasing Office  
804 S Laurel Street  
Springfield, GA 31329

RE: **23-RFP-026 - Disaster Debris Removal Services**  
Due: 6/1/2023 at 11:15 AM ET

Dear Evaluation Team

The following is Ceres Environmental Services Inc's Proposal Cost for the Effingham County RFP #23-RFP-026 - Disaster Debris Removal Services.

Item Number	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
1	REMOVAL AND HAULING OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS FROM ROW TO DMS. To include limbs and trees placed on ROW under other pay items below.	0 - 15.9 miles	CY	\$ 8.23
		16.0 - 30.9 miles	CY	\$ 8.53
		31-60 miles	CY	\$ 8.83
2	DMS SITE MANAGEMENT, Management of disaster related debris delivered to the DMS by the Contractor or County.	Per	CY	\$ 1.84
3	GRINDING OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS AT A DMS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. Grinding of disaster related debris delivered to the DMS by Contractor or County	Per	CY	\$ 2.85
4	AIR CURTAIN BURNING OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS AT A DMS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY. Burning of disaster related debris delivered to the DMS by Contractor or County.	Per	CY	\$ 1.28
5	LOADING, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS REDUCED BY GRINDING FROM DMS TO AN APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly.	0 - 15.9 miles	CY	\$ 2.95
		16.0 - 30.9 miles	CY	\$ 3.35
		31-60 miles	CY	\$ 3.95
6	LOADING, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS REDUCED BY AIR CURTAIN BURNING FROM DMS TO APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly.	0 - 15.9 miles	CY	\$ 3.48
		16.0 - 30.9 miles	CY	\$ 3.64
		31-60 miles	CY	\$ 3.78
7	REMOVAL AND HAULING OF C&D DEBRIS FROM ROW TO DMS	0 - 15.9 miles	CY	\$ 8.23
		16.0 - 30.9 miles	CY	\$ 8.53
		31-60 miles	CY	\$ 8.83
8	REDUCTION OF C&D DEBRIS BY GRINDING	Per	CY	\$ 2.44

Item Number	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
9	REDUCTION OF C&D DEBRIS BY COMPACTION	Per	CY	\$ 1.05
10	LOADING, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF C&D DEBRIS REDUCED BY GRINDING/COMPACTION FROM DMS TO AN APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly.	0 - 15.9 miles	CY	\$ 4.45
		16.0 - 30.9 miles	CY	\$ 5.65
		31-60 miles	CY	\$ 6.95
11	REMOVAL OF C&D DEBRIS AND HAULING DIRECTLY TO AN APPROVED LANDFILL AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNTY. County to pay all tipping fees directly. (NON DMS OPTION)	0 - 15.9 miles	CY	\$ 8.73
		16.0 - 30.9 miles	CY	\$ 9.33
		31-60 miles	CY	\$ 9.83
12	REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS LIMBS (HANGERS). The Contractor shall remove all hazardous hanging limbs over 2" in diameter and place them on public property or ROW	Per	Tree	\$88.00
13	REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES (LEANERS). The Contractor shall remove all hazardous trees 6" in diameter and greater (measured 54" above ground) and place them on public property or ROW	6" to 12"	Tree	\$20.00
		12" to 24"	Tree	\$30.00
		24 to 36"	Tree	\$40.00
		36" and greater	Tree	\$50.00
14	REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS STUMPS. The Contractor shall remove all hazardous stumps 24" and place them on public property or ROW	24" to 36"	Stump	\$75.00
		36" to 48"	Stump	\$85.00
		48" and greater	Stump	\$100.00
15	REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF WHITE GOODS. The Contractor shall remove, decontaminate, transport and recycle or dispose approved white goods (appliances) in accordance with all federal, state, and local rules, regulations, and laws.	Per	Unit	\$28.00
16	REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONICS WASTE. The Contractor shall remove, haul, and dispose electronics waste in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and laws. The e-waste will be loaded, transported, and disposed at a facility approved to accept such items.	Per	Unit	\$14.00



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17	REMOVAL, HAULING, OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES (HHW). The Contractor shall collect and transport household hazardous wastes to a central collection site identified by the County.	Per	Pound	\$ 5.75
18	REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF LAWNMOWERS AND EQUIPMENT WITH SMALL ENGINES. The Contractor shall load, haul, and dispose of lawnmowers and other equipment with small engines. County is responsible for final disposal costs.	Per	Each	\$32.00
19	REMOVAL, HAULING, AND DISPOSAL OF DEAD ANIMAL CARCASSES. The Contractor shall collect and transport dead animal carcasses to a central collection site identified by the County. County to pay all tipping fees directly.	Per	Pound	\$ 0.75
20	REMOVAL AND HAULING OF STORM DEPOSITED SOILS TO DMS. The contractor shall haul storm deposited soils to a DMS designated by the County. Final disposition of the soils shall be the responsibility of the County.	0 - 15.9 miles	CY	\$ 8.79
		16.0 - 30.9 miles	CY	\$ 9.59
		31-60 miles	CY	\$10.59
21	DEMOLITION. The Contractor shall demolish structures identified by the County as eligible for reimbursement and place on the ROW for removal.	Per	Sq Ft	\$ 3.24
22	EMERGENCY ROAD CLEARANCE	Per	Hour	\$248.00

We look forward to the opportunity to be your supplier of disaster debris management services.

Sincerely,



Tia Laurie  
Corporate Secretary  
Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.

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**ADDENDUM TO COUNTY MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT,  
LIMITATIONS AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS**

This Addendum is made a part of and incorporated into the Contract between The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia (“County”) and CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC (“CERES”), dated August 1, 2023, as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Contract shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation on the part of County at the close of the fiscal year in which it was executed and at the close of each succeeding fiscal year for which it may be renewed as provided for in O.C.G.A. '36-60-13, the provisions of which are incorporated herein. The contract shall be automatically renewed for one (1) year terms unless County gives notice of non-renewal not later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of any renewal term.

2. The total maximum contract obligations for the fiscal year 2024 shall be NA. The maximum contract amount for fiscal years 2025, and 2026, shall be NA. Contracts under O.C.G.A. '36-60-13 and contracts of the County under Article IX, Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia in any fiscal year, excluding Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract, shall not exceed in an amount equal to 7.5% of the total local revenue collected for maintenance and operation of County in the most recently completed fiscal year.

3. This Addendum shall be deemed to obligate County only for those sums payable during the current fiscal year of execution or in the event of renewal by County for those sums payable in the individual fiscal year renewal term, fiscal year of execution or, in the event of a renewal, beyond the fiscal year of such renewal.

4. To the maximum extent permitted under applicable law and, in that regard, County and CERES expressly acknowledge and agree that this Contract shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 36-60-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and they intend and agree that the provisions of this Contract shall be interpreted and construed so as to be lawful and

permissible under all circumstances under such statute.

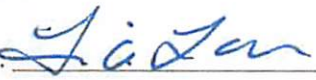
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6. Further, County is obligated only to make such payments as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during County's then current fiscal year. Should County fail to budget, appropriate or otherwise make available funds to pay the Contract following the then current Original Term or Renewal Term, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated at the end of the then current Original Term or Renewal Term.


Except as modified hereby, the Schedule, and the terms and provision of the Contract, are and shall remain in full force and effect and, except as modified hereby, the rights and obligations of the parties are not modified or affected in any way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Addendum to be executed in their names by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

**CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC**

Signature:   
Name: TIA Laurie  
Title: Corp. Secretary

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By:   
Wesley Corbett  
Its: Chairman

Attest:   
Stephanie Johnson  
Its: County Clerk