



**CONTRACT AGREEMENT**  
**Bid No: 21-63; Purchase and Delivery of Carbon Dioxide**  
**Master Contract #: 21-MCC-AIR-13407**

This Contract Agreement, ("Agreement") is made as of this 2nd day of August, 2021, ("Effective Date") by and between **St. Johns County, FL** ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, with principal offices located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084, and **Airgas USA, LLC** ("Contractor"), authorized to do business in the State of Florida, with offices located at 5249 Tampa West Blvd., Tampa, FL 33634; Phone: (713) 653-3537; and Email: [Jerry.Hensley@Airgas.com](mailto:Jerry.Hensley@Airgas.com).

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the County and the Contractor agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 – DURATION and EXTENSION**

This Agreement shall become effective upon signature by both parties, as of the Effective Date shown above, shall remain in effect for an initial term of two (2) consecutive calendar years, and shall have three (3) available one (1) year renewal options available for exercise by the County, upon satisfactory performance by the Contractor, continued need for the services, mutual agreement by both parties, and the availability of funds. While this Agreement may be renewed as stated in this Article, it is expressly noted that the County is under no obligation to renew this Agreement. It is further expressly understood that the option of renewal is exercisable only by the County, and only upon the County's determination that renewal is necessary and/or in the best interest of the County.

**ARTICLE 2 - ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The term "Contract Documents" shall include all Bid Documents and any addenda/exhibits thereto; all Specifications; this Agreement, any duly executed amendments, addenda, and/or exhibits hereto; and any and all Change Orders.

**ARTICLE 3 - SERVICES**

The Contractor's responsibility under this Agreement is to provide any and all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, and supervision necessary to supply **carbon dioxide** as specified in the Scope of Work, proposed by the Contractor, approved by the County in accordance with Bid No: 21-63 and as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

Services provided by the Contractor shall be under the general direction of St. Johns County Utility Department or other authorized County designee, who shall act as the County's representative throughout the duration of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 4 – SCHEDULE**

The Contractor shall perform the required Services according to the schedule submitted and approved by the County. No changes to said schedule shall be made without prior written authorization from the County's representative.

**ARTICLE 5 – COMPENSATION/BILLING/INVOICES**

A. The County shall compensate the Contractor based upon the Unit Price of **point zero nine nine cents (\$0.099)** per pound of **carbon dioxide** according to the bid proposal. Charges: Following prior notice and written consent, County shall pay reasonable surcharges that Contractor may assess due to (i) extraordinary, emergency or other unanticipated increases in the cost of manufacturing, purchasing, supplying or distributing Product and/or (ii) Product shortages (collectively, "Charges").

If Contractor should find it necessary at any time to increase the price or Charges, Contractor shall give notice to County and County and Contractor shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of notice to attempt to negotiate mutually acceptable prices. If County and Contractor do not agree to mutually acceptable prices within thirty (30) days, then Contractor may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice.

B. It is strictly understood that Contractor is not entitled to the above-referenced amount of compensation. Rather, Contractor's compensation is based upon Contractor's adhering to the Scope of Work, detailed in this Agreement. As such, the Contractor's compensation is dependent upon satisfactory completion and delivery of all work product and deliverables noted in the Scope of Work, and detailed in this Agreement.

C. After each delivery, the Contractor shall bill the County for services satisfactorily performed, and materials satisfactorily delivered. The submitted invoice shall constitute the Contractor's certification to the County that:

1. The Contractor has billed the County for all services rendered by it and any of its Contractors or sub-contractors through the date of the invoice;
  2. As of the date of the invoice, no other outstanding amounts are due from the County to the Contractor for services rendered;
  3. The reimbursable expenses, if any, have been reasonably incurred; and
  4. The amount requested is currently due and owing.
- D. Contractor shall invoice County using Contractor's standard invoice format, bills/invoices submitted by the Contractor shall include the following information as a minimum:
- Vendor Information (Full legal Name, Address, Phone, Fax, Email)
  - Date of Invoice, Invoice Number
  - SJC Purchase Order Number, Master Contract Number, Bid Number
  - Unit Price of Product, Total Price of Invoice
  - Quantities Provided, Date(s) of Service, Location(s) Delivered To
- The County may return a bill/invoice from the Contractor, and request additional documentation/information. Under such circumstances, the timeframe for payment will be extended by the time necessary to receive a verified bill/invoice.
- E. Reserved.
- F. Unless otherwise notified, bills/invoices should be delivered to:

St. Johns County Utilities Department  
 Attn: Kathy Kelshaw  
 1205 State Road 16  
 St. Augustine, FL 32084

**ARTICLE 6 – TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE**

The signing of this Agreement by the Contractor shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 7 – ARREARS**

The Contractor shall not pledge the County's credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgement, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 8 – TERMINATION**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by the County without cause upon at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice to the Contractor of such termination without cause.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by the County with cause upon at least seven (7) calendar days advance written notice of such termination with cause. Such written notice shall indicate the exact cause for termination.

**ARTICLE 9 – NOTICE OF DEFAULT/RIGHT TO CURE**

- A. Should the County fail to perform (default) under the terms of this Agreement, then the Contractor shall provide written notice to the County, which such notice shall include a timeframe of no fewer than fifteen (15) business days in which to cure the default. Failure to cure the default within the timeframe provided in the notice of default (or any such amount of time as mutually agreed to by the parties in writing), shall constitute cause for termination of this Agreement.
- B. Should the Contractor fail to perform (default) under the terms of this Agreement, then the County shall provide written notice to the Contractor, which such notice shall include a timeframe of no fewer than fifteen(15) calendar days from the date the notice is received, in which to cure the default. Failure to cure the default within the timeframe

provided in the notice of default (or any such amount of time as mutually agreed to by the parties in writing), shall constitute cause for termination of this Agreement.

- C. Consistent with other provisions in this Agreement, Contractor shall be paid for services authorized and satisfactorily performed under this Contract up to the effective date of termination.
- D. Upon receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed by the County in writing, the Contractor shall:
  - 1. Stop work on the date to the extent specified.
  - 2. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
  - 3. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other material related to the terminated work to the County.
  - 4. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – PERSONNEL**

The Contractor represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the Work as provided in the Contract Documents. It is expressly understood that such personnel shall not be employees of, or have any contractual relationship with the County.

All Work required hereunder shall be performed by the Contractor, or under its supervision. All personnel engaged in performing the Work shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under federal, state and local law to perform such Work.

The Contractor warrants that all Work shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel, and in accordance with industry standards. The Contractor is responsible for the timely completion of all work performed hereunder, and shall correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in the Work, without additional compensation.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – SUBCONTRACTING**

The Contractor is encouraged to seek minority and women business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities.

If a subcontractor fails to satisfactorily perform in accordance with the Contract Documents, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the Work in a timely fashion, the Contractor shall promptly do so.

The County reserves the right to disqualify any subcontractor, vendor, or material supplier based upon prior unsatisfactory performance.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND MANDATORY USE OF E-VERIFY**

As a condition precedent to entering into this Agreement, and in accordance with section 448.095, F.S., Contractor and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all employees hired on or after January 1, 2021.

- a. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Agreement.
- b. The County, Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), F.S. or these provisions regarding employment eligibility shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.
- c. The County, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated these provisions regarding employment eligibility, but Contractor otherwise complied, shall promptly notify Contractor and Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
- d. The County and Contractor hereby acknowledge and mutually agree that, a contract terminated pursuant to these provisions regarding employment eligibility is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. Any contract terminated pursuant to these provisions regarding employment eligibility may be challenged in accordance with section 448.095(2)(d), F.S.
- e. Contractor acknowledges that, in the event that the County terminates this Contract for Contractor's breach of these provisions regarding employment eligibility, then Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one



The Contractor shall maintain during the life of this Agreement, adequate Workers' Compensation Insurance in at least such amounts as are required by the law for all of its employees (if three or more) per Florida Statute 440.02.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers, and employees, from any third-party claims for liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, intentional/unintentional conduct or omission of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in performance of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 17 – SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The County and the Contractor each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Except as above, neither the County nor the Contractor shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the County, which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the County and the Contractor.

#### **ARTICLE 18 – NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

It is expressly understood by the County, and the Contractor, and this Agreement explicitly states that no third party beneficiary status or interest is conferred to, or inferred to, any other person or entity.

#### **ARTICLE 19 – REMEDIES**

No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive, or any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or nor or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party or any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

In any action brought by either party for the enforcement of the obligations of the other party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees.

#### **ARTICLE 20 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contractor represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder. The Contractor further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

The Contractor shall promptly notify the County, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance, which may influence or appear to influence the Contractor's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Contractor may undertake and request an opinion of the County, whether such association, interest, or circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest if entered into by the Contractor.

The County agrees to notify the Contractor of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the Contractor. If, in the opinion of the County, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the Contractor, the County shall so state in the notification and the Contractor shall, at his/her option enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the County by the Contractor under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 21 – EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

The Contractor shall not be considered in default by reason of any delay in performance if such delay arises out of causes reasonably beyond the Contractor's control and without its fault or negligence. Such cases may include, but are not limited to: acts of God; the County's ommissive and commissive failures; natural or public health emergencies; freight embargoes; and severe weather conditions.

#### **ARTICLE 22 – DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

The County and the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Law).

All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to, any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

#### **ARTICLE 23 – INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

The Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Agreement, an independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the County. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times and in all places be subject to the Contractor's sole direction, supervision, and control.

The Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Contractor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the County. The Contractor does not have the power or authority to bind the County in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 24 – CONTINGENT FEES**

Pursuant to Section 287.055(6), Florida Statutes, the Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

Violation of this section shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated for violation of this section, the County may deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration.

#### **ARTICLE 25 – ACCESS AND AUDITS**

The Contractor shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion of this Agreement. The County shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the County's cost, upon five (5) days written notice.

#### **ARTICLE 26 – NONDISCRIMINATION**

The Contractor warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, physical handicap, sex, age or national origin.

#### **ARTICLE 27 – ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

The County and the Contractor agree that this Agreement, signed by both parties sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein, or are incorporated by reference into this Agreement. None of the provisions, terms, conditions, requirements, or responsibilities noted in this Agreement may be amended, revised, deleted, altered, or otherwise changed, modified, or superseded, except by written instrument, duly executed by authorized representatives of both the County, and the Contractor.

#### **ARTICLE 28 – ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Agreement, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Agreement, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and all reasonable expenses even if not taxable as court costs (including, without limitation, all such reasonable fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceedings, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

#### **ARTICLE 29 – COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS**

Both the County and the Contractor shall comply with any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, and policies of the County, State, and Federal Governments.

**ARTICLE 30 – AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE**

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that it has and shall continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it shall at all times, conduct its business activities in a reputable manner.

**ARTICLE 31 – SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such items or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected and every other term and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE 32 - AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

No amendments or modifications of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by each of the parties.

**ARTICLE 33 – FLORIDA LAW & VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this Agreement shall be held in St. Johns County, Florida.

**ARTICLE 34 – ARBITRATION**

The County shall not be obligated to arbitrate or permit any arbitration binding on the County under any of the Contract Documents or in connection with the project in any manner whatsoever.

**ARTICLE 35 - NOTICES**

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and if sent to the County shall be mailed to:

St. Johns County Purchasing Department  
Attn: Leigh A. Daniels, CPPB, Purchasing Manager  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

and if sent to the Contractor shall be mailed to:

Airgas USA, LLC  
Attn: Jerry Hensley, VP of Bulk Gases  
PO Box 532609  
Atlanta, GA 30353-2609

**ARTICLE 36 - HEADINGS**

The heading preceding the articles and sections herein are solely for convenience of reference and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement, or affect its meaning, construction or effect.

**ARTICLE 37 –PUBLIC RECORDS**

- A. The cost of reproduction, access to, disclosure, non-disclosure, or exemption of records, data, documents, and/or materials, associated with this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), and other applicable State and Federal provisions. Access to such public records, may not be blocked, thwarted, and/or hindered by placing the public records in the possession of a third party, or an unaffiliated party.
- B. In accordance with Florida law, to the extent that Contractor’s performance under this Contract constitutes an act on behalf of the County, Contractor shall comply with all requirements of Florida’s public records law. Specifically, if Contractor is expressly authorized, and acts on behalf of the County under this Agreement, Contractor shall:
  - (1) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the Services;

- (2) Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost as provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;
- (3) Ensure that public records related to this Agreement that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by applicable law for the duration of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the County; and
- (4) Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the Services.

If the Contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the County's information technology systems.

Failure by the Contractor to comply with the requirements of this section shall be grounds for immediate, unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084, (904) 209-0805, [publicrecords@sjcfl.us](mailto:publicrecords@sjcfl.us)**

**ARTICLE 38 – USE OF COUNTY LOGO**

Pursuant to, and consistent with, County Ordinance 92-2 and County Administrative Policy 101.3, the Contractor may not manufacture, use, display, or otherwise use any facsimile or reproduction of the County Seal/Logo without express written approval St. Johns County, Florida.

**ARTICLE 39 – SURVIVAL**

It is explicitly noted that the following provisions of this Agreement, to the extent necessary, shall survive any suspension, termination, cancellation, revocation, and/or non-renewal of this Agreement, and therefore shall be both applicable and enforceable beyond any suspension, termination, cancellation, revocation, and/or non-renewal: (1) Truth-in-Negotiation; (2) Federal and State Taxes; (3) Insurance; (4) Indemnification; (5) Access and Audits; (6) Enforcement Costs; and (7) Access to Records.

**ARTICLE 40 – AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE**

Each party represents that it has the lawful authority to enter into this Agreement and has authorized the execution of this Agreement by the party's authorized representative shown below.

**ARTICLE 41- DELIVERIES**

Bulk, including mini and microbulk, storage sites shall be accessible for delivery twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week. Contractor may refuse to deliver product(s) to any County location if Contractor reasonably believes that such location is unsafe or violates any applicable law or regulation, and Contractor shall not be liable for such refusal to deliver, provided Contractor notifies the County of the nature of the unsafe condition or violation. Title and risk of loss of the products shall pass to County upon delivery into the storage vessel. County shall monitor product levels and give Contractor reasonable, advance notice of changes in product volume and/or patterns of use. Deliveries of product shall be accurately measured by Contractor in accordance with industry standards.

**ARTICLE 42- WARRANTY**

Contractor warrants that, at the time of delivery, all gas products furnished hereunder will comply with Compressed Gas Association (CGA) guidelines. Any other products sold by Contractor will conform to Contractor's or manufacturer's standard specifications. Contractor makes no warranty with respect to products manufactured by others, but will, on

request, to the extent permitted, pass on to County any applicable manufacturer's warranty. Contractor warrants that the services shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner. CONTRACTOR SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED STANDARDS, GUARANTEES, OR WARRANTIES, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT AND ANY WARRANTIES THAT MAY BE ALLEGED TO ARISE AS A RESULT OF CUSTOM OR USAGE. CONTRACTOR MAKES NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND FOR ANY TECHNICAL ADVICE PROVIDED BY CONTRACTOR TO CITY AND ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY FOR ANY SUCH TECHNICAL ADVICE WITH REFERENCE TO THE USE OF PRODUCTS OR RESULTS WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED THEREFROM, AND ALL SUCH ADVICE IF GIVEN AND ACCEPTED IS AT CITY'S SOLE RISK.

#### ARTICLE 43 REMEDIES; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

**NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL AND/OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES. CONTRACTOR'S SOLE LIABILITY AND THE COUNTY'S SOLE REMEDY FOR ANY DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES RESULTING FROM PRODUCTS, DELIVERY OF NON-CONFORMING PRODUCTS, CONTRACTOR'S FAILURE TO DELIVER SUCH PRODUCTS, INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY CONTRACTOR, OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONTRACTOR SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE REFUND OF THE CONTRACT PRICE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT OR SERVICE IN QUESTION. THE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES IS BASED ON BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, TORT OR OTHERWISE AND SHALL APPLY EVEN WHERE SUCH DAMAGES ARE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE NEGLIGENCE, OR ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF THE PARTY CLAIMING DAMAGES OR THE PARTY FROM WHOM DAMAGES ARE SOUGHT. ALL CLAIMS BY EITHER THE COUNTY OR CONTRACTOR HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN NINETY FIVE DAYS AFTER THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM AND FAILURE TO GIVE SUCH NOTICE SHALL CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE WAIVER OF ANY SUCH CLAIMS AND DEFENSE AGAINST ANY SUCH CLAIMS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "COUNTY" AND "CONTRACTOR" SHALL INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT BUT ALSO ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES. THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING REMEDIES, LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL SURVIVE EXPIRATION, TERMINATION, OR CANCELLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

#### ARTICLE 44: ALLOCATION

In the event of a circumstance beyond Contractor's reasonable control that causes a disruption in Contractor's supply of Products as described in Article 3 of this Agreement, following prompt notice to the County, Contractor may make partial deliveries for the duration of such circumstance. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this article, the County reserves the right to decline any such partial delivery. Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to secure products from other sources to meet its supply obligations, subject to the County's prior written consent to pay any and all additional costs above the Unit Price for its receipt of any such alternative product. Any notification and/or partial delivery made by Contractor that is purchased by the County pursuant to this article, shall satisfy the Contractor's obligation to perform the Scope of Work and shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 45: COMPLIANCE; SDS

County shall instruct its employees and agents to comply, and at all times County shall comply, with all applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and laws regarding the safe handling, transportation, purchase and use of the products, including without limitation all relevant reporting obligations under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and applicable regulations thereunder, and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as well as any applicable licenses and consents required by such statutes, regulations, laws and regulations, which licenses and consents shall be obtained by County. County acknowledges and agrees that Seller has provided County with all relevant Safety Data Sheets (SDS). Additional SDSs and copies are available: (i) at the local Airgas branch; (ii) by calling 919-368-8518; or (iii) by logging on to [www.airgas.com/sds-search](http://www.airgas.com/sds-search). County understands that the products must not be used without first consulting the SDS.

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**ARTICLE 46: COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Products are sold on the condition that they be handled, used and disposed of in conformance with recognized industry and professional standards, including those related to the protection of human health and the environment. County acknowledges that there are hazards associated with the use of the products, that it understands such hazards, and that it is the responsibility of County to warn and protect all those exposed to such hazards. It is County's responsibility to ensure that: (i) the use of the products complies with all applicable laws, codes or regulations for the relevant jurisdiction; (ii) the products are safe for the intended use; and (iii) the products are handled in a safe and professional manner. After delivery of products to County pursuant to this Agreement, County assumes all risk and liability arising out of the onsite storage and use of the products.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, authorized representatives of the County and Contractor have executed this Agreement on the day and year below noted.

**COUNTY:**

St. Johns County, FL  
Full Legal Name

*Leigh Daniels*  
Signature County Representative

Leigh Daniels, CPPB  
Printed Name - County Representative

Purchasing Manager  
Printed Title

8/2/21  
Date of Execution

**CONTRACTOR:**

Airgas USA, LLC  
Full Legal Company Name

*Jerry Hensley*  
Signature of Contractor Representative

JERRY HENSLEY - VP GAS PRODUCTS  
Printed Name & Title

7/29/2021  
Date of Execution

**ATTEST:**

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER**

*Yvonne King*  
Deputy Clerk

07/30/21  
Date of Execution

**LEGALLY SUFFICIENT**

*[Signature]*  
Deputy County Attorney

7/30/21  
Date of Execution

