

RESOLUTION NO 2026-061

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA AMENDING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND H & H LIQUID SLUDGE DISPOSAL, INC, A FLORIDA CORPORATION, FOR WASTE WATER SLUDGE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISPOSAL SERVICES; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY AMENDING SAID AGREEMENT; RECOGNIZING THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND BIND THE CITY TO SAID AGREEMENT; DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND BIND THE CITY TO SAID AGREEMENT; REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City (“City”) solicited bids for ITB-014-2024 (the “Bid Package”) seeking a vendor to perform waste water sludge collection, transportation, and disposal services (the “Services”); and

WHEREAS, H & H Liquid Sludge Disposal, a Florida corporation, Inc, (the “Vendor”) was awarded the bid to provide the Services at the rates upon which the bid was based (the “Initial Rates”) for a one-year period commencing on March 18, 2024 (the “Initial Term”); and

WHEREAS, the Vendor provided the Services to the City at the Initial Rates for the Initial Term and one additional year; and

WHEREAS, the Bid Package allows the contract to be extended for one additional year, commencing on July 1, 2026 and continuing through June 30, 2027 (the “Extension Period”); and

WHEREAS, the Vendor desires to increase their rates by 3.3 percent to \$67.15 per ton of sludge (the “Adjusted Rate”); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to extend its contract with the Vendor for the Extension Period at the Adjusted Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Adjusted Rate is less than the rates proposed by other vendors at the time of submission of proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Vendor and the City each desire that the Vendor continue to provide the Services by adopting the terms of the contract incorporating the Adjusted Rate for the Extension Period in the form of the Exhibit attached hereto (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, continuing to engage the Vendor’s services is in the public interest and in the interests of the City; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida:

1. Engaging the Vendor to provide the Services in the Agreement is in the public or community interest and for public welfare; and
2. In furtherance thereof, the Agreement in the form of the Exhibit attached hereto should be and is approved by the City Council of the City of Lake City; and
3. The Mayor of the City of Lake City is the officer of the City duly designated by the City's Code of Ordinances to enforce such rules and regulations as are adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake City; and
4. The Mayor of the City of Lake City is authorized to execute on behalf of and bind the City to the terms of the Agreement; and
5. The Mayor of the City of Lake City is directed to execute on behalf of and bind the City to the terms of the Agreement; and
6. All prior resolutions of the City Council of the City of Lake City in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and
7. This resolution shall become effective and enforceable upon final passage by the City Council of the City of Lake City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at a regular meeting, this ____ day of June, 2026

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,
FLORIDA

Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney

SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of this ____ day of June, 2026 ("Effective Date"), by and between the City of Lake City, a Florida municipal corporation ("City"), and **H & H Sludge, Inc., a Florida corporation** ("Contractor") (individually, each a "Party," and collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City requested proposals pursuant to ITB No. **ITB-014-2024** (the "Procurement Document") for **collection, transportation, and disposal of wastewater sludge**; and

WHEREAS, based upon the City's assessment of Contractor's proposal, the City selected the Contractor to provide the Services defined herein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor represents it has the experience and expertise to perform the Services set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals, the mutual covenants, agreements, terms and conditions herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby mutually acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions.

- a. "Agreement" means this Agreement, including all Exhibits, which are expressly incorporated herein by reference, and any amendments thereto.
- b. "City Confidential Information" means any City information deemed confidential and/or exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article 1 of the Florida Constitution, or other applicable law, and any other information designated in writing by the City as City Confidential Information.
- c. "Contractor Confidential Information" means any Contractor information designated as confidential and/or exempt by Florida's public records law, including information constituting a trade secret pursuant to Chapter 688, Florida Statutes, and is designated in this Agreement or in writing as a trade secret by Contractor (unless otherwise determined to be a public record by applicable Florida law). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor Confidential Information does not include information: (1) becoming public other than as a result of a disclosure by the City in breach of the Agreement; (2) becoming available to the City on a non-confidential basis from a source other than Contractor, which is not prohibited from disclosing such information by obligation to Contractor; (3) known by the City prior to its receipt from Contractor without any obligation or confidentiality with respect thereto; or (4) is developed by the City independently of any disclosures made by Contractor.
- d. "Contractor Personnel" means all employees of Contractor, and all employees of subcontractors of Contractor, including, but not limited to temporary and/or leased employees, who are providing the Services at any time during the project term.
- e. "Services" means the work, duties and obligations to be carried out and performed safely by Contractor under this Agreement, as described throughout this Agreement and as specifically described in Exhibit A ("Statement of Work") attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As used in this Agreement, Services shall include any component task, subtask,

service, or function inherent, necessary, or a customary part of the Services, but not specifically described in this Agreement, and shall include the provision of all standard day-to-day administrative, overhead, and internal expenses, including costs of bonds and insurance as required herein, labor, materials, equipment, safety equipment, products, office supplies, consumables, tools, postage, computer hardware/software, telephone charges, copier usage, fax charges, travel, lodging, and per diem and all other costs required to perform Services except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement.

2. **Conditions Precedent.** This Agreement, and the Parties' rights and obligations herein, are contingent upon and subject to the Contractor securing and/or providing the performance security, if required in Section 3, and the insurance coverage(s) required in Section 13, within ten (10) days of the Effective Date. No Services shall be performed by the Contractor and the City shall not incur any obligations of any type until Contractor satisfies these conditions. Unless waived in writing by the City, in the event the Contractor fails to satisfy the conditions precedent within the time required herein, the Agreement shall be deemed not to have been entered into and shall be null and void.
3. **Services.**
 - a. **Services.** The City retains Contractor, and Contractor agrees to provide the Services. All Services shall be performed to the satisfaction of the City, and shall be subject to the provisions and terms contained herein and the Exhibits attached hereto.
 - b. **Services Requiring Prior Approval.** Contractor shall not commence work on any Services requiring prior written authorization in the Statement of Work without approval from **Brenda Karr, Director of Procurement, City of Lake City.**
 - c. **Additional Services.** From the Effective Date and for the duration of the project, the City may elect to have Contractor perform Services not specifically described in the Statement of Work attached hereto but are inextricably related to and inherently necessary for Contractor's complete provision of the Services ("Additional Services"), in which event Contractor shall perform such Additional Services for the compensation specified in the Statement of Work attached hereto. Contractor shall commence performing the applicable Additional Services promptly upon receipt of written approval as provided herein.
 - d. **De-scoping of Services.** The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to de-scope Services upon written notification to the Contractor by the City. Upon issuance and receipt of the notification, the Contractor and the City shall enter into a written amendment reducing the appropriate Services Fee for the impacted Services by a sum equal to the amount associated with the de-scoped Services as defined in the payment schedule in this Agreement, if applicable, or as determined by mutual written consent of both Parties based upon the scope of work performed prior to issuance of notification.
 - e. **Independent Contractor Status and Compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.** Contractor is and shall remain an independent contractor and is neither agent, employee, partner, nor joint-venturer of City. Contractor acknowledges it is responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 located at 8 U.S.C. 1324, et seq, and regulations relating thereto, as either may be amended from time to time. Failure to comply with the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

- f. **Non-Exclusive Services.** This is a non-exclusive Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, and any extensions thereof, the City reserves the right to contract with another provider for similar services as it determines necessary in its sole discretion.
- g. **Project Monitoring.** During the term of the Agreement, Contractor shall cooperate with the City, either directly or through its representatives, in monitoring Contractor's progress and performance of this Agreement.

4. **Term of Agreement.**

- a. **Initial Term.** The initial term of the agreement between the City and Contractor was from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The City and Contractor renewed the agreement for an additional one-year term commencing on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026. The term of this one-year extension Agreement shall commence on July 1, 2026 and continue through June 30, 2027 unless earlier terminated by the Parties as set forth herein.
- b. **Term Extension.** The term of this Agreement may not be extended. All Services shall be completed by the expiration of the initial term as defined in 4.a.

5. **Compensation and Method of Payment.**

- a. **Services Fee.** As total compensation for the Services, the City shall pay the Contractor the sums as, provided in this Section 5 ("Services Fee"), pursuant to the terms and conditions as provided in this Agreement. It is acknowledged and agreed by Contractor this compensation constitutes a limitation upon City's obligation to compensate Contractor for such Services required by this Agreement, but does not constitute a limitation upon Contractor's obligation to perform all of the Services required by this Agreement. In no event will the Services Fee paid exceed the not-to-exceed sums set out in subsections 5.b. and 5.c., unless the Parties agree to increase this sum by written amendment as authorized in Section 22 of the Agreement.
- b. **Payment Details.** The City agrees to pay the Contractor the not-to-exceed sum of \$67.15 per ton of sludge, for the Services completed and accepted as provided in Section 15 herein if applicable, payable on a fixed-fee basis, per ton of sludge, as set out in Exhibit C for the deliverables, such fee payable upon submittal of an invoice as required herein.
- c. **Travel Expenses.** The Services Fee includes all travel, lodging and per diem expenses incurred by Contractor in performing the Services.
- d. **Taxes.** Contractor acknowledges the City is not subject to any state or federal sales, use, transportation and certain excise taxes.
- e. **Payments.** Contractor shall submit invoices for payments due as provided herein and authorized reimbursable expenses incurred with such documentation as required by City. Invoices shall be submitted as provided in Exhibit D attached hereto.

All payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." The City may dispute any payments invoiced by Contractor in accordance with Section 218.76, Florida Statutes.

6. Personnel.

- a. **Qualified Personnel.** Contractor agrees each person performing Services in connection with this Agreement shall have the qualifications and shall fulfill the requirements set forth in this Agreement.
- b. **Approval and Replacement of Personnel.** The City shall have the right to approve all Contractor Personnel assigned to provide the Services, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Prior to commencing the Services, the Contractor shall provide at least ten (10) days written notice of the names and qualifications of the Contractor Personnel assigned to perform Services pursuant to the Agreement. Thereafter, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall promptly and as required by the City provide written notice of the names and qualifications of any additional Contractor Personnel assigned to perform Services. The City, on a reasonable basis, shall have the right to require the removal and replacement of any of the Contractor Personnel performing Services, at any time during the term of the Agreement. The City will notify Contractor in writing in the event the City requires such action. Contractor shall accomplish any such removal within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of notice from the City and shall promptly replace such person with another person, acceptable to the City, with sufficient knowledge and expertise to perform the Services assigned to such individual in accordance with this Agreement. In situations where individual Contractor Personnel are prohibited by applicable law from providing Services, removal and replacement of such Contractor Personnel shall be immediate and not subject to such forty-eight (48) hour replacement timeframe and the provisions of Section 7.a.i shall apply if minimum required staffing is not maintained.

7. Termination.

- a. **Contractor Default -- Provisions and Remedies of City.**
 - i. **Events of Default.** Any of the following shall constitute a "Contractor Event of Default" hereunder: (1) Contractor fails to maintain the staffing necessary to perform the Services as required in the Agreement, fails to perform the Services as specified in the Agreement, or fails to complete the Services within the completion dates as specified in the Agreement; (2) Contractor breaches Section 9 (Confidential Information); (3) Contractor fails to gain acceptance of a deliverable per Section 15, if applicable, for two (2) consecutive iterations; or (4) Contractor fails to perform or observe any of the other material provisions of this Agreement.
 - ii. **Cure Provisions.** Upon the occurrence of a Contractor Event of Default as set out above, the City shall provide written notice of such Contractor Event of Default to Contractor ("Notice to Cure"), and Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days after the date of a Notice to Cure to correct, cure, and/or remedy the Contractor Event of Default described in the written notice.
 - iii. **Termination for Cause by the City.** In the event Contractor fails to cure a Contractor Event of Default as authorized herein, or upon the occurrence of a Contractor Event of Default as specified in Section 7.a.i.(3), the City may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, effective upon receipt by Contractor of written notice of termination pursuant to this provision, and may pursue such remedies at law or in equity as may be available to the City.

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- b. **City Default -- Provisions and Remedies of Contractor.**
- i. **Events of Default.** Any of the following shall constitute a "City Event of Default" hereunder: (1) the City fails to make timely undisputed payments as described in this Agreement; (2) the City breaches Section 9 (Confidential Information); or (3) the City fails to perform any of the other material provisions of this Agreement.
 - ii. **Cure Provisions.** Upon the occurrence of a City Event of Default as set out above, Contractor shall provide written notice of such City Event of Default to the City ("Notice to Cure"), and the City shall have thirty (30) calendar days after the date of a Notice to Cure to correct, cure, and/or remedy the City Event of Default described in the written notice.
 - iii. **Termination for Cause by Contractor.** In the event the City fails to cure a City Event of Default as authorized herein, Contractor may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part effective on receipt by the City of written notice of termination pursuant to this provision, and may pursue such remedies at law or in equity as may be available to the Contractor.
- c. **Termination for Convenience.** Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the City may terminate this Agreement, without cause, by giving thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Contractor of its election to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this provision.
8. **Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Agreement specifying a time for performance, including the Services as described in Exhibits attached hereto; provided, however, the foregoing shall not be construed to limit a Party's cure period allowed in the Agreement.
9. **Confidential Information and Public Records.**
- a. **City Confidential Information.** Contractor shall not disclose to any third party any City Confidential Information Contractor, through its Contractor Personnel, has access to or has received from the City pursuant to its performance of Services pursuant to the Agreement, unless approved in writing by the City Contract Manager. All such City Confidential Information will be held in trust and confidence from the date of disclosure by the City, and discussions involving such City Confidential Information shall be limited to Contractor Personnel as is necessary to complete the Services.
 - b. **Contractor Confidential Information.** All Contractor Confidential Information received by the City from Contractor will be held in trust and confidence from the date of disclosure by Contractor and discussions involving such Contractor Confidential Information shall be limited to the members of the City's staff and the City's subcontractors who require such information in the performance of this Agreement. The City acknowledges and agrees to respect the copyrights, registrations, trade secrets and other proprietary rights of Contractor in the Contractor Confidential Information during and after the term of the Agreement and shall at all times maintain the confidentiality of the Contractor Confidential Information provided to the City, subject to federal law and the laws of the State of Florida related to public records disclosure. Contractor shall be solely responsible for taking any and all action it deems necessary to protect its Contractor Confidential Information except as provided herein. Contractor acknowledges the City is subject to public records legislation, including but not limited to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, and any of the

City's obligations under this Section may be superseded by its obligations under any requirements of said laws.

- c. **Public Records.** Contractor shall generally comply with Florida's public records laws, and specifically Contractor shall:
- i. Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform and/or provide the service or services contracted for herein.
 - ii. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City 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 provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - iii. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the term of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
 - iv. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City 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 City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

If the Contractor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the Contractor's duty to provide public records relating to this contract, contact the City's Custodian of Public Records at:

Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk,

City of Lake City Custodian of Public Records

at 386-719-5756 or SikesA@lcfla.com

Mailing Address

205 North Marion Avenue,

Lake City, Florida 32055.

10. **Audit.** Contractor shall retain all records relating to this Agreement for a period of at least three (3) years after final payment is made. All records shall be kept in such a way as will permit their inspection pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. In addition, City reserves the right to examine

and/or audit such records.

11. **Compliance with Laws.** Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, City and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including the procurement of permits and certificates where required, and including but not limited to laws related to Workers Compensation, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), occupational safety and health and the environment, equal employment opportunity, privacy of medical records and information, as applicable. Failure to comply with any of the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.
12. **Public Entities Crimes.** Contractor is directed to the Florida Public Entities Crime Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, as well as Florida Statute 287.135 regarding Scrutinized Companies, and represents to City that Contractor is qualified to transact business with public entities in Florida, and to enter into and fully perform this Agreement subject to the provisions state therein. Failure to comply with any of the above provisions shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.
13. **Liability and Insurance.**
 - a. **Insurance.** Contractor shall comply with the insurance requirements set out in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
 - b. **Indemnification.** Contractor agrees to indemnify, pay the cost of defense, including attorney's fees, and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from all damages, suits, actions or claims, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the City, of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, or in any way relating to or arising from the Agreement; or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of Contractor; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or of any other laws, regulations, ordinance, order or decree; or arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the City.
 - c. **Liability.** Neither the City nor Contractor shall make any express or implied agreements, guaranties or representations, or incur any debt, in the name of or on behalf of the other Party. Neither the City nor Contractor shall be obligated by or have any liability under any agreements or representations made by the other not expressly authorized hereunder. The City shall have no liability or obligation for any damages to any person or property directly or indirectly arising out of the operation by Contractor of its business, whether caused by Contractor's negligence or willful action or failure to act.
 - d. **Contractor's Taxes.** The City will have no liability for any sales, service, value added, use, excise, gross receipts, property, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, withholding or other taxes, whether levied upon Contractor or Contractor's assets, or upon the City in connection with Services performed or business conducted by Contractor. Payment of all such taxes and liabilities shall be the responsibility of Contractor.
14. **City's Funding.** The Agreement is not a general obligation of the City. It is understood neither this Agreement nor any representation by any City employee or officer creates any obligation to

appropriate or make monies available for the purpose of the Agreement beyond the fiscal year in which this Agreement is executed. No liability shall be incurred by the City, or any department, beyond the monies budgeted and available for this purpose. If funds are not appropriated by the City for any or all of this Agreement, the City shall not be obligated to pay any sums provided pursuant to this Agreement beyond the portion for which funds are appropriated. The City agrees to promptly notify Contractor in writing of such failure of appropriation, and upon receipt of such notice, this Agreement, and all rights and obligations contained herein, shall terminate without liability or penalty to the City.

15. **Acceptance of Services.** For all Services deliverables requiring City acceptance as provided in the Statement of Work, the City, through the City Commission or its designee, will have ten (10) calendar days to review the deliverable(s) after receipt or completion of same by Contractor, and either accept or reject the deliverable(s) by written notice to Contractor. If a deliverable is rejected, the written notice from the City will specify any required changes, deficiencies, and/or additions necessary. Contractor shall then have seven (7) calendar days to revise the deliverable(s) to resubmit and/or complete the deliverable(s) for review and approval by the City, who will then have seven (7) calendar days to review and approve, or reject the deliverable(s); provided however, Contractor shall not be responsible for any delays in the overall project schedule resulting from the City's failure to timely approve or reject deliverable(s) as provided herein. Upon final acceptance of the deliverable(s), the City will accept the deliverable(s) in writing.
16. **Subcontracting/Assignment.**
 - a. **Subcontracting.** Contractor is fully responsible for completion of the Services required by this Agreement and for completion of all subcontractor work, if authorized as provided herein. Contractor shall not subcontract any work under this Agreement to any subcontractor other than the subcontractors specified in the proposal and previously approved by the City, without the prior written consent of the City, which shall be determined by the City in its sole discretion.
 - b. **Assignment.** This Agreement, and all rights or obligations hereunder, shall not be assigned, transferred, or delegated in whole or in part, including by acquisition of assets, merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, change in effective control of the Contractor, or any other assignment, transfer, or delegation of rights or obligations, without the prior written consent of the City. The Contractor shall provide written notice to the City within fifteen (15) calendar days of any action or occurrence assigning the Agreement or any rights or obligations hereunder as described in this section. In the event the City does not consent to the assignment, as determined in its sole discretion, the purported assignment in violation of this section shall be null and void, and the City may elect to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of its election to terminate pursuant to this provision upon fifteen (15) days' notice to Contractor.
17. **Survival.** The following provisions shall survive the expiration or termination of the Term of this Agreement: 7, 9, 10, 13, 20, 23, and any other which by their nature would survive termination.
18. **Notices.** All notices, authorizations, and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed given on the day they are: (1) deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, return receipt requested; or (2) sent by air express courier (e.g., Federal Express, Airborne, etc.), charges prepaid, return receipt requested; or (3) sent via email and addressed as set forth below,

which designated person(s) may be amended by either Party by giving written notice to the other Party:

To the Contractor: H & H Liquid Sludge Disposal, Inc.
Attn: Steve Hacht, President
P.O. Box 390
Branford, FL 32008

To the City: City of Lake City
Attn: City Manager
205 North Marion Avenue
Lake City, FL 32055

19. Conflict of Interest.

- a. The Contractor represents it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services required hereunder, and no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor during the agreement term and any extensions.
- b. The Contractor shall promptly notify the City in writing of any business association, interest, or other circumstance which constitutes a conflict of interest as provided herein. If the Contractor is in doubt as to whether a prospective business association, interest, or other circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest, the Contract may identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work the Contractor may undertake and request an opinion as to whether the business association, interest or circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest if entered into by the Contractor. The City agrees to notify the Contractor of its opinion within (10) calendar days of receipt of notification by the Contractor, which shall be binding on the Contractor.

20. Right to Ownership. All work created, originated and/or prepared by Contractor in performing Services pursuant to the Agreement, including plans, reports, maps and testing, and other documentation or improvements related thereto, to the extent such work, products, documentation, materials or information are described in or required by the Services (collectively, the "Work Product") shall be City's property when completed and accepted, if acceptance is required in this Agreement, and the City has made payment of the sums due therefore. The ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques developed during the course of this Agreement by the Contractor or jointly by Contractor and the City may be used by the City without obligation of notice or accounting to the Contractor. Any data, information or other materials furnished by the City for use by Contractor under this Agreement shall remain the sole property of the City.

21. E-Verify. As a condition precedent to entering into this Agreement, and in compliance with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor and its subcontractors shall, register with and use the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all employees hired 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 the subcontractor's affidavit as part of and pursuant

to the records retention requirements of this Agreement.

- b. The City, 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), Fla. Stat. or the provisions of this section shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.
 - c. The City, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of this section, but Contractor otherwise complied, shall promptly notify Contractor and Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
 - d. A contract terminated under the provisions of this section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered such. Any contract termination under the provisions of this section may be challenged pursuant to Section 448.095(2)(d), Fla. Stat. Contractor acknowledges that upon termination of this Agreement by the City for a violation of this section by Contractor, Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year. Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of termination of any contract for a violation of this section.
 - e. Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in this section, including this subsection, requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in this section.
22. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties hereto.
23. **Severability.** The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable. Consequently, if any clause, term, or condition hereof shall be held to be illegal or void, such determination shall not affect the validity or legality of the remaining terms and conditions, and notwithstanding any such determination, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect unless the particular clause, term, or condition held to be illegal or void renders the balance of the Agreement impossible to perform.
24. **Applicable Law and Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida (without regard to principles of conflicts of laws). The Parties agree all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the state or federal (if permitted by law and a Party elects to file an action in federal court) courts located in or for Columbia County, Florida. This choice of venue is intended by the Parties to be mandatory and not permissive in nature, and to preclude the possibility of litigation between the Parties with respect to, or arising out of, this Agreement in any jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction specified in this section. Each Party waives any right it may have to assert the doctrine of forum non conveniens or similar doctrine or to object to venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this section.
25. **Costs of Legal Actions and Attorneys' Fees.** Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, including in any exhibits or addenda hereto, in any legal action between the parties hereto arising from this Agreement, an award for costs of litigation, including, but not limited to court costs and reasonable attorney fees, shall be made against the non-prevailing party to the prevailing party in such legal action, and such award shall including those fees incurred as a result of an appeal.

26. **Waiver.** No waiver by either Party of any breach or violation of any covenant, term, condition, or provision of this Agreement or of the provisions of any ordinance or law, shall be construed to waive any other term, covenant, condition, provisions, ordinance or law, or of any subsequent breach or violation of the same.
27. **Due Authority.** Each Party to this Agreement represents and warrants: (1) it has the full right and authority and has obtained all necessary approvals to enter into this Agreement; (2) each person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Party is authorized to do so; (3) this Agreement constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
28. **No Third Party Beneficiary.** The Parties hereto acknowledge and agree there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement. Persons or entities not a party to this Agreement may not claim any benefit from this Agreement or as third party beneficiaries hereto.
29. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements either oral or written. The execution of this Agreement is expressly limited by the Terms and Conditions herein. The City and the Contractor are not bound by additional provisions or provisions that differ from the terms hereof which differing provisions may appear in the Contractor's quotation/estimate/scope of work or any other such related documents, acknowledgement in force, or any other communication from Contractor to or from the City unless such provision is expressly set forth herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first written.

H & H Liquid Sludge Disposal, Inc., a Florida
corporation

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

Steve Hacht, President

Noah Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney

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Contractor shall be responsible for providing any and all labor, equipment, transportation and supplies necessary to transport and dispose of Class B wastewater residuals from the Wastewater Treatment Facility as listed herein on an as needed basis as determined by the Wastewater Division Staff.

The Contractor must meet all applicable Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules and regulations regarding the transport and disposal of Class B wastewater residuals.

The Contractor must meet the City requirements set forth herein regarding scheduling, removal rates, liability, equipment, chain of custodies, abnormal events, disposal site(s), and personnel certification and abnormal events. The Contractor shall also meet all attached requirements contained within the FDEP Operational Permit.

As an Alternative for disposal the sludge can be disposed of in an EPA, FDEP or other State Environmental Regulatory Agency approved lined landfill.

If the Biosolids (sludge) is disposed of in an approved landfill it must meet the following requirements - 62-640.100 Scope, Intent, Purpose, and Applicability (6) Other Applicable Rules. (b) Disposal of Biosolids, septage, and other solids in a solid waste landfill shall be in accordance with Chapter 62-701, F.A.C.

It shall be the duty of the Contractor to insure that the cumulative loading limits are not exceeded by the applicator. The Contractor shall supply to the St Margaret WWTF and the Kicklighter Facility an Annual Report containing all samples and field collection data that directly impacts the St Margaret WWTF residual disposal sites and/or that is required by the facility(s) Permit.

Residuals shall be removed from the facility at the established site. The Yard Dog must be left on site and be in good (safe) working order at all times. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all necessary maintenance and keep the unit fueled at all times. The trailers must have a proper tailgate seal or other method to prevent off site tracking once the sludge leaves the facility where the Biosolids are generated or the application sites. Trailers cannot allow unacceptable "tracking" leakage from the tailgate or any portion of the trailers transporting the City's Biosolids. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing any and all supplies and equipment to clean up any and all oil, diesel and hydraulic fluid that is spilled. The Contractor shall be responsible for providing any and all supplies and equipment to clean up any and all oil, diesel and hydraulic fluid that is spilled. Clean up shall be performed at the time of the spill.

In the process of transporting the Biosolids offsite, if any material is spilled or lost from the trailer while hauling the material and before reaching the delivery destination, the contractor shall insure containment and proper clean up shall be performed by the contractor immediately at the time of the spill.

The Contractor shall only use personnel who have been trained on the equipment and possess the required CDL license and endorsement for the vehicle to be used.

The City's operation and maintenance staff will move the Yard Dog and trailer as needed to get any sludge loaded spread as evenly as possible in the trailer without the use of rakes and/or shovels (manual labor).

Each load of residuals removed shall have its own Chain of Custody (Manifest) and will contain both Facility and Application Certification Statements. The Applicator statement shall read as follows:

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This Certifies that I shall be transporting this load to an approved agricultural use site specified within the facility Permit as required by Chapter 62-640 FAC. The Transport shall sign, date and record time in and out.

Facility Statement shall read as follows:

This certifies that the wastewater residuals contained herein have been properly treated and stabilized according to FAC 62-640 and 40 CFR Part 503. I further certify that this is a full load being transported. Certified operator shall sign and date.

Chain of Custody (Manifest) shall have the following information regarding transport vehicle and residual information:

- 1.Truck Registration #
- 2.Trailer Unit #
- 3.Residual Type
- 4.Residual Classification
- 5.Residual Volume
- 6.Date & Time of Pickup

Agricultural Site Data:

1. Weather Conditions
2. Site Location
3. Area of Application for the load
4. Method of Application
5. Water Table

Information required by Permit, 40CFR 503 or FAC 62-640 pertaining to the Agricultural Use Site loading (also known as Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)) and agromic rates shall be supplied by the Contractor on a semiannual basis and kept by the Utility Department for perpetuity. All other test and field data shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years.

An abnormal event is defined for the purposes of this Bid as an event, scheduled or un-scheduled, which requires large volumes of sludge to be removed in a short amount of time. The estimated volume of sludge that would need to be hauled in an average week day is estimated at 80 wet tons and 320 wet tons for an average month. The estimated number of loads that would need to be hauled in an average week is four (4) loads each with an approximate volume of 20 wet tons. The Contractor must have sufficient resources to meet abnormal event volumes that exceed the estimate average as described here.

The Contractor shall have an approved FDEP disposal site(s) that is available for use during historically wet weather months and/or when rainfall amounts restrict residual application due to high ground water levels.

Any application of the residuals to non-approved disposal sites or in a manner that does not meet the requirements contained with the FDEP operating permits for the St Margaret wastewater facility is prohibited. The use of equipment for transport and/or disposal of the residuals shall not be used in the transport or disposal of materials which by contact or reaction may result in a violation of the limits set forth for the land application of Class B residuals per FAC 62-640 and 40CFR 503.This includes no tracking off of the generation and the application sites.

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The Permittee (City of Lake City) shall not be held responsible for violations resulting from land application of residuals if the Permittee can demonstrate that it has delivered residuals that meet the parameter concentrations and appropriate treatment requirements as specified within the facility(s) Permit. The Contractor shall legally agree in writing to accept responsibility for proper land application of the residuals. The agreement shall state that the Contractor agrees, upon delivery of residuals that have been treated as required by FAC 62-604, that he shall accept responsibility for proper land application of the residuals and shall comply with the requirements contained within each facility's Permit. The contractor shall be furnished with copies of those requirements pertaining to this agreement.

The City of Lake City and the FDEP Permit facility, St Margaret WWTF, shall not be liable for violations resulting from land application of residuals if said residuals meet parameter concentrations and treatment requirements as required by the Permit. The Contractor shall be responsible in the event that by cause or accident the residuals are released at any site other than those specified by Permit for each facility.

The Bid Prices must include any and all delivery charges for disposal at any site selected by the Contractor. The disposal site(s) must be approved by FDEP (other Environmental State Agency if outside the State of Florida), EPA and OSHA where applicable.

Delivery of residuals at the disposal site from the collection site must be accomplished on the same day as the collection of the residuals. Disposal must be accomplished in accordance with these Specifications. The Contractor must have for its use a primary and secondary disposal site selected.

The successful contractor shall be responsible for providing all required drawings and specifications required to obtain the appropriate building permits. Permit fees will be paid for by the contractor. The awarded bidder shall secure permits and arrange for inspections as required.

Protection of Property/Property Conditions

1. If property is damaged performing work specified or is removed for the convenience of the work, it shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the bidder in a manner acceptable to the City of Lake City.
2. Bidder shall notify the Contract Manager for the City of the work site having pre-existing damage before beginning the work. Failure to do so shall obligate the bidder to make repairs as addressed in this solicitation.
3. Bidder shall be responsible for securing all work areas to be safe.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the safe conduct of his/her personnel during the execution of the work detailed herein. The Contractor shall meet or exceed the standards set for by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and requirements established by the Federal, State, and Local agencies. Should an unsafe condition be identified during the execution of this work, the Contractor will immediately suspend such activity until a safe method can be employed.

Employees

1. Contractor shall be responsible for the appearance of all working personnel assigned to the project. Personnel shall be clean and appropriately dressed at all times. Personnel must wear property identification at all times (company shirts, ID badges, etc.)
2. All personnel of the Contractor shall be considered to be, at all times, the sole employees of the

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Contractor, under the Contractor's sole direction, and not an employee or agent of the City of Lake City. The Contractor shall supply competent and physically capable employees and the City of Lake City may require the Contractor to remove any employee it deems careless, incompetent, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable and whose presence on city property is not in the best interest of the City of Lake City. The City of Lake City shall not have any duty to implement or enforce such requirements.

3. Contractor shall assign an "on-duty" supervisor who speaks and reads English.
4. Contractor shall have its employees refrain from the use of tobacco products in the City's buildings or grounds. Tobacco use will be allowed in designated areas only.
5. Contractor shall be solely responsible for receiving all materials and equipment at site.

The successful Contractor shall be responsible for the daily disposal of all waste materials, debris, and any and all excess materials, containers, etc. at an off-site location in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. The City dumpsters are not to be used by the Contractor. Disposal of waste materials shall be in a proper manner in accordance with all environmental guidelines and regulations.

The Contractor agrees that the goods furnished under any award resulting from this solicitation shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Contractor gives any customer for such goods and that the rights and remedies provided therein are in addition to and do not limit those available to the City of Lake City by any other clause of this solicitation. A copy of this warranty shall be furnished with the bid. At a minimum, all work shall be guaranteed by the Contractor against defects resulting from the use of inferior materials, equipment or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of final acceptance of the entire project by the City of Lake City in writing.

The Contractor warrants that, unless otherwise specified, all materials and equipment incorporated in this solicitation and under the contract shall be new, in first class condition, and in accordance with the ITB documents. The Contractor further warrants that all workmanship shall be of the highest quality and in accordance with contract documents and shall be performed by persons qualified at their respective trades. Defects discovered during the warranty period shall be corrected by the Contractor to the City of Lake City's satisfaction.

EXHIBIT B
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Certificate must state City of Lake City as Certificate Holder

- Commercial General Liability insurance to provide coverage of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence and annual aggregates where generally applicable and must include premises operations, independent contractors, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual and personal injury endorsements.
- Business Vehicle/Umbrella Liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$200,000 per occurrence, and \$300,000 for all claims arising out of the same incident or occurrence, for property damage and personal injury. Notice, these limits may change according to Florida law and the protections afforded to the City pursuant to sovereign immunity for liability.
- Statutory Workers Compensation insurance as required by the State of Florida.

EXHIBIT C
PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment will be based on: (a) City's acceptance of work, and (b) submitted evidence, if requested by the City, that all payrolls, materials, bills, and indebtedness connected with the work have been paid. The City may withhold an amount as may be necessary to pay such claims for labor and services rendered and materials involved with the work. Payment to Contractor will be made as set forth in this Agreement, assuming there are no contested amounts with the invoice.

Payment shall be based on the price of \$67.15 per ton of sludge.

EXHIBIT D
PAYMENT/INVOICES

PAYMENT/INVOICES:

Contractor shall submit invoices for payment due as provided herein with such documentation as required by City of Lake City and all payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 et. seq, Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." Invoices shall be submitted to the address below unless instructed otherwise on the purchase order, or if no purchase order, by the ordering department:

Finance Department
Attn: Accounts Payable
City of Lake City
205 North Marion Avenue
Lake City, FL 32055

Each invoice shall include, at a minimum, the Contractor's name, contact information and the standard purchase order number. In order to expedite payment, it is recommended the Contractor also include the information shown in below. The City may dispute any payments invoiced by Contractor in accordance with Section 218.76, Florida Statutes and the provisions of this Agreement.

INVOICE INFORMATION:

- Contractor Information** Company name, mailing address, phone number, contact name and email address as provided on the PO
- Remit To** Billing address to which you are requesting payment be sent
- Invoice Date** Creation date of the invoice
- Invoice Number** Company tracking number
- Shipping Address** Address where goods and/or services were delivered
- Ordering Department** Name of ordering department, including name and phone number of contact person
- PO Number** Standard purchase order number
- Ship Date** Date the goods/services were sent/provided
- Quantity** Quantity of goods or services billed
- Description** Description of services or goods delivered
- Unit Price** Unit price for the quantity of goods/services delivered
- Line Total** Amount due by line item
- Invoice Total** Sum of all of the line totals for the invoice

EXHIBIT E
DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN MATTERS OF INVOICE PAYMENTS

Payment of invoices for work performed for City of Lake City ("City") is made, by standard, in arrears in accordance with Section 218.70, et. seq., Florida Statutes (the "Local Government Prompt Payment Act").

If a dispute should arise as a result of non-payment of a payment request or invoice the following Dispute Resolution process shall apply:

- A. City of Lake City shall notify a vendor in writing, within ten (10) days after receipt of an improper invoice, that the invoice is improper. The notice should indicate what steps the vendor should undertake to correct the invoice and resubmit a proper invoice to the City, which steps shall include initially contacting the requesting department to validate Contractor's invoice conforms with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Once the requesting department determines Contractor's invoice conforms with the terms and conditions of the agreement, the vendor should resubmit the invoice as a "Corrected Invoice" to the requesting department which will initiate the payment timeline.
 - 1) Requesting department for this purpose is defined as the City department for whom the work is performed.
 - 2) Proper invoice for this purpose is defined as an invoice submitted for work performed where such work meets the terms and conditions of the agreement to the satisfaction of the City of Lake City.
- B. Should a dispute result between the vendor and the City about payment of a payment request or an invoice then the vendor should submit their dissatisfaction in writing to the Requesting Department. Each Requesting Department shall assign a representative who shall act as a "Dispute Manager" to resolve the issue at departmental level.
- C. The Dispute Manager shall first initiate procedures to investigate the dispute and document the steps taken to resolve the issue in accordance with section 218.76 Florida Statutes. Such procedures shall be commenced no later than forty-five (45) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by City of Lake City, and shall not extend beyond sixty (60) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by City of Lake City.
- D. The Dispute Manager should investigate and ascertain whether the work, for which the payment request or invoice has been submitted, was performed to City of Lake City's satisfaction and duly accepted by the Proper Authority. Proper Authority for this purpose is defined as the City of Lake City representative who is designated as the approving authority for the work performed in the contractual document. The Dispute Manager shall perform the required investigation and arrive at a solution before or at the sixty (60) days' timeframe for resolution of the dispute, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes. The City Manager or his or her designee shall be the final arbiter in resolving the issue before it becomes a legal matter. The City Manager or his or her designee will issue their decision in writing.
- E. City of Lake City Dispute Resolution Procedures shall not be subject to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The procedures shall also, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes, not be intended as an administrative proceeding which would prohibit a court from ruling again on any action resulting from the dispute.
- F. Should the dispute be resolved in the City's favor interest charges begin to accrue fifteen (15) days after the final decision made by the City. Should the dispute be resolved in the vendor's favor the City shall pay interest as of the original date the payment was due.
- G. For any legal action to recover any fees due because of the application of Sections 218.70 et. seq., Florida Statutes, an award shall be made to the prevailing party to cover court costs and reasonable attorney fees, including those fees incurred as a result of an appeal if the reason for the dispute is because the non-prevailing party held back any payment without having a reasonable basis to dispute the prevailing party's claim to those amounts.

EXHIBIT F
PERFORMANCE BOND

NOT APPLICABLE

(Document to be Provided Prior to Agreement Execution if Required by Bid/Proposal Request)