

CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this the 11th day of August, 2023, by and between TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI hereinafter called "OWNER" and Townes Construction doing business as (an Individual), (a Partnership), (a Limited Liability Company), or (a Corporation) hereinafter called "CONTRACTOR".

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

- 1. The CONTRACTOR will commence and complete the construction of "VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" hereinafter called "PROJECT".
- 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 within 10 calendar days after the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED and will complete the PROJECT within 45 calendar days, unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
- 4. The CONTRACTOR agrees to perform all of the work described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, and comply with the terms therein for the sum of \$373,513.00 or as shown in the BID Schedule.
- 5. The term "CONTRACT DOCUMENTS" means and includes the following:
 - A. This Agreement
 - B. Instruction to Bidders
 - C. Signed Copy of Proposal Form and Bidder's Certificate
 - D. Executed Non-Collusion Form and Compliance Statements
 - E. Executed Performance and Payment Bond
 - F. NSPE General Conditions
 - G. Special Contract Provisions
 - H. DRAWINGS prepared by **DABBS CORPORATION** and dated **JUNE 2023**.
 - I. SPECIFICATIONS issued by **DABBS CORPORATION** and dated **JUNE 2023**.
 - J. ADDENDA:
 - No. 1 Dated 7-17-23
 - No. Dated
 - No. Dated
 - No. Dated
 - L. All federal government conditions, specifications, regulations and requirements bound herein.
- 6. The CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by the following consequences for failure to complete the project within the time specified in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

- A. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES - CONTRACTOR shall pay to OWNER for each and every calendar day that he shall be in default in attaining Completion of the Work within the time stipulated the sum of \$ 300.00 as liquidated damages. The CONTRACTOR shall be liable for the continued assessment of liquidated damages of \$300.00 for each calendar day that he shall be in default in completing the Work within the stipulated time as provided herein. Since the OWNER'S losses are due to the CONTRACTOR'S delay and are not readily ascertainable, the amount provided herein for liquidated damages constitutes agreed damages and not a penalty.
 - B. INDEMNIFICATION - In addition to payment of the above liquidated damages, CONTRACTOR shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER, the ENGINEER and their officers, personnel, and agents from and against: (1) any and all fines, civil penalties, and assessments levied by the State of Mississippi Office of Pollution Control, State of Mississippi Bureau of Environmental Health or any federal or state court for failure to meet, perform, or comply with any part of the time schedule as defined in the Contract Documents, and (2) any and all claims, damages, losses, expenses, liabilities, actions, judgments, and decrees of any and every nature whatsoever in any manner caused by, resulting from, or arising out of such failure.
 - C. RIGHT OF SET-OFF - The OWNER, in addition to its other remedies under this Contract and in law and in equity, may deduct from monies which become due the CONTRACTOR under this Contract any unpaid amounts which become due to the OWNER under any of the foregoing provisions.
7. The OWNER will pay to the CONTRACTOR in the manner and at such times set forth in the General Conditions such amount as required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The OWNER shall retain five percent (5%) of the amount of each payment until final completion and acceptance of all work covered by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS unless otherwise mutually agreed.
8. The CONTRACTOR agrees to allow the OWNER or a duly authorized representatives thereof, access to books, documents, papers and records of the CONTRACTOR which are directly pertinent to the project which is the subject of this Contract, for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions, and CONTRACTOR agrees to insert an identical access to records clause into all subcontracts.
9. The CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible for forfeiture of monies in the event that an audit indicates his failure to keep adequate records, including change orders, force accounts and payroll records.
10. Attached hereto and made a part of this Contract is the "Mandatory Addendum to All City of Tupelo Contracts" (3 pages) dated October 28, 2022. The attached addendum shall be signed by the Contractor and executed by the City.
11. Attached hereto and made a part of this Contract is the "American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Mandatory Addendum" (9 pages) dated June 5, 2023. The attached addendum shall be signed by the Contractor and executed by the City.

12. Attached hereto and made a part of this Contract is a Performance and Payment Bond, executed by a Surety Company doing business in the State of Mississippi, in the sum of:

(\$ 373,513.00) three hundred seventy three thousand
dollars five hundred thirteen & 0/100
(not less than one hundred percent of Contract amount)

13. This Agreement shall be binding upon all parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns.

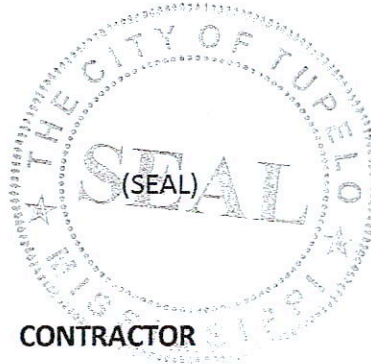
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused to be executed by their duly authorized officials, this Agreement in 3 copies each of which shall be deemed an original on the date first above written.

CITY OF TUPELO, OWNER

BY: Todd Jordan
NAME: Todd Jordan
TITLE: Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: Kim Hanna
NAME: Kim Hanna
TITLE: City Clerk



CONTRACTOR

BY: Armstead Townes III
NAME: Armstead Townes III
TITLE: President

ATTEST:

BY: Estella P. Brown
NAME: Estella P. Brown
TITLE: Off. Secy

(SEAL)

END OF SECTION

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

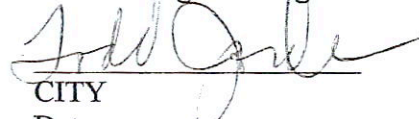
19. All contracts must be approved by the City Council of TUPELO, subject to the veto power of the Mayor of TUPELO.

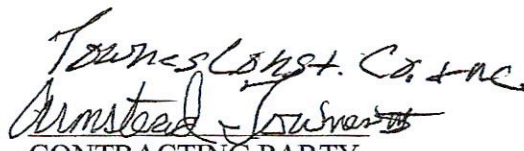
MS AG Ops. 2012-00013

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:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Mandatory Addendum (6-5-2023)

Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations and Executive Orders

This is an acknowledgement that federal assistance from the US Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, ARPA implementing regulations and any correlating regulations established by the Treasury Department, including but not limited to the following conditions:

Equal Opportunity Clause

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

- (1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- (3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
- (4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary

of Labor.

- (6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (7) In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (8) The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: *Provided*, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Minority and Women Business Enterprises

This contract was procured by the OWNER taking affirmative steps to assure that women and minority businesses are utilized when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction and services. Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the following, or when otherwise applicable:

The requirements of Executive Orders 11625 and 12432 (concerning Minority Business Enterprise), and 12138 (concerning Women's Business Enterprise).

Contractor hereby agrees to take affirmative steps to assure that women and minority businesses are utilized when possible as sources of supplies, equipment, construction and services. Affirmative steps shall include the following:

- 1) Including qualified women's business enterprises and small and minority businesses on solicitation lists;
- 2) Assuring that women's enterprises and small and minority businesses are solicited

- whenever they are potential sources;
- 3) When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into smaller tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
 - 4) Where the requirement permits, establishing delivery schedules which will encourage participation by women's business enterprises and small and minority business;
 - 5) Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Office of Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and for the purposes of these requirements, a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) is defined as an enterprise that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled in its daily operation by members of the following groups: Black, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian, or Alaskan Natives. A Women Business Enterprise (WBE) is defined as an enterprise that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled in its daily operation by women.
 - 6) If any subcontracts are to be let, requiring the prime Contractor to take the affirmative steps in a through e above.

Entities and contractors were previously required to provide proof of compliance to 2 CFR 200.321 by providing proof of submitting solicitation to the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) *and* proof of targeted solicitation to DBE firms/vendors. Guidance from MDEQ dated May 1, 2023 requires awardees to show proof of compliance *by one of the two methods*, or both should they choose to. An email detailing the project should be sent to Agency Bid Bank agencybidbank@mississippi.org You should receive a confirmation to retain in order to demonstrate proof of compliance.

Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act

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

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

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

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

Contracts that are in excess of \$100,000 and involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include provisions requiring compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act as follows:

- (1) Overtime requirements: No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the

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

- (2) Violation: liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory) for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
- (3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The OWNER shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
- (4) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower-tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower-tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act

Clean Air Act

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the OWNER and understands and agrees that the OWNER will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Treasury Department and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

- (1) The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations

issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

- (2) The contractor agrees to report each violation to the OWNER and understands and agrees that the OWNER will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Treasury Department and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- (3) The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Debarment and Suspension

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by OWNER. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to OWNER, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

Cities cannot award a contract to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM) listed at www.sam.gov.

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352

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

A Byrd Anti-Lobbying Certification is attached to these supplemental general conditions and execution is required for this contract.

Procurement of Recovered Materials

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired: Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule; meeting contract performance requirements; or at a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA- designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site,

<https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

Access to Records

The Contractor agrees to provide OWNER and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

OWNER and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the Comptroller General of the United States.

No Obligation by Federal Government

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

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

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

Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Huawei and ZTE)

Contractor is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

- (1) Procure or obtain;
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by **Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation** (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - (ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using

such equipment.

- (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Publications

Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: “This project is being supported in whole or in part by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to The City of Tupelo, Mississippi by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.”

Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States

Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr. 18, 1997), Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for your employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

Reducing Text Messaging While Driving

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), Contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.

**BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING
AMENDMENT**

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**APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING
LOBBYING – REQUIRED FOR CONTRACTS OVER \$100,000**

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for

making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor Townes Construction, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Armstead Townes II

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Armstead Townes II, Pres.

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

8-11-23

Date