

**BARNES CROSSING CONNECTOR ROAD
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT, made this ____ day of _____, 2025 by and between THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, hereinafter called "OWNER" and James A. Hodges Const., Inc., doing business as (an individual,) or (a partnership,) or (a corporation,) hereinafter called "CONTRACTOR".

WITNESSETH: That for and consideration of the payments and agreements hereinafter mentioned:

1. The CONTRACTOR will commence and complete the construction of BARNES CROSSING CONNECTOR ROAD.
2. The CONTRACTOR will furnish all of the material, supplies, tools, equipment, labor and other services necessary for the construction and completion of the project described herein.
3. The CONTRACTOR will commence the work required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS on or before the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED and will complete the same within 365 consecutive calendar days unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. Phase one is to be completed within the first 200 consecutive calendar days.
4. The CONTRACTOR agrees to perform all of the WORK described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for the sum of **twelve million one hundred sixty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars and fifteen cents (\$12,168,700.15)**, being the amount of the accepted proposal and subject to proper additions and/or deductions at the unit prices as stated in the proposal or otherwise provided for by modification.
5. The term "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS" means and includes the following:
 - (A) Advertisement for Bids
 - (B) Information for Bidders
 - (C) Bid Proposal
 - (D) Bid Documents
 - (E) Bid Bond
 - (F) Agreement
 - (G) Certificate of Owner's Attorney
 - (H) General Conditions
 - (I) Special Conditions
 - (J) Payment Bond
 - (K) Performance Bond
 - (L) Notice of Award
 - (M) Notice to Proceed
 - (N) Change Order
 - (O) Drawings, specifications, and addenda prepared by Engineering Solutions, Inc.
6. The OWNER will pay to the CONTRACTOR in the manner and at such times as set forth in the General Conditions such amounts as required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

AGREEMENT (CONT.)

7. This Agreement shall be binding upon all parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused to be executed by their duly authorized officials, this agreement in four copies, each of which shall be deemed an original on the date first written.

OWNER:

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

OWNER'S SEAL

CONTRACTOR:

BY: *James A. Hodges*
Name: James A. Hodges
Title: President

ATTEST:

BY: *Robin Rodgers*
Name: Robin Rodgers
Title: Secretary



CORPORATE SEAL

NOTE: If CONTRACTOR is a corporation, secretary should attest.

Mandatory Addendum to All City of Tupelo Contracts October 28, 2022

The City of Tupelo (TUPELO), despite any contrary provision contained in any contract to which TUPELO is a party, does not waive any rights, benefits, or prohibitions that may be provided under any law, statute(s), regulation(s), or policies. All provisions to the contrary in any contract to which TUPELO is a party are hereby null, void and deleted. Not intended to be an exhaustive list, the following are examples of such matters and shall be exceptions to any contrary provision(s) in any contract to which TUPELO is a party.

1. TUPELO does not indemnify or hold harmless any party.
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
2. TUPELO does not make any warranty.
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
3. TUPELO does not waive any claim; past, present, or future.
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op; Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
4. TUPELO does not waive its sovereign immunity. TUPELO shall only be responsible for liability resulting from the actions of its officers, agents, and employees acting within the course and scope of their official duties.
Miss. Code Ann. § 11-46-1, et seq.
5. TUPELO does not waive its Constitutional Eleventh (11th) Amendment immunity.
U.S. Const. Amend. XI.
6. TUPELO does not agree to the application of laws of another state.
U.S. Const. amend XI; Miss. Code Ann. 11-11-3; Miss. Code Ann. 11-45-1; *City of Jackson v. Wallace*, 196 So. 223 (1940)
7. TUPELO does not limit the tort liability of another party to the amount of the contract or to any other set amount.
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Hathorn (May 28, 1992); Miss. AG Op., Davis (March 3, 1993).
8. TUPELO does not agree to waive warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or any common law warranties to which TUPELO is entitled.
Miss. Const. Art 4, § 100; Miss Code Ann. § 75-2-719; Miss. AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).

9. TUPELO does not agree that a party may represent, prosecute or defend legal actions in the name of TUPELO.
10. TUPELO may not and does not agree to the payment of attorney fees of a “prevailing party” unless specifically authorized by statute. E.g. Miss. Code Anno. § 31-7-309 (1972 as amended) payment of interest on outstanding invoice. Miss AG Op., Nowak, 2009 WL 367665 (Miss.A.G.).
11. Provisions that limit the time for TUPELO to pursue legal actions are deleted and void.
Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 104; Miss. Const. Art. 4, § 100; Miss Code Ann. § 15-1-5; Miss AG Op; Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct, 18, 2002).
12. TUPELO does not agree to submit to binding arbitration.
Miss. AG Op., Clark (June 7, 2002); Miss. AG Op., Chamberlin (Oct. 18, 2002).
13. TUPELO will make payments for all amounts owed under a contract agreement in accordance with state law.
Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.
14. TUPELO advises for all contracts entered into, the provisions of the contract which will contain the commodities purchased or the personal or professional services provided, the price to be paid, and the term of the contract shall not be deemed to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, and shall be available for examination, copying or reproduction.
Miss. Code § 25-61-9 (7).
15. TUPELO must comply with Mississippi public records law. Records furnished to public bodies by third parties which contain trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction until notice to said third parties has been given, but such records shall be released within a reasonable period of time unless the said third parties shall have obtained a court order protecting such records as confidential.
Miss. Code § 25-61-9 (1).
16. Data processing software obtained by TUPELO under a licensing agreement that prohibits its disclosure and which software is a trade secret as defined in Miss. Code Section 75-26-3, and data processing software produced by a public body which is sensitive must not be subject to inspection, copying or reproduction under Mississippi public records law. “Sensitive” means only those portions of data processing software, including the specifications and documentation, used to:
(a) Collect, process, store, and retrieve information which is exempt; (b) Control

and direct access authorizations and security measures for automated systems; (c) Collect, process, store, and retrieve information disclosure of which would require a significant intrusion into the business of the public body.

17. TUPELO is prohibited from binding its successors in office to contracts, including leases, which result in taking away the successors' rights and powers conferred by law, unless there is specific statutory authority to enter into such contract. In the absence of specific statutory authority, such contracts are voidable by the successors in office.
MS AG Ops., Barton (January 8, 2014) and Barton (July 15, 2011)(both relying on Biloxi Firefighters Assoc. v. City of Biloxi, 810 So.2d 589 (Miss. 2002).
18. TUPELO does not have the power to grant to any person, firm or corporation any exclusive franchise or any exclusive right to use or occupy the streets, highways, bridges, or public places in such municipality for any purpose. TUPELO cannot grant, renew, or extend any such franchise, privilege or right, without compensation or for any longer period than twenty-five years.
Miss. Code Anno. 21-27-1
19. All contracts must be approved by the City Council of TUPELO, subject to the veto power of the Mayor of TUPELO.
MS AG Ops. 2012-00013
20. All payments shall be made by TUPELO within forty-five (45) days of invoice, unless disputed. In the case of a bona fide dispute, TUPELO shall pay only the amount of the invoice not disputed. Interest shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half percent (1 - ½ %) per month or portion thereof on the unpaid balance from the expiration of such forty-five-day period until such time as the warrant or check is mailed or otherwise delivered to the vendor.
Miss. Code Anno. §31-7-305 (1972 as amended)

Acknowledged and agreed:

CITY
Date:



CONTRACTING PARTY
Date: