



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Council Work Session Agenda

December 16, 2024, 4:00 PM

Gary McCullough Council Chambers, Dahlonega City Hall

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Vision – Dahlonega will be the most welcoming, thriving, and inspiring community in North Georgia

Mission Statement - Dahlonega, a City of Excellence, will provide quality services through ethical leadership and fiscal stability, in full partnership with the people who choose to live, work, and visit. Through this commitment, we respect and uphold our rural Appalachian setting to honor our thriving community of historical significance, academic excellence, and military renown.

OPEN MEETING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BOARD & COMMITTEES

1. Cemetery Committee - November 2024
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
2. Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Program - November 2024
Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Director

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AVAILABLE AT: <https://dahlonega.gov/category/department-reports/>

3. Community Development - November 2024
Allison Martin, City Manager
4. City of Dahlonega Police Department - November 2024.
George Albert, Chief of Police.
5. Public Works—November 2024
Mark Buchanan, PW Director/City Engineer
6. Water & Wastewater Treatment Department Report November 2024
John Jarrard, Water/Wastewater Treatment Director
7. Finance and Administration Department – November 2024
Kimberly Stafford, Finance Manager

APPOINTMENT, PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION : (Vote at Council Meeting)

8. Appointment of Erick Jones to DDA
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
Strategic Priority - Communication
9. Reappointment of Jan Tolbert to Public Housing Authority
JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
Strategic Priority - Communication
10. Appointment of Leigh Ann Gaddis to Public Housing Authority

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
Strategic Priority - Communication

PRESENTATION

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- [11.](#) Resolution 2024-06 A Resolution to add membership in the PTSD fund of GIRMA
Allison Martin, City Manager

AGREEMENTS & CONTRACTS:

- [12.](#) Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk (PI 0016629) Vendor Selection
Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
Strategic Priority - Infrastructure
- [13.](#) GIRMA First Responder PTDS Application and Participation Agreement
Allison Martin, City Manager

OTHER ITEMS:

- [14.](#) HB581 Post Election Discussion
Allison Martin, City Manager
Strategic Priority - Communication

COMMENTS – PLEASE LIMIT TO THREE MINUTES

Clerk Comments
City Manager Comments
City Attorney Comments
City Council Comments
Mayor Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Guideline Principles - The City of Dahlongega will be an open, honest, and responsive city that balances preservation and growth and delivers quality services fairly and equitably by being good stewards of its resources. To ensure the vibrancy of our community, Dahlongega commits to Transparency and Honesty, Dedication and Responsibility, Preservation and Sustainability, Safety and Welfare ...for ALL!



Department Report

Report Title: Cemetery Committee—November 2024
Report Highlight: Ghost Tour Permit Renewal
Name and Title: Quataunda Armstrong, Dahlonega Cemetery Committee

Recently Completed:

- The Committee discussed and unanimously agreed that its official position regarding the Dahlonega Ghost Tours is as follows: *The Dahlonega Cemetery Committee does not support the continued permitting of any after-hours tours within Mount Hope or Memorial Park Cemeteries. These activities provide little to no benefit to our cemeteries, the loved ones of those interred, the citizens of Dahlonega or the City in general. The Committee does support a denial of an extension of the existing permit that is soon to expire.*
- Conversations with multiple Greek organizations at UNG regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Underway:

- Discussion of proposed Mount Hope shed to house equipment for volunteers. The City has made a commitment to provide the shed at a suitable location using in-house manpower.
- There are still discussions regarding a decorative barrier around Mt. Hope. City staff is looking into recent budget requests for potential funding for a first phase of an iron & brick (or stone) fence.

Near term:



Department Report

Report Title: Dahlonega Downtown Development Authority/Main Street – November 2024

Report Highlight: Work Plan Items

Name and Title: Ariel Alexander, Downtown Development Director

Organization:

- The DDA/Main Street board is seeking to fill one vacancy for the 2025 calendar year. Recommendations from the Council are appreciated.
- Managed all postings for City of Dahlonega website and social media for the month.
- Wayfinding sign renewal notices are being mailed.
- Planning for annual work session planning meeting in January. Invitations for the Council will be sent soon.
- Attended the first meeting of the economic development partnership group. Topics of interest for the group included business recruitment and housing. We are planning visits to other communities for research.
- Attended Tourism and DALC board meetings.
- Supported the Netflix series film crew as they filmed downtown.

Promotion:

- Supported Christmas committee in executing the Lighting of the Square.
- Executed a Shop Small Saturday campaign on social media for November 30.
- Continuing joint advertising efforts between the Chamber, UNG, and Tourism staff.
- Began creating an American Flag program to cycle out faded flags downtown and provide replacements. Retired flags will be taken to the American Legion.

Economic Vitality:

- Worked with DALC staff to compile data to share with prospective business and property owners.
- Provided Business Welcome Packets and information on financial incentive programs.
- Fielded questions and met with prospective downtown property owners.

Design:

- Met with downtown property owners to develop plans for renovations.



Department Report

Report Title: Finance and Administration Department – November 2024
Report Highlight: Letters mailed to residents regarding service line inventory findings.
Name and Title: Kimberly Stafford, Finance Manager

Recently Completed:

- We are forwarding any returned letters to property owners and/or hand delivering to properties.
- FY24 audit work is underway. Auditors onsite December 2024.
- Zoning map ads were placed. So far, one citizen has come to view the map and ask questions.
- CPL is on-site weekly and conducts meetings with developers and staff.
- Continued meetings with Lumpkin County Water Authority. Draft contract ready for review by authority.

Underway:

- Inventory module discovery for design and implementation.
- Internal audit of assets – 95% complete
- Administration of American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant
- Establish and set up the Employee Portal on new software; implement and train employees on benefits and use.
- Update employee evaluation forms and document procedures for employee review processes and performance development plans.
- Staff are updating forms for standardization.

Near Term:

- Update financial policies.
- Update the purchasing policy to include a vendor preference provision.
- Develop and implement employee meetings to provide appropriate training and update HR forms;
- Review additional finance files in long-term storage to determine what should be destroyed per the retention schedule.
- Audit of Utility Billing address points against MSAG/E911/USPS data.



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 12/6/2024
TITLE: Appointment of Erick Jones to DDA
PRESENTED BY: JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Appointment of Erick Jones to DDA

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The council routinely appoints members to the Downtown Development Authority. Wendi Huguley's term expires at the end of the year, and she does not wish to serve another term. Erick Jones applied and is qualified to serve on this board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

n/a

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation of DDA staff is to appoint Mr. Jones to the DDA.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Application and Resume



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Erick Jones, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Georgia, that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Dahlonega, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Downtown Development Authority so help me God.

This, the 16th day of December 2024.

Erick Jones
Downtown Development Authority

Attest:

JoAnne Taylor
Mayor, City of Dahlonega



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 12/6/2024
TITLE: Reappointment of Jan Tolbert to Public Housing Authority
PRESENTED BY: JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Reappointment of Jan Tolbert to Public Housing Authority

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The council appointments members to the Public Housing Authority in accordance with HUD guidelines. The Authority must have a resident sit on the board. Jan Tolbert is recommended by the Authority to continue to fill this role for another year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

n/a

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the authority and staff that Jan Tolbert be reappointed to the Public Housing Authority.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

n/a



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Jan Tolbert, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Georgia, that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Dahlonega, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Dahlonega Housing Authority BOC so help me God.

This is the 6th day of January of 2025.

Jan Tolbert
Dahlonega Housing Authority

Attest:

JoAnne Taylor
Mayor, City of Dahlonega



CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

issued by the City of Dahlonega to

Jan Tolbert

formally documenting appointment to the

Dahlonega Housing Authority BOC

Appointed January 6, 2025

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 12/6/2024
TITLE: Appointment of Leigh Ann Gaddis to Public Housing Authority
PRESENTED BY: JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Appointment of Leigh Ann Gaddis to Public Housing Authority

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The council appointments members to the Public Housing Authority in accordance with HUD guidelines. This past year, a member of the authority moved outside the city limits and the position needs to be filled for them to have a quorum. There is one more position to fill and one reappointment in January 2025 to have all seats filled. Leigh Ann Gaddis a local business owner and resident of the city, has been submitted by the authority to fill the seat vacated by Mona Clark.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

n/a

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the authority and staff that Leigh Ann Gaddis be appointed to the Public Housing Authority.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

n/a



CITY OF DAHLONEGA

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Leigh Ann Gaddis, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Georgia, that I will in all respects observe the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Dahlonega, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Dahlonega Housing Authority BOC so help me God.

This, the 16th day of December 2024.

Leigh Ann Gaddis
Dahlonega Housing Authority

Attest:

JoAnne Taylor
Mayor, City of Dahlonega



CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

issued by the City of Dahlonega to

Leigh Ann Gaddis

formally documenting appointment to the

Dahlonega Housing Authority BOC

Appointed December 16, 2024

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 12/6/2024
TITLE: Resolution 2024-06 A Resolution to add membership in the PTSD fund of GIRMA
PRESENTED BY: JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Resolution 2024-06 A Resolution to add membership in the PTSD fund of GIRMA

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The Ashley Wilson Act becomes effective January 1, 2025. This act requires all employers of public safety officers, as defined in the legislation, to cover them with state mandated minimum coverage. There are two required coverages: Lump Sum PTDS Diagnosis Benefit and a PTSD Disability Limit. The cost for mandated coverage for Dahlonaga is \$740/annually. This agenda item is related to the required application packet presented later in the agenda packet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This is an unfunded mandate which was not included in our FY25 budget as no estimates were available. This amount will be absorbed in FY25 and included in future budget submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

As the minimum coverage is mandated, there is no option but to approve.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

GIRMA PTSD Resolution

RESOLUTION 2024-06

**A RESOLUTION TO ADD MEMBERSHIP IN A FUND OF GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (GIRMA)**

WHEREAS, the Public Entity of the City of Dahlonega, location in Lumpkin County, Georgia ("Public Entity") is a current member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereafter GIRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Public Entity is currently a member of a GIRMA Fund and desires to add membership in an additional GIRMA Fund; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Public Entity has reviewed the Fund Election Form attached as Appendix A and the Application and Participation Agreement applicable to the Fund and finds that it is in the best interest of its residents for Public Entity to be a member of the Fund indicated on the Fund Election Form;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Public Entity:

1. The Mayor of the City of Dahlonega is authorized to act on behalf of Public Entity to elect membership in the Fund identified in the Election Form attached as Appendix A by executing the Application and Participation Agreement for such GIRMA Fund.
2. The Mayor of the City of Dahlonega is designated as Public Entity's representative to GIRMA for purposes of Fund participation.
3. The City of Dahlonega may change its representative by making a written request to Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., the Program Administrator for GIRMA
4. This resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of December 2024 City of Dahlonega

By: _____, _____

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest: _____, _____

Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 12/6/2024
TITLE: Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk (PI 0016629) Vendor Selection
PRESENTED BY: Mark Buchanan, City Engineer
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Infrastructure

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

Staff seeks approval of the award of contract to the selected vendor for the Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk Project (PI0016629). At the time of this document preparation, bids were not available. The lowest responsive bidder and the anticipated cost will be presented at the Work Session or as soon as it becomes available.

In addition, staff seeks approval of the Construction Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Dahlonega. This document formalizes the agreement authorizing the partial funding of the project by GDOT.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

This project has been in the grant application/award, design and permitting phase since 2018. Staff has worked closely with GDOT representatives and the design team to create fully approved and permitted plans for the establishment of this bid and subsequent contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This project is funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program and requires a 20% local match of which Lumpkin County will also play a role in supporting. This match has been under consideration for multiple years and is budgeted for use in 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends award of the contract to the selected vendor at the rates indicated in the bid. In addition, staff recommends authorization of an additional amount equal to 10% of the contract amount to be held and used if necessary for quantity overruns and unforeseen items.

Also, staff recommends approval of the full execution of the Construction Agreement.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

“...motion to approve award of the Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge & Sidewalk Project (PI0016629) to XXXXXXXX in the amount specified in the bid document provided. In addition, staff is authorized to utilize up to 10% of the amount indicated in the bid for other project

related needs.”

“...motion to approve execution of the Construction Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation.”

ATTACHMENTS

None at this time, however, bid & contract documents and the draft construction agreement will be provided at the 12/16/2024 Work Session along with the GDOT Construction Agreement.

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| Owner's Name: | City of Dahlonega | Project No.: 0016629 | | | | | | | | |
| Project Name: | Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalk | | | | | 25600 | | | | |
| Location: | Dahlonega, GA | | | | | | | | | |
| EOR: | WSP USA | | | | | | | | | |
| Bid Date: | 12/11/24 | | | | | | | | | |
| BID QUANTITIES | | | | | Engineer's Estimate | | Strickland and Sons, Pipeline, Inc. | | North Georgia Concrete, Inc. | |
| Line Item | Bid Item # | Item Description | Qty. | UNIT | UNIT AMOUNT | BID | UNIT AMOUNT | BID | UNIT AMOUNT | BID |
| 0005 | 150-1000 | TRAFFIC CONTROL 0016629 | 1 | LS | 450000 | \$ 450,000.00 | 178510 | \$ 178,510.00 | 179038 | \$ 179,038.00 |
| 0010 | 163-0232 | TEMPORARY GRASSING | 2 | AC | 1047.24775 | \$ 2,094.50 | 880 | \$ 1,760.00 | 1000 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 0015 | 163-0240 | MULCH | 24 | TN | 292.46336 | \$ 7,019.12 | 550 | \$ 13,200.00 | 50 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 0020 | 163-0550 | CONSTRUCT AND REMOVE INLET SEDIMENT TRAP | 9 | EA | 339.76893 | \$ 3,057.92 | 265 | \$ 2,385.00 | 400 | \$ 3,600.00 |
| 0025 | 163-0528 | CONSTRUCT AND REMOVE FABRIC CHECK DAM TYPE C SILT FENCE | 3200 | LF | 13.29481 | \$ 42,543.39 | 19 | \$ 60,800.00 | 4 | \$ 12,800.00 |
| 0030 | 165-0041 | MAINTENANCE OF CHECK DAMS - ALL TYPES | 3200 | LF | 3.59981 | \$ 11,519.39 | 8 | \$ 25,600.00 | 1 | \$ 3,200.00 |
| 0035 | 165-0030 | MAINTENANCE OF TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TPC | 2750 | LF | 0.93864 | \$ 2,581.26 | 1.25 | \$ 3,437.50 | 1 | \$ 2,750.00 |
| 0040 | 165-0101 | MAINTENANCE OF CONSTRUCTION EXIT | 2 | EA | 1123.85381 | \$ 2,247.71 | 500 | \$ 1,000.00 | 550 | \$ 1,100.00 |
| 0045 | 165-0105 | MAINTENANCE OF INLET SEDIMENT TRAP | 12 | EA | 113.44566 | \$ 1,361.35 | 275 | \$ 3,300.00 | 50 | \$ 600.00 |
| 0050 | 165-0310 | MAINTENANCE OF CONSTRUCTION EXIT TIRE WASH AREA (PER EACH) | 1 | EA | 1036.80126 | \$ 1,036.80 | 850 | \$ 850.00 | 550 | \$ 550.00 |
| 0055 | 163-0301 | CONSTRUCT AND REMOVE CONSTRUCTION EXITS | 2 | EA | 25 | \$ 50.00 | 3500 | \$ 7,000.00 | 2000 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 0060 | 167-1000 | WATER QUALITY MONITORING AND SAMPLING | 8 | EA | 357.20289 | \$ 2,857.62 | 100 | \$ 800.00 | 550 | \$ 4,400.00 |
| 0065 | 167-1500 | WATER QUALITY INSPECTIONS | 18 | MO | 910.21568 | \$ 16,383.88 | 850 | \$ 15,300.00 | 750 | \$ 13,500.00 |
| 0070 | 170-1000 | FLOATING SILT RETENTION BARRIER | 240 | LF | 21.23962 | \$ 5,097.51 | 29 | \$ 6,960.00 | 20 | \$ 4,800.00 |
| 0075 | 171-0030 | TEMPORARY SILT FENCE, TYPE C | 5500 | LF | 5.07025 | \$ 27,886.38 | 4 | \$ 22,000.00 | 6 | \$ 33,000.00 |
| 0080 | 210-0100 | GRADING COMPLETE - - 0016629 | 1 | LS | 200000 | \$ 200,000.00 | 605128 | \$ 605,128.00 | 2635470.1 | \$ 2,635,470.10 |
| 0085 | 310-1101 | GRAGOR BASE CRS, INCL MATL | 1672 | TN | 59.45687 | \$ 99,411.89 | 48 | \$ 80,256.00 | 90 | \$ 150,480.00 |
| 0090 | 318-3000 | AGGR SURF CRS | 80 | TN | 58.51352 | \$ 4,681.08 | 48 | \$ 3,840.00 | 120 | \$ 9,600.00 |
| 0095 | 441-0018 | DRIVEWAY CONCRETE, 8 IN TK | 513 | SY | 55 | \$ 28,215.00 | 120 | \$ 61,560.00 | 110 | \$ 56,430.00 |
| 0100 | 441-0104 | CONC SIDEWALK, 4 IN | 2600 | SY | 65.29802 | \$ 169,774.85 | 65 | \$ 169,000.00 | 55 | \$ 143,000.00 |
| 0105 | 441-0108 | CONC SIDEWALK, 8 IN | 20 | SY | 142.3817 | \$ 2,847.63 | 215 | \$ 4,300.00 | 171 | \$ 3,420.00 |
| 0110 | 441-0204 | PLAIN CONC DITCH PAVING, 4 IN | 1078 | SY | 78.11429 | \$ 84,207.20 | 110 | \$ 118,580.00 | 96 | \$ 103,488.00 |
| 0115 | 441-0300 | CONC SPILLWAY, SPCL DES | 6 | EA | 4931.45973 | \$ 29,588.76 | 5900 | \$ 35,400.00 | 5500 | \$ 33,000.00 |
| 0120 | 441-0304 | CONC SPILLWAY, TP4 | 1 | EA | 2906.53 | \$ 2,906.53 | 4200 | \$ 4,200.00 | 3800 | \$ 3,800.00 |
| 0125 | 441-4030 | CONC VALLEY GUTTER, 8 IN | 307 | SY | 178 | \$ 54,646.00 | 140 | \$ 42,980.00 | 128 | \$ 39,296.00 |
| 0130 | 441-5002 | CONCRETE HEADER CURB, 6 IN, TP2 | 159 | LF | 30 | \$ 4,770.00 | 36 | \$ 5,724.00 | 33 | \$ 5,247.00 |
| 0135 | 441-6222 | CONC CURB & GUTTER, 8 IN X 30 IN, TP2 | 7400 | LF | 64 | \$ 473,600.00 | 46 | \$ 340,400.00 | 42 | \$ 310,800.00 |
| 0140 | 550-2180 | SIDE DRAIN PIPE, 18 IN, H1-10 | 100 | LF | 88.99772 | \$ 8,899.77 | 49 | \$ 4,900.00 | 118 | \$ 11,800.00 |
| 0145 | 550-3418 | SAFETY END SECTION 18 IN, SIDE DRAIN, 4:1 SLOPE | 4 | EA | 1044.59 | \$ 4,178.36 | 2100 | \$ 8,400.00 | 1600 | \$ 6,400.00 |
| 0150 | 550-3618 | SAFETY END SECTION 18 IN, SIDE DRAIN, 6:1 SLOPE | 2 | EA | 1333.27674 | \$ 2,666.55 | 2200 | \$ 4,400.00 | 1800 | \$ 3,600.00 |
| 0155 | 500-3800 | CLASS A CONCRETE, INCL REINF STEEL | 11 | CY | 2057 | \$ 22,627.00 | 4743 | \$ 52,173.00 | 2800 | \$ 30,800.00 |
| 0160 | 550-4218 | FLARED END SECTION 18 IN | 1 | EA | 1534.20976 | \$ 1,534.21 | 3000 | \$ 3,000.00 | 850 | \$ 850.00 |
| 0165 | 550-4242 | STORM DRAIN FLARED END SECTION 42 IN | 1 | EA | 1438 | \$ 1,438.00 | 3000 | \$ 3,000.00 | 2800 | \$ 2,800.00 |
| 0170 | 550-5420 | STORM DRAIN PIPE, 42 IN, CLASS III | 16 | LF | 337.59869 | \$ 5,401.58 | 250 | \$ 4,000.00 | 365 | \$ 5,840.00 |
| 0175 | 550-5180 | STORM DRAIN STORM DRAIN PIPE, 18 IN, CLASS III | 140 | LF | 114 | \$ 15,960.00 | 74 | \$ 10,360.00 | 165 | \$ 23,100.00 |
| 0180 | 603-2182 | STD DUMPED RIP RAP, TP3, 24 IN | 600 | SY | 96.91 | \$ 58,146.00 | 99 | \$ 59,400.00 | 150 | \$ 90,000.00 |
| 0185 | 611-4003 | RECONSTRUCT MISC DRAINAGE STRUCTURE | 9 | EA | 2725 | \$ 24,525.00 | 5000 | \$ 45,000.00 | 850 | \$ 7,650.00 |
| 0190 | 636-1033 | HIGHWAY SIGNS, TP1 MATL, REFL SHEETING, TP9 | 75 | SF | 27.74 | \$ 2,080.50 | 77 | \$ 5,775.00 | 42 | \$ 3,150.00 |
| 0195 | 636-1036 | HIGHWAY SIGNS, TP1 MATL, REFL SHEETING, TP11 | 53 | SF | 28.65432 | \$ 1,518.68 | 105 | \$ 5,565.00 | 42 | \$ 2,226.00 |
| 0200 | 636-2070 | GALV STEEL POSTS, TP7 | 312 | LF | 13.40708 | \$ 4,183.01 | 18 | \$ 5,616.00 | 34 | \$ 10,608.00 |
| 0205 | 641-1100 | GUARDRAIL, TPT | 19 | LF | 99.94358 | \$ 1,898.93 | 175 | \$ 3,325.00 | 153 | \$ 2,907.00 |
| 0210 | 641-1200 | GUARDRAIL, TPW | 433 | LF | 34.09757 | \$ 14,764.25 | 45 | \$ 19,485.00 | 40 | \$ 17,320.00 |
| 0215 | 641-5001 | GUARDRAIL ANCHORAGE, TP1 | 2 | EA | 2309.1602 | \$ 4,618.32 | 2500 | \$ 5,000.00 | 2200 | \$ 4,400.00 |
| 0220 | 643-8200 | BARRIER FENCE (ORANGE), 4 FT | 3000 | LF | 3.35031 | \$ 10,050.93 | 2.5 | \$ 7,500.00 | 2 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 0225 | 647-6200 | LOOP DETECTOR, 6 FT X 6 FT, B POLE - 1 SR9 / SR52 | 1 | EA | 5000 | \$ 5,000.00 | 14000 | \$ 14,000.00 | 3800 | \$ 3,800.00 |
| 0230 | 653-1501 | THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 5 IN, WHITE | 3425 | LF | 1.01 | \$ 3,459.25 | 3.5 | \$ 11,987.50 | 2 | \$ 6,850.00 |
| 0235 | 653-1704 | THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 24 IN, WHITE | 30 | LF | 10.95766 | \$ 328.73 | 3.5 | \$ 105.00 | 10 | \$ 300.00 |
| 0240 | 653-1804 | THERMOPLASTIC SOLID TRAF STRIPE, 8 IN, WHITE | 400 | LF | 3.28782 | \$ 1,315.13 | 3.5 | \$ 1,400.00 | 4.5 | \$ 1,800.00 |
| 0245 | 653-6004 | THERMOPLASTIC TRAF STRIPING, WHITE | 166 | SY | 5.36 | \$ 889.76 | 3.5 | \$ 581.00 | 16 | \$ 2,656.00 |
| 0250 | 668-1100 | CATCH BASIN, GP1 | 1 | EA | 7351.69667 | \$ 7,351.70 | 3500 | \$ 3,500.00 | 8500 | \$ 8,500.00 |
| 0255 | 668-2100 | DROP INLET, GP1 | 1 | EA | 7152.08325 | \$ 7,152.08 | 3350 | \$ 3,350.00 | 6500 | \$ 6,500.00 |
| 0260 | 668-4300 | STORM SEWER MANHOLE, TP1 | 1 | EA | 5418.037 | \$ 5,418.04 | 3300 | \$ 3,300.00 | 6500 | \$ 6,500.00 |
| 0265 | 668-4311 | STORM SEWER MANHOLE, TP1, ADDL DEPTH, CL1 | 2 | LF | 608.42489 | \$ 1,216.85 | 500 | \$ 1,000.00 | 450 | \$ 900.00 |
| 0270 | 682-6233 | CONDUIT, NONMETL, TP3, 2 IN | 310 | LF | 11.4106 | \$ 3,537.29 | 17 | \$ 5,270.00 | 21 | \$ 6,510.00 |
| 0275 | 682-2120 | PULL BOX, TYPE2 | 3 | EA | 506 | \$ 1,518.00 | 1750 | \$ 5,250.00 | 1200 | \$ 3,600.00 |
| 0280 | 603-7000 | PLASTIC FILTER FABRIC | 600 | SY | 6.53 | \$ 3,918.00 | 2.5 | \$ 1,500.00 | 5 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 0285 | 700-7000 | AGRICULTURAL LIME | 1 | TN | 435.75957 | \$ 435.76 | 100 | \$ 100.00 | 100 | \$ 100.00 |
| 0290 | 700-8000 | FERTILIZER MIXED GRADE | 0.4 | TN | 1455.00191 | \$ 582.00 | 4000 | \$ 1,600.00 | 1500 | \$ 600.00 |
| 0295 | 700-8100 | FERTILIZER NITROGEN CONTENT | 50 | LS | 3.77695 | \$ 188.85 | 2.3 | \$ 115.00 | 2 | \$ 100.00 |
| 0300 | 700-9300 | SOD | 4840 | SY | 9.38 | \$ 45,399.20 | 12 | \$ 58,080.00 | 6 | \$ 29,040.00 |
| 0305 | 500-3002 | CLASS A A CONCRETE | 29 | CY | 1580 | \$ 45,820.00 | 4200 | \$ 121,800.00 | 1550 | \$ 44,950.00 |
| 0310 | 511-1000 | BAR REINF STEEL | 3911 | LB | 2 | \$ 7,822.00 | 2.8 | \$ 10,950.80 | 1.15 | \$ 4,497.65 |
| 0315 | 515-2020 | GALV STEEL PIPE HANDRAIL, 2 IN, ROUND | 10 | LF | 72 | \$ 720.00 | 175 | \$ 1,750.00 | 550 | \$ 5,500.00 |
| 0320 | 520-0353 | H-PILE POINTS, HP12 X53 | 2 | EA | 184 | \$ 368.00 | 250 | \$ 500.00 | 225 | \$ 450.00 |
| 0325 | 520-1125 | PLING IN PLACE, STEEL H, HP12 X53 | 178 | LF | 143 | \$ 25,454.00 | 385 | \$ 68,530.00 | 225 | \$ 40,050.00 |
| 0330 | 523-1100 | DYNAMIC PILE TEST | 2 | EA | 10300 | \$ 20,600.00 | 10000 | \$ 20,000.00 | 8500 | \$ 17,000.00 |
| 0335 | 524-0010 | DRILLED CAISSON - - 48 IN | 161 | LF | 2510 | \$ 404,110.00 | 6400 | \$ 1,030,400.00 | 3038 | \$ 489,118.00 |
| 0340 | 534-1000 | PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS BRIDGE, STA - - BEGIN STA, 900+00.00 | 1 | LS | 518625 | \$ 518,625.00 | 585620 | \$ 585,620.00 | 700000 | \$ 700,000.00 |
| 0345 | 603-2024 | STD DUMPED RIP RAP, TP1, 24 IN | 979 | SY | 98 | \$ 95,942.00 | 70 | \$ 68,530.00 | 165 | \$ 161,535.00 |
| 0350 | 603-7000 | PLASTIC FILTER FABRIC | 979 | SY | 7.5 | | | | | |

Preconstruction Status Report

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| PI NUMBER: 0016629 | | SR 9/SR 60 FROM SR 60BU TO N OF YAHOOOLA CREEK | | | | | | | | | |
| COUNTY: | Lumpkin | SPONSOR: | Dahlonega | MEASURE: | E | BASELINE LET DT: | 9/20/24 | MGMT LET DT: | 9/20/24 | PRINT DATE: | 12/16/24 |
| LENGTH(MI): | 0.95 | MPO: | Not Urban | DESIGN FIRM: | Wood Environment & | SCHED LET DT: | 12/16/24 | MGMT ROW DT: | 9/15/23 | PAGE: | 1 |
| PROJ NO: | | TIP#: | | | Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. | | | WHO LETS?: | Local Let | | |
| PROJ MGR: | Lawing, Michael | MODEL YR: | | PRIORITY CD: | 19374 | LIGHTING TYP: | None | LET WITH: | 0 | | |
| AOHD INITIALS: | ATC | TYPE WORK: | Bicycle/Ped. Facility | DOT DIST: | 1 | ENV DOC TYPE: | NEPA | | | | |
| OFFICE: | Program Delivery | CONCEPT: | BIKE/PED | CONG. DIST: | 009 | ENV CONSULTANT: | Edwards-Pitman | | | | |
| CONSULTANT: | Local Design, Reimbursed by GDOT funds | PROG TYPE: | Enhancement | COMPLETE STREETS: | | | | | | | |

| BASE START | BASE FINISH | TASKS | START DATE | FINISH DATE | ACTUAL START | ACTUAL FINISH | % |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----|
| 6/21/21 | 4/28/22 | Preliminary Bridge Design Summary | 6/21/21 | 4/28/22 | 6/21/21 | 4/28/22 | 100 |
| 4/19/22 | 4/19/22 | Management Concept Approval Complete | 4/19/22 | 4/19/22 | 4/19/22 | 4/19/22 | 100 |
| 4/25/22 | 4/25/22 | Scoping and Concept Development Phase LOE | 4/25/22 | 4/25/22 | 4/25/22 | 4/25/22 | 100 |
| 5/16/22 | 11/28/23 | BFI Report LOE | 10/20/22 | 8/18/23 | 10/20/22 | 8/18/23 | 100 |
| 5/16/22 | 12/8/22 | Preliminary Roadway Plans LOE (Designer Activities) | 4/28/22 | 12/16/22 | 4/28/22 | 12/16/22 | 100 |
| 10/6/22 | 10/6/22 | Public Information Open House or Comment Period Held | 8/1/22 | 8/1/22 | 8/1/22 | 8/1/22 | 100 |
| 2/23/23 | 2/23/23 | PFPR Inspection | 3/2/23 | 3/2/23 | 3/2/23 | 3/2/23 | 100 |
| 4/14/23 | 5/5/23 | ROW Plans Preparation | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 100 |
| 6/22/23 | 8/17/23 | ROW Plans Final Approval | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 100 |
| 8/2/23 | 2/8/24 | Final Roadway Plans LOE (Designer Activities) | 8/15/23 | 12/18/23 | 8/15/23 | 12/18/23 | 100 |
| 8/2/23 | 8/17/23 | L & D Approval | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 100 |
| 8/16/23 | 2/8/24 | Final Bridge Design LOE | 8/18/23 | 1/29/24 | 8/18/23 | 1/29/24 | 100 |
| 9/15/23 | 6/4/24 | ROW Acquisition Summary | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 100 |
| 9/15/23 | 9/15/23 | ROW Authorization | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 4/4/23 | 100 |
| 3/4/24 | 6/28/24 | 404 and Buffer Variance (BV) Permits LOE | 2/26/24 | 6/27/24 | 2/26/24 | 6/27/24 | 100 |
| 3/22/24 | 3/22/24 | FFPR Inspection | 3/28/24 | 3/28/24 | 3/28/24 | 3/28/24 | 100 |
| 7/15/24 | 7/15/24 | Submit Final Plans | 8/29/24 | 9/30/24 | 8/29/24 | 9/30/24 | 100 |

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| Bridge : | 1/25/2024 - SKG - WSP(FINAL) - PED BRIDGE - FP 100% (1/25/2024); PL 100% (4/28/2022) |
| Construction : | DBE goal approved 7-3-24 = 8% OJT = 1,000 hrs |
| Design : | Muhammad Humayon with WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, 770-421-3306 or Muhammad.Humayon@wsp.com |
| EIS : | SEPT MGMT Let; Certified for Let 02Aug24 BV rcd 24May24 404 permit rcd 27Jun24 PCE Reeval apprvd 02Aug24; PCE Apvd 27Mar24 Nelson/Earhart 06aug24 |
| Engr Services : | WDT: 10JAN2023 rec'd PFPR request. MJS: Scheduled PFPR for 02MAR2023 MJS: Sent out PFPR Report 06MAR2023. MJS: 04APR2023 Accepted PFPR Reponses. WDT: 19FEB2024 rec'd FFPR request. AAG: Sent out FFPR report on 01APR2024. AAG: Accepted FFPR responses on 15MAY2024. WDT: 01JUL2024 rec'd CFFPR plans. |
| Programming : | KYP cost estimate update: CST received 28MAR2024; returned markups to PM 09APR2024. CHANGED TO LUMP SUM TAP ANY AREA 6-12-2024 CHANGED TO LUMP SUM TAP 5K-50K 8-1-2022 PE LS 0016101 #1 3-2022 #2 8-2022 LS 0019376 |
| Utility : | Util Cert 4/25/24 DB; District Requested Certification 04/23/2024 |

| Phase | Approved | Proposed | Lump Yr | Program | Cost | Fund | Status | Date Auth |
|-------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|------|------------|-----------|
| PE | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | LUMP | \$44,690.00 | Y300 | AUTHORIZED | 3/21/19 |
| PE | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | LUMP | \$515,000.00 | Z302 | AUTHORIZED | 3/21/19 |
| CST | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | LUMP | \$4,994,981.00 | Y300 | AUTHORIZED | 8/6/24 |

| COST EST AMTS | | | | STIP AMOUNTS | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------------|------|--|
| PE | \$559,690.00 | 9/12/23 | Activity | Cost | Fund | |
| CST | \$4,994,981.00 | 7/30/24 | PE | \$0.00 | Y300 | |
| | | | PE | \$0.00 | Z302 | |
| | | | CST | \$0.00 | Y300 | |

Project Manager

Other: TAP project. 92% invoiced. PE Charge No. 0019426.
Schd: On BL. CST funds authorized. Next mlsn is 12/11 bid opening.
FFPR Status: Responses approved 5/15.
Lkdwn Plans: Sbmtd 2/20.
404/SBV: 404 approved 6/27. SBV approved 5/24. Mitigation credits n/a.
CFFPR Plans: Sbmtd 7/1.
Final Plans Sub: to GDOT ES 10/2.
UTL: Certified 4/25.
ROW: Certified 3/20.
ENV: Certified 8/2.
CST Auth: ADA to GDOT ES 5/30; DBE 8%; CST funds authorized; Title VI verified 8/8.
PS&E: to GDOT ES 10/2.
CST Est: CST funds authorized.
NTP to Ad: Issued 9/30.
Bid Open: Xpctd 12/11.
CST Agreement to Locals: Xpctd spring 2025.
NTP for CST: Xpctd summer 2025.
11/21/24, MSL/RC



Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner
One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 631-1000 Main Office

ADD DATE

Honorable JoAnne Taylor
City of Dahlonega
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, GA 30533-0810

ATTN: Mark Buchanan

Subject: **Construction Agreement for Execution**
P.I. 0016629, Lumpkin County
City of Dahlonega
SR 9/SR 60 from SR 60BU to N of Yahoola Creek
Morrison Moore Sidewalk and Pedestrian Bridge

Dear Mayor Taylor,

The Department accepts the recommendation from the City of Dahlonega to award **(enter selected Contractor)** the contract for construction services concerning the above referenced project. In addition, the Department is requesting that the City of Dahlonega submit payment for Construction Oversight activities that will be used to fund GDOT staff man-hours and any other associated expenses incurred by any GDOT employee. The estimated amount for the GDOT Construction Oversight is \$15,000.00. Eighty percent of that amount (\$12,000.00) will be paid through federal funding. The remaining 20% (\$3,000.00) is to be paid by the City of Dahlonega. **Please send payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 made out to the Georgia Department of Transportation as follows and include the above P.I. No. on the transaction:**

**For payments made by check:
Georgia Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 932764
Atlanta, GA 31193-2764**

**For payments made by ACH:
Bank Routing (ABA) # 121000248
Account # 297948400000000007**

Please review the attached agreement and if satisfactory, execute the agreement within the Contract Authorization Tracking System (CATS) using the DocuSign® electronic signature system. Once the Department has received the check and the contract agreement, we will execute the contract agreement and issue the City of Dahlonega a Notice to Proceed to Construction.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Department's Project Manager, Michael Lawing, at 678-728-9056.

Sincerely,

Kim W. Nesbitt
State Program Delivery Administrator

KWN:CCV:MSL:MSL
Attachments

Cc: General Accounting, ARBillings@dot.ga.gov
Albert V. Shelby III, Director of Program Delivery
Jason Dykes, District 1 Engineer
Derek Fusco, District 1 Construction Manager

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT
Between
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
and
CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Please indicate which Catalog of Domestic Federal Assistance Number (CFDA) applies to this agreement (Check only one):

- ☒ CFDA # 20.205 - Highway Planning and Construction Cluster
☐ CFDA # 20.219 - Recreational Trails Program

This Construction Agreement, made and entered into this _____ (the "Effective Date"), by and between the GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, an agency of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called the "DEPARTMENT", and CITY OF DAHLONEGA, GEORGIA, hereinafter called the "SPONSOR" (the "Agreement").

WHEREAS, the SPONSOR has been approved by the DEPARTMENT to carry out a Federal-aid Project which consists of the construction of Project P.I. 0016629, hereinafter referred to as the "PROJECT"; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT is authorized to receive federal funding for Projects for Georgia pursuant to provisions of 23 U.S.C. Section 133(b)(8); and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is expected to positively impact the quality of transportation in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT desires to participate with the SPONSOR in the implementation of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the SPONSOR has represented to the DEPARTMENT that it has the authority to receive and expend federal funds for the purpose of this PROJECT and is qualified and experienced to provide such services necessary for the construction of the PROJECT and the DEPARTMENT has relied upon such representations; and

WHEREAS, under Section 32-2-2(a)(7) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A."), the DEPARTMENT is authorized to participate in such an undertaking:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenant contained herein, it is agreed by and between the DEPARTMENT and the SPONSOR THAT:

ARTICLE I
SCOPE AND PROCEDURE

The SCOPE AND PROCEDURE for this PROJECT shall construct along the east side of SR9 / SR60 / US 19 / Morrison Moore Parkway five-foot-wide concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, drainage improvements, and a pedestrian bridge across Yahoola Creek at Lake Zwerner, as set forth in Exhibit A, the "WORK PLAN", which is further defined by the PROJECT estimate sheets ("PROJECT PLANS") on file with the DEPARTMENT and the SPONSOR and referenced as if attached hereto and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

The SPONSOR shall be responsible for assuring that the PROJECT will be economically feasible and based upon sound engineering principles, meet American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials ("AASHTO") Guidelines and will be sensitive to ecological, environmental, and archaeological issues.

The WORK PLAN sets out the scope of work for the PROJECT. It is understood and agreed that the DEPARTMENT shall participate only in the PROJECT as specified in Exhibit "A", WORK PLAN.

The SPONSOR shall work with the Georgia Department of Transportation District 1 to advise the SPONSOR on the WORK PLAN and provide guidance during implementation of the PROJECT.

During the development of the PROJECT the SPONSOR has taken into consideration, as applicable, the DEPARTMENT'S Standard Specifications for the Construction of Roads and Bridges, AASHTO guidelines; Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") guidelines; compliance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior "Standards and Guidelines, Archaeology and Historic Preservation"; compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and with Section 4(f) of the US DOT Act of 1966; compliance with the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Act of 1974; compliance with the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 and with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Georgia Abandoned Cemeteries and Burial Grounds Act of 1991; compliance with the DEPARTMENT's Scenic Byways Designation and Management Program, and with the American Society of Landscape Architect Guidelines; compliance with the Outdoor Advertising Requirements as outlined in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 32-6-70 et.seq. and other standards and guidelines as may be applicable to the PROJECT.

The SPONSOR has acquired rights of way, if required, and related services for the PROJECT in accordance with State and Federal Laws, DEPARTMENT's Right of Way Procedure Manual, Federal Regulations and

particularly Title 23 and 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), as amended. The SPONSOR further acknowledges that no acquisition of rights of way occurred until all applicable archaeological, environmental, and historical preservation clearances were approved.

The SPONSOR shall be solely responsible for construction of the PROJECT and the procurement of and execution of all applicable agreement(s) required to provide for any and all construction services required to construct the PROJECT. Construction shall be accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, 23 CFR 1 (*specifically see also 23 CFR §1.9 (Limitation on Federal Participation) and §1.27 (Maintenance)*) and 23 CFR 645 (Utilities), as well as Section 101 of Title 23 of the United States Code ("USC" or "U.S.C.") (Definitions-Construction) and 23 USC 116 (Maintenance), the DEPARTMENT's Locally Administered Projects ("LAP") Manual, and all applicable design guidelines and policies of the DEPARTMENT in order to produce a cost effective PROJECT. Failure to follow all applicable guidelines and policies will jeopardize the reimbursement of federal funds in some or all categories outlined in this Agreement, and it shall be the responsibility of the SPONSOR for any loss of funding.

The SPONSOR shall ensure that all contracts as well as any subcontracts for the construction of the PROJECT shall comply with the Federal and State legal requirements imposed on the DEPARTMENT and any amendments thereto. The SPONSOR is required and does agree to abide by those provisions governing the DEPARTMENT's authority to contract, specifically, but not limited to Sections 32-2-60 through 32-2-77 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; the DEPARTMENT's Rules and Regulations governing the Prequalification of Prospective Bidders, Chapter 672-5; and the DEPARTMENT's "Standard Specifications", current edition; "Supplemental Specifications Book", current edition; and any Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions as applicable for the PROJECT.

The SPONSOR further agrees to comply with and shall require the compliance and physical incorporation of Federal Form FHWA-1273 into all contracts or subcontracts for construction, as attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B," REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

The SPONSOR shall be solely responsible for letting the PROJECT to construction, for the execution of all applicable agreements, and for securing and awarding the construction contract for the PROJECT.

The work shall be procured by the SPONSOR and subcontracted through the appropriate procurement process to a private contractor or government entity as may be appropriate. If the work is performed by a private contractor, the SPONSOR is responsible for preparing the bid contract documents and letting the work out for bid in accordance with the express limitations provided in this Agreement, the DEPARTMENT's LAP Manual or any other applicable provisions of State law. Upon opening bids, the SPONSOR shall award the PROJECT to the lowest reliable bidder. The SPONSOR shall follow the requirements of the DEPARTMENT's LAP Manual and remain LAP certified during the term of this Agreement.

Prior to award of the PROJECT, the SPONSOR shall submit to the DEPARTMENT a bid tabulation and the SPONSOR's recommendation for awarding the PROJECT. The DEPARTMENT will review the information focusing on budget proposals and issue a written recommendation to award or reject the bids. If a recommendation to award is given by the DEPARTMENT, the DEPARTMENT shall issue a written Notice to Proceed to construction. No work shall begin until this Notice to Proceed has been issued to the SPONSOR.

The SPONSOR will be responsible for performing the construction, inspection, supervision, and documentation. At the discretion of the DEPARTMENT, spot inspection and material testing will be performed by the DEPARTMENT when deemed necessary by the DEPARTMENT and pursuant to the LAP Manual.

ARTICLE II COVENANTS AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The SPONSOR shall comply with all relevant requirements of Federal, State, and local laws including but not limited to those applicable requirements as outlined in Exhibit "B," REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. The SPONSOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the SPONSOR, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the SPONSOR, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the DEPARTMENT shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

ARTICLE III
REVIEW OF WORK

Authorized representatives of the DEPARTMENT and the FHWA, may at all reasonable times review and inspect the activities and data collected under the terms of this Agreement and amendments thereto, including but not limited to, all reports, drawings, studies, specifications, estimates, maps, and computations, prepared by or for the SPONSOR. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right for reviews and acceptance on the part of effected public agencies, railroads, and utilities insofar as the interest of each is concerned.

Acceptance shall not relieve the SPONSOR of its professional obligation to correct, at its expense, any of its errors in the work. The DEPARTMENT's review recommendations shall be incorporated into the work activities of the SPONSOR.

ARTICLE IV
TIME OF PERFORMANCE

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN THIS AGREEMENT. The SPONSOR shall perform its responsibilities for the PROJECT, commencing on receipt of written "Notice to Proceed" from the DEPARTMENT, shall complete the Project no later than 548 Calendar Days after receipt of the written "Notice to Proceed" (based on the construction time). The work shall be carried on in accordance with the schedule attached to this Agreement as Exhibit "C," WORK SCHEDULE, with that unforeseen events may make necessary some minor variations in that schedule.

The work shall be carried on expeditiously, it being understood, however, that this Agreement may be extended or continued in force by mutual consent of the parties and evidenced by a written amendment thereto.

ARTICLE V
RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

The SPONSOR shall, to the extent permitted by law, be responsible for any and all damages to property or persons and shall save harmless the DEPARTMENT, its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims, actions or damages of any nature whatsoever resulting from the negligence of the SPONSOR in the performance of the work under this Agreement.

It is understood by the SPONSOR that claims, damages, losses, and expenses may include monetary claims made by the construction contractor for the PROJECT, and its related facilities, that are a

result of the SPONSOR's negligence or improper representation in the plans.

The SPONSOR shall ensure that the provisions of this Article are included in all contracts and subcontracts.

These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage held by the SPONSOR or the SPONSOR's contractors or subcontractors.

ARTICLE VI INSURANCE

The SPONSOR shall provide insurance under this Agreement as follows:

1. It is understood that the SPONSOR (complete the applicable statement):

☒ shall, obtain coverage from SPONSOR's private insurance company or cause SPONSOR's consultant/contractor to obtain coverage

OR

☐ is self-insured.

Prior to beginning work, the SPONSOR shall furnish to the DEPARTMENT, a copy of the certificates and the endorsement page for the minimum amounts of insurance indicated below in this Article VI (Insurance) of the Agreement.

The SPONSOR shall list the "State of Georgia, its officers, employees and agents, GDOT, 600 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30308" as the certificate holder and as an additional insured. The policy shall protect the SPONSOR and the Georgia Department of Transportation (as an additional insured) from any claims for bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury covered by the indemnification obligations set forth herein throughout the duration of the Agreement. The SPONSOR shall maintain the following insurance coverage during the term of the Agreement, in at least the minimum amounts set forth below, to cover all loss and liability for damages on account of bodily injury, including death therefrom, and injury to or destruction of property caused by or arising from any and all services carried on and any and all work performed by the SPONSOR pursuant to this Agreement:

a) Workers Compensation Insurance (Occurrence) in the amounts of the statutory limits established by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia (A self-insurer must submit a certificate from the Georgia Board of Workers Compensation stating that the SPONSOR qualifies to pay its own workers compensation claims.) In addition, the SPONSOR shall require all subcontractors occupying the premises or performing work under the Agreement to obtain an insurance certificate showing

proof of Workers Compensation Coverage with the following minimum coverage:

- (1) Bodily injury by accident - per employee \$100,000;
- (2) Bodily injury by disease - per employee \$100,000;
- (3) Bodily injury by disease - policy limit \$500,000.

b) Commercial General Liability Policy with at least the following minimum coverage:

- (1) Each Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000
- (2) Personal & Advertising Injury Limit \$1,000,000
- (3) General Aggregate Limit \$3,000,000
- (4) Products/Completed Ops. Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000

c) Automobile Liability with at least the minimum coverage:

- (1) Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000 to cover vehicles, owned, leased or rented by the SPONSOR.

B. Insurance Certificates and General Requirements: Certificates must reference the contract number. No contract performance shall occur unless and until the required insurance certificates are provided. The insurance certificate must document that the liability coverage purchased by the SPONSOR includes contractual liability coverage to insure the indemnity agreement as stated in herein. In addition, the insurance certificate must provide the following information:

1. Name, address, signature and telephone number of authorized agents.
2. Name and address of insured.
3. Name of Insurance Company.
4. Description of coverage in standard terminology.
5. Policy number, policy period and limits of liability.
6. Name and address of State Agency as certificate holder.
7. Thirty (30) day written notice of cancellation.
8. Details of any special policy exclusions.

C. Excess Liability Coverage: To achieve the appropriate coverage levels, a combination of a specific policy written with an umbrella policy covering liabilities above stated limits is acceptable.

D. The foregoing policies shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled, or not renewed or allowed to lapse for any reason until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the DEPARTMENT. Certificates of Insurance showing such coverage to be in force shall be filed with GDOT prior to commencement of any work under the Agreement. The foregoing policies shall be obtained from insurance companies licensed to do business in Georgia and shall be with companies acceptable to GDOT, which must have a minimum A.M. Best rating of A-. All such

coverage shall remain in full force and effect during the term and any renewal or extension thereof.

E. No Waiver of Subrogation: There is no waiver of subrogation rights by either party with respect to insurance. If and to the extent such damage or loss (including costs and expenses) as covered by the indemnification set forth herein is paid by the State Tort Claims Trust Fund, the State Authority Liability Trust Fund, the State Employee Broad Form Liability Fund, the State Insurance and Hazard Reserve Fund, and other self-insured funds established and maintained by the State of Georgia Department of Administrative Services Risk Management Division or any successor agency (all such funds hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Funds"), in satisfaction of any liability, whether established by judgment or settlement, the SPONSOR agrees to reimburse the Funds for such monies paid out by the Funds.

ARTICLE VII COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

It is agreed that the compensation hereinafter specified includes both direct and indirect costs chargeable to the PROJECT under generally accepted accounting principles and as allowed in the Federal Acquisition Regulations ("FAR") Subpart 31.6 and not prohibited by the Laws of the State of Georgia.

It is understood and agreed that the total estimated construction cost of the PROJECT as outlined in this Article and as shown in Exhibit "D," BUDGET ESTIMATE, attached hereto and incorporated as if fully set out herein, is **Low Bid amount written out X dollars and Y cents** (\$000,000.00). The total estimated cost of the PROJECT to be financed using Federal programmed funds through the Georgia Department of Transportation is **Federal Share written out X dollars and Y cents** (\$000,000.00), which is the total **Federal** contribution to the PROJECT and is the maximum amount of the DEPARTMENT's obligation. The approved PROJECT budget shall include any claims by the SPONSOR for all costs incurred by the SPONSOR in the conduct of the entire scope of work for the PROJECT.

The SPONSOR shall be solely responsible for any and all amounts in excess of the federal contribution. In no event shall the Federal/State contribution of the project exceed **Federal Share written out X dollars and Y cents** (\$000,000.00), which is the DEPARTMENT'S maximum obligation.

It is understood and agreed that nothing in the foregoing shall prevent an adjustment of the estimate of the PROJECT costs, provided that the DEPARTMENT's maximum obligation under this Agreement is not

exceeded and that the original intent of the PROJECT is not substantially altered from the approved PROJECT. In order to adjust said budget estimate, it is also understood that the SPONSOR shall request any and all budget changes in writing and that the DEPARTMENT shall approve or disapprove the requested budget estimate change in writing.

The SPONSOR shall submit to the DEPARTMENT monthly reports of the PROJECT's progress to include a report on what was accomplished during the month, anticipated work to be done during the next month and any problems encountered or anticipated. Payment on account of the above fee will be made monthly on the basis of calendar months, in proportion to the percentage of the work completed for each phase of work. Payments shall be made after approval of a certified voucher from the SPONSOR. Upon the basis of its review of such vouchers, the DEPARTMENT shall, at the request of the SPONSOR, make payment to the SPONSOR as the work progresses, but not more often than once a month. Should the work for the PROJECT begin within any one month, the first voucher shall cover the partial period from the beginning date of the work through the last date of the month in which it began. The vouchers shall be numbered consecutively and subsequent vouchers submitted each month until the work is completed. Payment will be made in the amount of sums earned less previous partial payments. The final invoice shall reflect the actual cost of work accomplished by the SPONSOR under the terms of this Agreement, and shall be the basis for final payment.

No expense for travel shall be an allowable expense for the SPONSOR under this Agreement unless such travel is listed in the approved PROJECT budget submitted by the SPONSOR to the DEPARTMENT. In addition, budgeted costs for travel shall be limited to the amount included in the approved PROJECT budget, unless prior DEPARTMENT approval is obtained for increasing such amount.

Should the work under this Agreement be terminated by the DEPARTMENT, pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE XIV, the SPONSOR shall be paid based upon the percentage of work completed at the point of termination, notwithstanding any just claims by the SPONSOR.

ARTICLE VIII FINAL PAYMENT

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that upon completion of the work by the SPONSOR and acceptance by the DEPARTMENT of the work, including the receipt of any final written submission by the SPONSOR and a final statement of costs, the DEPARTMENT shall pay to the SPONSOR a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total compensation as set forth

in all approved invoices, less the total of all previous partial payments, paid or in the process of payment.

The SPONSOR agrees that acceptance of this final payment shall be in full and final settlement of all claims arising against the DEPARTMENT for work done, materials furnished, costs incurred, or otherwise arising out of this Agreement and shall release the DEPARTMENT from any and all further claims of whatever nature, whether known or unknown, for and on account of said Agreement, and for any and all work done, and labor and materials furnished, in connection with the same.

The SPONSOR will allow examination and verification of costs by the DEPARTMENT's representatives before final payment is made, in accordance with the provisions of Article XII, herein. If the DEPARTMENT'S examination of the contract cost records, as provided for in Article XII, results in unallowable expenses, the SPONSOR shall immediately be responsible for reimbursing the DEPARTMENT the full amount of such disallowed expenses.

ARTICLE IX CONTINGENT INTEREST

The DEPARTMENT shall retain a contingent interest in the PROJECT for as long as there continues a Federal interest in the PROJECT as determined by the DEPARTMENT's calculation of the economic life of the PROJECT. Based on the scope of work, as set forth in Exhibit "A," WORK PLAN, the DEPARTMENT has determined the economic life of the PROJECT to be five years from the date of the PROJECT Final Acceptance.

ARTICLE X RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

A determination by the SPONSOR to sell or dispose of the PROJECT shall entitle the DEPARTMENT to the right of first refusal to purchase or lease the PROJECT at net liquidation value. Such right of first refusal shall be retained for as long as the DEPARTMENT holds a contingent interest in the PROJECT pursuant to Article IX of this Agreement.

Should the DEPARTMENT elect to purchase or lease the PROJECT at any time after completion of the PROJECT no compensation shall be provided for the value added as a result of the PROJECT.

ARTICLE XI

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES

No material changes in the scope, character, complexity, or duration of the PROJECT from those required under the Agreement shall be allowed without the execution of a Supplemental Agreement between the DEPARTMENT and SPONSOR.

Minor changes in the work which do not involve increased compensation, extensions of time, or changes in the goals and objectives of the PROJECT, may be made by written notification of such change by either party with written approval by the other party.

ARTICLE XII MAINTENANCE OF CONTRACT COST RECORDS

The SPONSOR shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred on the PROJECT and used in support of its proposal and shall make such material available at all reasonable times during the period of the Agreement, and for three years from the date of final payment under the Agreement, for inspection by the DEPARTMENT and any reviewing agencies, and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request. The SPONSOR agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any Agreement it may make with any subcontractor, assignee, or transferee.

An Audit of the Agreement shall be provided by the SPONSOR. The audit shall be conducted by an independent accountant or accounting firm in accordance with audit requirements, 49 CFR 18.26 and OMB Circular 128 or any revision or supplement thereto. PROJECT costs shall be documented within the OMB Circular 128 audit. An audit shall be submitted to the DEPARTMENT in a timely manner in each of the SPONSOR's fiscal years for the period of the Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII SUBLETTING, ASSIGNMENT, OR TRANSFER

It is understood by the parties to this Agreement that the work of the SPONSOR is considered personal by the DEPARTMENT. The SPONSOR agrees not to assign, sublet, or transfer any or all of its interest in this Agreement without prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to review all subcontracts prepared in connection with the Agreement, and the SPONSOR agrees that it shall submit to the DEPARTMENT proposed subcontract documents

together with sub-contractor cost estimates for the DEPARTMENT's review and written concurrence in advance of their execution.

All subcontracts in the amount of \$10,000.00 or more shall include the provisions set forth in this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIV TERMINATION

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time for just cause, or for any cause upon 30 days written notice to the SPONSOR, notwithstanding any just claims by the SPONSOR for payment of services rendered prior to the date of termination.

It is understood by the parties hereto that should the DEPARTMENT terminate this Agreement prior to the completion of an element of work the SPONSOR shall be reimbursed for such work element based upon the percentage of work completed up to and including the date of termination set forth in the notice.

Failure to meet the time set for completion of an approved work authorization, may be considered just cause for termination of the Agreement.

ARTICLE XV OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

The SPONSOR agrees that all reports, drawings, studies, specifications, survey notes, estimates, maps, computations, computer files and other data, prepared by or for it under the terms of this Agreement shall remain the property of the SPONSOR upon termination or completion of the work. The DEPARTMENT shall have the right to use the same without restriction or limitation and without additional compensation to the SPONSOR other than that provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVI CONTRACT DISPUTES

This Agreement shall be deemed to have been executed in Fulton County, Georgia, and all questions of interpretation and construction shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE XVII COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

- A. The undersigned certify that the provisions of Section 45-10-20 through 45-10-28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to Conflict of Interest and State employees and officials trading with the State have been complied with in full.
- B. IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the SPONSOR shall comply and shall require its subcontractors to comply with the regulations for COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, as amended, and 23 CFR 200, as stated in Exhibit "E" of this Agreement.
- C. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that the provisions of Section 50- 24-1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to the "Drug-Free Workplace Act" have been complied with in full, as stated in Exhibit "F" of this Agreement.
- D. The SPONSOR acknowledges and agrees that failure to complete appropriate certifications or the submission of a false certification shall result in the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article XIV.
- E. IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the SPONSOR shall subcontract a minimum of eight percent (8%) of the total amount of PROJECT funds to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) as defined and provided for under the Federal Rules and Regulations 49 CFR parts 23 and 26. The SPONSOR shall ensure that DBE firms are certified with the DEPARTMENT's Equal Employment Opportunity Office. The SPONSOR shall submit to the DEPARTMENT for its review and concurrence, a copy of the proposed subcontract including the name of the DBE subcontractor.
- F. IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the SPONSOR shall comply and shall require its subcontractors to comply with all applicable requirements of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12101 et.seq. and 49 U.S.C. 322; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 791; and regulations and amendments thereto.
- G. IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the SPONSOR shall, and shall require its contractors and subcontractors to, comply with all applicable requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931, 40 U.S.C. 276(a); as prescribed by 23 U.S.C. 113, for Federal-aid highway projects, except roadways classified as local roads or rural minor collectors.

- H. IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the SPONSOR shall, and shall require its contractors and subcontractors to, comply with Title 25, Section 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act, CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 1-800-282-7411.
- I. IT IS FURTHER AGREED that SPONSOR shall, and shall require its contractors and subcontractors to, comply with the "Certification of Compliance with the State of Georgia's Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy," as stated in Exhibit H of this Agreement.
- J. IT IS FURTHER AGREED that by signing and submitting this Agreement and pursuant to Section 50-5-85 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, SPONSOR hereby certifies that is not currently engaged in, and agrees that for the duration of this contract, it will not engage in a boycott of Israel.

The covenants herein contained shall, except as otherwise provided, accrue to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE XVIII
MISCELLANEOUS

- A. NOTICE. Notices given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the DEPARTMENT or SPONSOR by delivering them in person, via email, or by depositing it in the U.S. mail postage prepaid, addressed to the appropriate Party.
- B. ASSIGNMENT. Except as herein provided, the parties hereto will not transfer or assign all or any of their rights, titles or interests hereunder or delegate any of their duties or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.
- C. NONWAIVER. No failure of either party to exercise any right or power given to such party under this Agreement, or to insist upon strict compliance by the other party with the provisions of this Agreement, and no custom or practice of either party at variance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, will constitute a waiver of either party's right to demand exact and strict compliance by the other party with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- D. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as conferring upon or giving to any person, other than the Parties hereto, any rights or benefits under or by reason of this Agreement. This Agreement is made and entered into for the sole protection and benefit of the DEPARTMENT, and their respective successors, executors, administrators, and assigns. No other persons, firms, entities, or parties shall have any rights, or standing to assert any rights, under this Agreement in any manner.

- E. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no term or condition of this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protection, or other provisions under the Georgia Constitution.

- F. CONTINUITY. Each of the provisions of this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit and detriment of the parties and the successors and assigns of the parties.

- G. WHEREAS CLAUSE AND EXHIBITS. The Whereas Clauses and Exhibits hereto are a part of this Agreement and are incorporated herein by reference.

- H. SEVERABILITY. If any one or more of the provisions contained herein are for any reason held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement will be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

- I. INTERPRETATION. Should any provision of this Agreement require judicial interpretation, it is agreed that the court interpreting or construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against one party by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be construed more strictly against the party who itself or through its agent prepared the same, it being agreed that the agents of all parties have participated in the preparation hereof.

- J. EXECUTION. Each of the individuals executing this Agreement represents that they are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of their respective entities.

- K. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed and delivered in counterparts, and if so executed, shall become effective when a counterpart has been executed and delivered by all Parties hereto. All counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement and shall be fully enforceable as such. Delivery of counterparts via facsimile transmission or via email with scanned attachment shall be effective as if originals thereof were delivered.

- L. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, discussion, statements and agreements between the Parties and constitutes the full, complete and entire agreement between the Parties with respect hereto; no member, officer, employee or agent of either party has authority to make, or has made, any statement, agreement, representation or contemporaneous agreement, oral or written, in connection herewith, amending, supplementing, modifying, adding to, deleting from, or changing the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No modification of or amendment to this Agreement will be binding on either party hereto unless such modification or amendment will be properly authorized, in writing, properly signed by both parties and incorporated in and by reference made a part hereof.

- M. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) REQUIREMENTS. This PROJECT may contain an OJT requirement. As such, the SPONSOR shall comply, and require its contractors and subcontractors to comply, with all requirements of 23 CFR 230.111, the DEPARTMENT's OJT Policy and On-the-Job Training Program Manual, and all related amendments thereto. This PROJECT has a specified OJT goal of one thousand (1,000) hours.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above first written.

Georgia Department of Transportation CITY OF DAHLONEGA, Georgia

By: _____ (Seal)
Commissioner

By: _____ (Seal)
Mayor

Name: JoAnne Taylor

Signed, sealed and delivered
This _____,
in the presence of:

Attest:

Treasurer

Witness

Name: _____

Title: _____

Notary Public (Notary Seal)

Name: _____

Title: _____

This Agreement, approved by
CITY OF DAHLONEGA, the date

Attest:

Name and Title

58-6000555
Federal Employer Identification
Number

EXHIBITS

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| Exhibit A | Work Plan |
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EXHIBIT A

WORK PLAN

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

P.I. No. 0016629

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

General Description or List of Work to be Performed

1. Traffic Control
2. Demo existing concrete and asphalt
3. Install drainage
4. Install new sidewalk and curb and gutter
5. Pedestrian bridge
6. Erosion Control

EXHIBIT B**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS
FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
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- IV. Davis-Bacon and Related Act Provisions
- V. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act Provisions
- VI. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
- VII. Safety: Accident Prevention
- VIII. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- IX. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- X. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
- XI. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying
- XII. Use of United States-Flag Vessels:

ATTACHMENTS

A. Employment and Materials Preference for Appalachian Development Highway System or Appalachian Local Access Road Contracts (included in Appalachian contracts only)

I. GENERAL

1. Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated in each construction contract funded under Title 23, United States Code, as required in 23 CFR 633.102(b) (excluding emergency contracts solely intended for debris removal). The contractor (or subcontractor) must insert this form in each subcontract and further require its inclusion in all lower tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services). 23 CFR 633.102(e).

The applicable requirements of Form FHWA-1273 are incorporated by reference for work done under any purchase order, rental agreement or agreement for other services. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider. 23 CFR 633.102(e).

Form FHWA-1273 must be included in all Federal-aid design-build contracts, in all subcontracts and in lower tier subcontracts (excluding subcontracts for design services, purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services) in accordance with 23 CFR 633.102. The design-builder shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor, lower-tier subcontractor or service provider.

Contracting agencies may reference Form FHWA-1273 in bid solicitation-for-bids or request-for-proposals documents, however, the Form FHWA-1273 must be physically incorporated (not referenced) in all contracts, subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (excluding purchase orders, rental agreements and other agreements for supplies or services related to a construction contract). 23 CFR 633.102(b).

2. Subject to the applicability criteria noted in the following sections, these contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the contract by the contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the contractor's immediate superintendence and to all work performed on the contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract. 23 CFR 633.102(d).

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions may be sufficient grounds for withholding of progress payments, withholding of final payment, termination of the contract, suspension / debarment or any other action determined to be appropriate by the contracting agency and FHWA.

4. Selection of Labor: During the performance of this contract, the contractor shall not use convict labor for any purpose within the limits of a construction project on a Federal-aid highway unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation. 23 U.S.C. 114(b). The term Federal-aid highway does not include roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors. 23 U.S.C. 101(a).

II. NONDISCRIMINATION (23 CFR 230.107(a); 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A; EO 11246)

The provisions of this section related to 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A are applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of \$10,000 or more. The provisions of 23 CFR Part 230 are not applicable to material supply, engineering, or architectural service contracts.

In addition, the contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the following policies: Executive Order 11246, 41 CFR 60, 29 CFR 1625-1627, 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with: the requirements of the Equal Opportunity Clause in 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) and, for all construction contracts exceeding \$10,000, the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications in 41 CFR 60-4.3.

Note: The U.S. Department of Labor has exclusive authority to determine compliance with Executive Order 11246 and the policies of the Secretary of Labor including 41 CFR 60, and 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627. The contracting agency and the FHWA have the authority and the responsibility to ensure compliance with 23 U.S.C. 140, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), and related regulations including 49 CFR Parts 21, 26 and 27; and 23 CFR Parts 200, 230, and 633.

The following provision is adopted from 23 CFR Part 230, Subpart A, Appendix A, with appropriate revisions to conform to the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL) and FHWA requirements.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity: Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements do not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (see 28 CFR Part 35, 29 CFR Part 1630, 29 CFR Parts 1625-1627, 41 CFR Part 60 and 49 CFR Part 27) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140, shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the contractor's project activities under this contract. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) set forth under 28 CFR Part 35 and 29 CFR Part 1630 are incorporated by reference in this

contract. In the execution of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The contractor will work with the contracting agency and the Federal Government to ensure that it has made every good faith effort to provide equal opportunity with respect to all of its terms and conditions of employment and in their review of activities under the contract. 23 CFR 230.409 (g)(4) & (5).

b. The contractor will accept as its operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: 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, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. EEO Officer: The contractor will designate and make known to the contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active EEO program and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. Dissemination of Policy: All members of the contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action or are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of and will implement the contractor's EEO policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer or other knowledgeable company official.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minorities and women.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. Recruitment: When advertising for employees, the contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minorities and women in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield

qualified minorities and women. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority and women applicants may be referred to the contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, the contractor is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system meets the contractor's compliance with EEO contract provisions. Where implementation of such an agreement has the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Federal nondiscrimination provisions.

c. The contractor will encourage its present employees to refer minorities and women as applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring such applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to ensure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the contractor in connection with its obligations under this contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the contractor will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minorities and women who are applicants for employment or current employees. Such efforts should be aimed at developing full journey level status employees in the type of trade or job classification involved.

b. Consistent with the contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the contractor shall make full use of training programs (i.e., apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance). In the event a special provision for training is provided under this contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision. The contracting agency may reserve training positions for persons who receive welfare assistance in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 140(a).

c. The contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of employees who are minorities and women and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. Unions: If the contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the contractor will use good faith efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minorities and women. 23 CFR 230.409. Actions by the contractor, either directly or through a contractor's association acting as agent, will include the procedures set forth below:

1. The contractor will use good faith efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minorities and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minorities and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability.

c. The contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the contractor, the contractor shall so certify to the contracting agency and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the contractor with a reasonable flow of referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minorities and women. The failure of a union to provide sufficient referrals (even though it is obligated to provide exclusive referrals under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement) does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of this paragraph. In the event the union referral practice prevents the contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these special provisions, such contractor shall immediately notify the contracting agency.

8. Reasonable Accommodation for Applicants / Employees with Disabilities: The contractor must be familiar with the requirements for and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and all rules and regulations established thereunder. Employers must provide reasonable accommodation in all employment activities unless to do so would cause an undue hardship.

9. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure nondiscrimination in the administration of this contract.

a. The contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers and lessors of their EEO obligations under this contract.

b. The contractor will use good faith efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

10. Assurances Required:

a. The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 and the State DOT's FHWA-approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program are incorporated by reference.

2. The contractor, subrecipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate, which may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Withholding monthly progress payments;
- (2) Assessing sanctions;
- (3) Liquidated damages; and/or
- (4) Disqualifying the contractor from future bidding as non-responsible.

3. The Title VI and nondiscrimination provisions of U.S. DOT Order 1050.2A at Appendixes A and E are incorporated by reference. 49 CFR Part 21.

11. Records and Reports: The contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years following the date of the final payment to the contractor for all contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the contracting agency and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number and work hours of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women; and

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minorities and women;

b. The contractors and subcontractors will submit an annual report to the contracting agency each July for the duration of the project indicating the number of minority, women, and non-minority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. The staffing data should represent the project work force on board in all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the contractor will be required to collect and report training data. The employment data should reflect the work force on board during all or any part of the last payroll period preceding the end of July.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related construction subcontracts of more than \$10,000. 41 CFR 60-1.5.

As prescribed by 41 CFR 60-1.8, the contractor must ensure that facilities provided for employees are provided in such a manner that segregation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin cannot result. The contractor may neither require such segregated use by written or

oral policies nor tolerate such use by employee custom. The contractor's obligation extends further to ensure that its employees are not assigned to perform their services at any location under the contractor's control where the facilities are segregated. The term "facilities" includes waiting rooms, work areas, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, restrooms, washrooms, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing provided for employees. The contractor shall provide separate or single-user restrooms and necessary dressing or sleeping areas to assure privacy between sexes.

IV. DAVIS-BACON AND RELATED ACT PROVISIONS

This section is applicable to all Federal-aid construction projects exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts and lower-tier subcontracts (regardless of subcontract size), in accordance with 29 CFR 5.5. The requirements apply to all projects located within the right-of-way of a roadway that is functionally classified as Federal-aid highway. 23 U.S.C. 113. This excludes roadways functionally classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt. 23 U.S.C. 101. Where applicable law requires that projects be treated as a project on a Federal-aid highway, the provisions of this subpart will apply regardless of the location of the project. Examples include: Surface Transportation Block Grant Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 133 [excluding recreational trails projects], the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 117, and National Highway Freight Program projects funded under 23 U.S.C. 167.

The following provisions are from the U.S. Department of Labor regulations in 29 CFR 5.5 "Contract provisions and related matters" with minor revisions to conform to the FHWA-1273 format and FHWA program requirements.

1. Minimum wages (29 CFR 5.5)

a. All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work, will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph 1.d. of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under paragraph 1.b. of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH—1321) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the

site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

b. (1) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(i) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination; and

(ii) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(iii) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(2) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(3) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(4) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraphs 1.b.(2) or 1.b.(3) of this section, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

c. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

d. If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2. Withholding (29 CFR 5.5)

The contracting agency 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 the contractor under this contract, or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally- assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the contracting agency may, after written notice to the contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. Payrolls and basic records (29 CFR 5.5)

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis- Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

b. (1) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the contracting agency. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g., the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH—347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to the contracting agency for transmission to the State DOT, the FHWA or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the contracting agency.

(2) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(i) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii), the appropriate information is being maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), and that such information is correct and complete;

(ii) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR part 3;

(iii) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(3) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH—347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 3.b.(2) of this section.

(4) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 231.

c. The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 3.a. of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the contracting agency, the State DOT, the FHWA, or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the FHWA may, after written notice to the contractor, the contracting agency or the State DOT, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. Apprentices and trainees (29 CFR 5.5)

a. Apprentices (programs of the USDOL).

Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the

registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination.

Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

b. Trainees (programs of the USDOL).

Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. Equal employment opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

d. Apprentices and Trainees (programs of the U.S. DOT).

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. 23 CFR 230.111(e)(2). The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

6. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert Form FHWA-1273 in any subcontracts and also require the subcontractors to include Form FHWA-1273 in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5.

7. Contract termination: debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract as provided in 29 CFR 5.5.

9. Disputes concerning labor standards. As provided in 29 CFR 5.5, disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of eligibility (29 CFR 5.5)

a. By entering into this contract, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

b. No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

c. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

V. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

Pursuant to 29 CFR 5.5(b), the following clauses apply to any Federal-aid construction contract in an amount in excess of \$100,000 and subject to the overtime provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. These clauses shall be inserted in addition to the clauses required by 29 CFR 5.5(a) or

29 CFR 4.6. As used in this paragraph, the terms laborers and mechanics include watchmen and guards.

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek. 29 CFR 5.5.

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 currently provided in 29 CFR 5.5(b)(2)* 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. 29 CFR 5.5.

* \$27 as of January 23, 2019 (See 84 FR 213-01, 218) as may be adjusted annually by the Department of Labor; pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990).

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The FHWA or the contracting agency 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. 29 CFR 5.5.

4. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 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. 29 CFR 5.5.

VI. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts on the National Highway System pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116.

1. The contractor shall perform with its own organization contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the contract) of the total original contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the contracting agency. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635.116).

a. The term "perform work with its own organization" in paragraph 1 of Section VI refers to workers employed or leased by the prime contractor, and equipment owned or rented by the prime contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor, agents of the prime contractor, or any other assignees. The term may include payments for the costs of hiring leased employees from an employee leasing firm meeting all relevant Federal and State regulatory requirements. Leased employees may only be included in this term if the prime contractor meets all of the following conditions: (based on longstanding interpretation)

- (1) the prime contractor maintains control over the supervision of the day-to-day activities of the leased employees;
- (2) the prime contractor remains responsible for the quality of the work of the leased employees;
- (3) the prime contractor retains all power to accept or exclude individual employees from work on the project; and
- (4) the prime contractor remains ultimately responsible for the payment of predetermined minimum wages, the submission of payrolls, statements of compliance and all other Federal regulatory requirements.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid or propose on the contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall contract. 23 CFR 635.102.

2. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(a), the contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of Section VI is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the contractor under the contract provisions.

3. Pursuant to 23 CFR 635.116(c), the contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the contract.

4. No portion of the contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the contract. Written consent will be given only after the contracting agency has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the prime contract. (based on long- standing interpretation of 23 CFR 635.116).

5. The 30-percent self-performance requirement of paragraph (1) is not applicable to design-build contracts; however, contracting agencies may establish their own self-performance requirements. 23 CFR 635.116(d).

VII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

1. In the performance of this contract the contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR Part 635). The contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the

contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the contract. 23 CFR 635.108.

2. It is a condition of this contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the contractor enters into pursuant to this contract, that the contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR Part 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704). 29 CFR 1926.10.

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3704).

VIII. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts.

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by engineers, contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, Form FHWA-1022 shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR Part 635) in one or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 11, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (42 U.S.C. 7606; 2 CFR 200.88; EO 11738)

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts in excess of \$150,000 and to all related subcontracts. 48 CFR 2.101; 2 CFR 200.326.

By submission of this bid/proposal or the execution of this contract or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, proposer, Federal-aid construction contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II.

The contractor agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of this Section in every subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements. 2 CFR 200.326.

X. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, consultant contracts or any other covered transaction requiring FHWA approval or that is estimated to cost \$25,000 or more — as defined in 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

1. Instructions for Certification – First Tier Participants:

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective first tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective first tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective first tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction. 2 CFR 180.320.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the contracting agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the contracting agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default. 2 CFR 180.325.

d. The prospective first tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the contracting agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective first tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.345 and 180.350.

e. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900-180.1020, and 1200. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such

as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

f. The prospective first tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction. 2 CFR 180.330.

g. The prospective first tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by the department or contracting agency, entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 180.300.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. 2 CFR 180.300; 180.320, and 180.325. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. 2 CFR 180.335. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<http://www.sam.gov/>). 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, and 180.325.

i. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require the establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of the prospective participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (l) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.325.

2. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion — First Tier Participants:

a. The prospective first tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.335;

(2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting

to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property, 2 CFR 180.800;

(3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (a)(2) of this certification, 2 CFR 180.700 and 180.800; and

(4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default. 2 CFR 180.335(d).

(5) Are not a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(6) Are not a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements).

b. Where the prospective participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal. 2 CFR 180.335 and 180.340.

2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Participants:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders, and other lower tier transactions requiring prior FHWA approval or estimated to cost \$25,000 or more - 2 CFR Parts 180 and 1200). 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department, or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

c. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. 2 CFR 180.365.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "participant," "person," "principal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR Parts 180, Subpart I, 180.900 — 180.1020, and 1200. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations. "First Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction between a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds and a participant (such as the prime or general contract). "Lower Tier Covered Transactions" refers to any covered transaction under a First Tier Covered Transaction (such as subcontracts). "First Tier

Participant" refers to the participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a recipient or subrecipient of Federal funds (such as the prime or general contractor). "Lower Tier Participant" refers any participant who has entered into a covered transaction with a First Tier Participant or other Lower Tier Participants (such as subcontractors and suppliers).

e. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated. 2 CFR 1200.220 and 1200.332.

f. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions exceeding the \$25,000 threshold. 2 CFR 180.220 and 1200.220.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any lower tier prospective participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management website (<https://www.sam.gov/>), which is compiled by the General Services Administration. 2 CFR 180.300, 180.320, 180.330, and 180.335.

h. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment. 2 CFR 180.325.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Participants:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals:

(a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency, 2 CFR 180.355;

(b) is a corporation that has been convicted of a felony violation under any Federal law within the two-year period preceding this proposal (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements); and

(c) is a corporation with any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted, or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability. (USDOT Order 4200.6 implementing appropriations act requirements)

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant should attach an explanation to this proposal.

XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000. 49 CFR Part 20, App. A.

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. 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 any Federal 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.

b. 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 Federal 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.

2. 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 31 U.S.C. 1352. 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.

3. The prospective participant also agrees by submitting its bid or proposal that the participant shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

XII. USE OF UNITED STATES-FLAG VESSELS:

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts, design-build contracts, subcontracts, lower-tier subcontracts, purchase orders, lease agreements, or any other covered transaction. 46 CFR Part 381.

This requirement applies to material or equipment that is acquired for a specific Federal-aid highway project. 46 CFR 381.7. It is not applicable to goods or materials that come into inventories independent of an FHWA funded-contract.

When oceanic shipments (or shipments across the Great Lakes) are necessary for materials or equipment acquired for a specific

Federal-aid construction project, the bidder, proposer, contractor, subcontractor, or vendor agrees:

1. To utilize privately owned United States-flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, material, or commodities pursuant to this contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-flag commercial vessels. 46 CFR 381.7.

2. To furnish within 20 days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States or within 30 working days following the date of loading for shipments originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, 'on-board' commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section to both the Contracting Officer (through the prime contractor in the case of subcontractor bills-of-lading) and to the Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift (MAR-620), Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. (MARAD requires copies of the ocean carrier's (master) bills of lading, certified onboard, dated, with rates and charges. These bills of lading may contain business sensitive information and therefore may be submitted directly to MARAD by the Ocean Transportation Intermediary on behalf of the contractor). 46 CFR 381.7.

ATTACHMENT A - EMPLOYMENT AND MATERIALS PREFERENCE FOR APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM OR APPALACHIAN LOCAL ACCESS ROAD CONTRACTS

This provision is applicable to all Federal-aid projects funded under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

1. During the performance of this contract, the contractor undertaking to do work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work, shall give preference to qualified persons who regularly reside in the labor area as designated by the DOL wherein the contract work is situated, or the subregion, or the Appalachian counties of the State wherein the contract work is situated, except:

- a. To the extent that qualified persons regularly residing in the area are not available.
- b. For the reasonable needs of the contractor to employ supervisory or specially experienced personnel necessary to assure an efficient execution of the contract work.
- c. For the obligation of the contractor to offer employment to present or former employees as the result of a lawful collective bargaining contract, provided that the number of nonresident persons employed under this subparagraph (1c) shall not exceed 20 percent of the total number of employees employed by the contractor on the contract work, except as provided in subparagraph (4) below.

2. The contractor shall place a job order with the State Employment Service indicating (a) the classifications of the laborers, mechanics and other employees required to perform the contract work, (b) the number of employees required in each classification, (c) the date on which the participant estimates such employees will be required, and (d) any other pertinent information required by the State Employment Service to complete the job order form. The job order may be placed with the State Employment Service in writing or by telephone. If during the course of the contract work, the information submitted by the contractor in the original job order is substantially modified, the participant shall promptly notify the State Employment Service.

3. The contractor shall give full consideration to all qualified job applicants referred to him by the State Employment Service. The contractor is not required to grant employment to any job applicants who, in his opinion, are not qualified to perform the classification of work required.

4. If, within one week following the placing of a job order by the contractor with the State Employment Service, the State Employment Service is unable to refer any qualified job applicants to the contractor, or less than the number requested, the State Employment Service will forward a certificate to the contractor indicating the unavailability of applicants. Such certificate shall be made a part of the contractor's permanent project records. Upon receipt of this certificate, the contractor may employ persons who do not normally reside in the labor area to fill positions covered by the certificate, notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1c) above.

5. The provisions of 23 CFR 633.207(e) allow the contracting agency to provide a contractual preference for the use of mineral resource materials native to the Appalachian region.

6. The contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 1 through 4 of this Attachment A in every subcontract for work which is, or reasonably may be, done as on-site work.

EXHIBIT C

WORK SCHEDULE

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

P.I. No. 0016629

Project work to begin within six months of receiving the approved signed contract and Notice to Proceed. Sponsor is required to adhere to Section 6 of the LAP Manual regarding the start of work and invoice timing.

Construction will be completed by date stated in Article IV, Time of Performance of the Agreement.

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| Award contract | DATE |
| Construction NTP | DATE |
| Corrective List | DATE |
| Final inspection | DATE |

EXHIBIT D

BUDGET ESTIMATE

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

P.I. No. 0016629

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EXHIBIT E

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

During the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), agrees as follows:

1. Compliance with Regulations: The Contractor will comply with the Regulations of the Department of Transportation relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, hereinafter referred to as the Regulations [also 49 CFR Part 27]), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. Nondiscrimination: The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it after award and prior to completion of the contract work, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in the selection and retention of subcontractors including procurement of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor will not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program, set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations. In addition, the Contractor will not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by 23 CFR 710.405(b).
3. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurement of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiations made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurement of materials or equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex.
4. Information and Reports: The Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Regulations, or orders and instructions issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the State Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to

the State Department of Transportation, or the Federal Highway Administration as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

5. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the State Department of Transportation shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or
 - b. cancellation, termination or suspension of this contract, in whole or in part.
6. Incorporation of Provisions: The Contractor will include the provision of paragraphs (1) through (6) in every subcontract, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, order, or instructions issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the State Department of Transportation or the Federal Highway Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the State to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

EXHIBIT F

CERTIFICATION OF SPONSOR

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

I hereby certify that I am a principle and duly authorized representative of City of Dahlonega whose address is 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, Georgia, 30533-0810 and it is also that:

1. The provisions of Section 50-24-1 through 50-24-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Drug-Free Workplace Act" have been complied with in full; and,
2. A drug-free workplace will be provided for the sponsor's employees during the performance of the contract; and,
3. Each subcontractor hired by the SPONSOR shall be required to ensure that the subcontractor's employees are provided a drug-free workplace. The SPONSOR shall secure from that subcontractor the following written certification: "As part of the subcontracting agreement with _____, _____ certifies to the SPONSOR that a drug-free workplace will be provided for the subcontractor's employees during the performance of this contract pursuant to paragraph (7) of subsection (b) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 50-24-3"; and,
4. It is certified that the undersigned will not engage in unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

Date

Signature

Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT G

FEDERAL AID IDENTIFICATION WORKSHEET

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| Subrecipient's name (must match registered name in DUNS) | Sponsor name and address (This ties to the correct SAM/SEU number) |
| Subrecipient's DUNS number (see § 200.32 Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)) | From Sponsor |
| Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) | From GDOT Accounting |
| Federal award date (see § 200.39 Federal Award Date) | From GDOT Accounting |
| Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date | From GDOT Accounting |
| Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this action | From GDOT Accounting |
| Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated to the subrecipient | From GDOT Accounting |
| Total Amount of the Federal Award | Refer to Attachment A above |
| Federal award project description, as required to be responsive to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) | Scope of Work in Contract document; refer to Exhibit A |
| Name of Federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, and contact information for awarding official | FHWA, GDOT, Mark Lawing |
| CFDA Number and Name (the pass-through entity must identify the dollar amount made available under each Federal award and the CFDA number at time of disbursement) | 20.205 |
| Identification of whether award is R&D | No |
| Indirect cost rate for the Federal award (including if the de minimis rate is charged per § 200.414 Indirect (F&A) costs) | N/A |

This project must comply with all aspects of 2 CFR Part 200.

EXHIBIT H
SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY COMPLIANCE

The State of Georgia promotes respect and dignity and does not tolerate sexual harassment in the workplace. The State is committed to providing a workplace and environment free from sexual harassment for its employees and for all persons who interact with state government. All State of Georgia employees are expected and required to interact with all persons including other employees, contractors, and customers in a professional manner that contributes to a respectful work environment free from sexual harassment. Furthermore, the State of Georgia maintains an expectation that its contractors and their employees and subcontractors will interact with entities of the State of Georgia, their customers, and other contractors of the State in a professional manner that contributes to a respectful work environment free from sexual harassment.

Pursuant to the State of Georgia's Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy (the "Policy"), all contractors who are regularly on State premises or who regularly interact with State personnel must complete sexual harassment prevention training on an annual basis.

A contractor, including its employees and subcontractors, who have violated the Policy, including but not limited to engaging in sexual harassment and/or retaliation may be subject to appropriate corrective action. Such action may include, but is not limited to, notification to the employer, removal from State premises, restricted access to State premises and/or personnel, termination of contract, and/or other corrective action(s) deemed necessary by the State.

A. If Contractor is an individual who is regularly on State premises or who will regularly interact with State personnel, Contractor certifies that:

1. Contractor has received, reviewed, and agreed to comply with the State of Georgia's Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy located at <http://doas.ga.gov/human-resourcesadministration/board-rules-policy-and-compliance/jointly-issued-statewide-policies/sexualharassment-prevention-policy>;
2. Contractor has completed sexual harassment prevention training in the last year; or will complete the Georgia Department of Administrative Services' sexual harassment prevention training located at <http://doas.ga.gov/human-resources-administration/sexual-harassment-prevention/hrprofessionals/employee-training> (scroll down to section for entities without a LMS section) or this direct link <https://www.youtube.com/embed/NjVt0DDnc2s?rel=0> prior to accessing State premises and prior to interacting with State employees; and on an annual basis thereafter; and,
3. Upon request by the State, Contractor will provide documentation substantiating the completion of sexual harassment training.

B. If Contractor has employees and subcontractors that are regularly on State premises or who will regularly interact with State personnel, Contractor certifies that:

1. Contractor will ensure that such employees and subcontractors have received, reviewed, and agreed to comply with the State of Georgia's Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy located at <http://doas.ga.gov/human-resources-administration/board-rules-policy-and-compliance/jointly-issuedstatewide-policies/sexual-harassment-prevention-policy>
2. Contractor has provided sexual harassment prevention training in the last year to such employees and subcontractors and will continue to do so on an annual basis; or Contractor will ensure that such employees and subcontractors complete the Georgia Department of Administrative Services' sexual harassment prevention training located at <http://doas.ga.gov/human-resources-administration/sexualharassment-prevention/hr-professionals/employee-training> (scroll down to section for entities without a LMS section) or this direct link <https://www.youtube.com/embed/NjVt0DDnc2s?rel=0> prior to accessing State premises and prior to interacting with State employees; and on an annual basis thereafter; and

C. Upon request of the State of the Georgia Department of Transportation, Contractor will provide documentation substantiating such employees and subcontractors' acknowledgment of the State of Georgia's Statewide Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and annual completion of sexual harassment prevention training.

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX A

CITY OF DAHLONEGA
CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
AND
OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

I hereby certify that I am the Title and duly authorized representative of City of Dahlonega, whose address is 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, Georgia, 30533-0810, and I certify that I have read and understand the attached instructions and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the firm and its representatives:

Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by the Georgia Department of Transportation and by any Federal department or agency;

- 1) Have not within a three year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against the firm or its representatives for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, State, or Local) transaction or contract under a public transaction in violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- 2) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and,
- 3) Have not within a three year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transaction (Federal, State or Local) terminated for cause or default.
- 4) That the firm will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" as attached hereto and without motivation, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

I acknowledge that this certification is provided pursuant to Executive Order 12549 and 49 CFR Part 29 and that this firm agrees to abide by the rules and conditions set forth therein for any misrepresentation that would render this certification erroneous, including termination of this Agreement and other remedies available to the Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal Government.

I further acknowledge that this certificate is to be furnished to the Georgia Department of Transportation, in connection with this Agreement involving participation of Federal-Aid Highway Funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal laws, both criminal and civil.

Date

Signature (Seal)

Name: _____
Title: _____

Instructions for Appendix A Certification

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters -- Primary Covered Transactions (SPONSORS)

1. By signing and submitting this contract the SPONSOR is providing the certification set out in Appendix A.
2. The inability of the SPONSOR to provide the certification required may not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The SPONSOR shall then submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the Department's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the SPONSOR to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person or firm from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification, Appendix A, is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed by the Department before entering into this transaction. If it is later determined that the SPONSOR knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Department may terminate this transaction for cause of default.
4. The SPONSOR shall provide immediate written notice to the Department if at any time the SPONSOR learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in these instructions and the certification, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the Department for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The SPONSOR agrees by submitting this proposal/contract that should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person/firm who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction unless authorized by the Department.
7. The SPONSOR further agrees by submitting this proposal/contract that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary

Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," as provided by the Department without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A SPONSOR, in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. The SPONSOR may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals.
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by these instructions. The knowledge and information of SPONSOR is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if the SPONSOR in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the Georgia Department of Transportation may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

APPENDIX B
CERTIFICATION OF
COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AUDIT REQUIREMENT

I hereby certify that I am the duly authorized representative of City of Dahlonega, whose address is 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, Georgia, 30533-0810, and it is also certified that:

I. PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

The below listed provisions of State Procurement requirements shall be complied with throughout the contract period:

- (a) Provisions of Section Chapters 2 and Chapters 4 of the Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Specifically as to the County the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-4-40 et seq. and as to the Municipality the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 32-4-92 et seq.

II. STATE AUDIT REQUIREMENT

The provisions of Section 36-81-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Requirement of Audits" shall be complied with throughout the contract period in full, including but not limited to the following provisions:

- (a) Each unit of local government having a population in excess of 1,500 persons or expenditures of \$550,000.00 or more shall provide for and cause to be made an annual audit of the financial affairs and transactions of all funds and activities of the local government for each fiscal year of the local government.
- (b) The governing authority of each local unit of government not included above shall provide for and cause to be made the audit required not less often than once every two fiscal years.
- (c) The governing authority of each local unit of government having expenditures of less than \$550,000.00 in that government's most recently ended fiscal year may elect to provide for and cause to be made, in lieu of the biennial audit, an annual report of agreed upon procedures for that fiscal year.
- (d) A copy of the report and any comments made by the state auditor shall be maintained as a public record for public inspection during the regular working hours at the principal office of the local government. Those units of local government not having a principal office shall provide a notification to the public as to the location of and times during which the public may inspect the report.

III. SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY REQUIREMENT

The provisions of Section 36-70-20 et seq. of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to the "Coordinated And Comprehensive Planning And Service Delivery By Counties And Municipalities", as amended, has been complied with throughout the contract period.

Date

Signature
Name: _____
Title: _____

APPENDIX C
CERTIFICATION OF
THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

I hereby certify that I am the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation of the State of Georgia, and that the above consulting firm or his representative has not been required, directly or indirectly as an express or implied condition in connection with obtaining or carrying out this Agreement to:

a. employ or retain, or agree to employ or retain, any firm or person, or

b. pay, or agree to pay, to any firm, person, or organization, any fee, contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind; except as here expressly stated, (if any):

I acknowledge that this certificate is to be furnished to the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, in connection with this Agreement involving participation of Federal-aid Highway Funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

Date

Commissioner

APPENDIX D

CERTIFICATION OF CITY OF DAHLONEGA

STATE OF GEORGIA

I hereby certify that I am the Mayor of the City of Dahlonega in the State of Georgia, and that the above consulting firm or their representative has not been required, directly or indirectly as an express or implied condition in connection with obtaining or carrying out this Agreement to:

a. employ or retain, or agree to employ or retain, any firm or person, or

b. pay, or agree to pay, to any firm, person, or organization, any fee, contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind; except as here expressly stated, (if any):

I acknowledge that this certificate is to be furnished to the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, in connection with this Agreement involving participation of Federal - aid Highway Funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

Date

CITY OF DAHLONEGA

Name: _____

Title: _____

APPENDIX E



GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

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| P.I.# and Project Description: | 0016629, SR 9/SR 60 from SR 60BU to N of Yahoola Creek |
| Sponsor's Name: | City of Dahlonega |
| Sponsor's Address: | 465 Riley Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533 |

SPONSOR AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned person or entity verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, entity or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the Georgia Department of Transportation has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

Furthermore, the undersigned person or entity will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned person or entity will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). The undersigned person or entity hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

103346

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number
Authorization (EEV/E-Verify Company Identification Number)

2/27/2008

Date of

City of Dahlonega

Name of Sponsor

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Printed Name (of Authorized Officer or Agent)

Title (of Authorized Officer or Agent)

Signature (of Authorized Officer or Agent)

Date

Signed SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

____ DAY OF _____, 20____

Notary Public

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires: _____

APPENDIX F

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
ANNUAL IMMIGRATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/
NO SANCTUARY POLICY/FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

By executing this document, the undersigned duly authorized representative of the SPONSOR, certifies that the SPONSOR:

- 1) has filed a compliant Annual Immigration Compliance Report with the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts ("GDA&A") for the preceding calendar year required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-4(b), or has been issued a written exemption from GDA&A from doing so;
- 2) has not enacted a "Sanctuary Policy" in violation of O.C.G.A. § 36-80-23(b); and,
- 3) is in compliance with O.C.G.A. §§ 35-1-17 *et seq.* regarding its obligation to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement authorities to deter the presence of criminal illegal aliens.

As an ongoing condition to receiving funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, the SPONSOR shall continue to remain fully compliant with O.C.G.A. §§ 50-36-4, 36-80-23 and 35-1-17 *et seq.* for the duration of time the subject agreement is in effect.

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name of Authorized Officer or Agent

Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

Date



City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 12/6/2024
TITLE: GIRMA First Responder PTDS Application and Participation Agreement
PRESENTED BY: JoAnne Taylor, Mayor
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

GIRMA First Responder PTDS Application and Participation Agreement

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The Ashley Wilson Act becomes effective January 1, 2025. This act requires all employers of public safety officers, as defined in the legislation, to cover them with state mandated minimum coverage. There are two required coverages: Lump Sum PTDS Diagnosis Benefit and a PTSD Disability Limit. The cost for mandated coverage for Dahlonega is \$740/annually. This agenda item is related to the required resolution presented earlier in the agenda packet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This is an unfunded mandate which was not included in our FY25 budget as no estimates were available. This amount will be absorbed in FY25 and included in future budget submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

As the minimum coverage is mandated, there is no option but to approve.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

GIRMA First Responder PTDS Application and Participation Agreement

**GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT (GIRMA)
FIRST RESPONDER PTSD APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

Employers eligible to participate in GIRMA (hereinafter a “Participating Employer” or “Employer”) shall complete this Application and Participation Agreement in order to purchase First Responder PTSD coverage fully insured by MetLife under the GIRMA Fund C Master Policy for a Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit, a PTSD Disability (Income Replacement) Benefit, or a Combined Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit and PTSD Disability (Income Replacement) Benefit. Once approved by GIRMA’s Program Administrator, the Participating Employer will receive a one-page Summary of Benefits identifying the purchased coverage(s) (the “First Responder PTSD Policy”) and a link to the Policy Certificate for the purchased coverage(s), so it may make these available to individuals performing service for them as an employed or volunteer “First Responder” as defined below (“First Responders”).

Who Does What?

- GIRMA is the Policyholder of a First Responder PTSD Policy insured by MetLife, which provides a Lump Sum Benefit and a Disability (Income Replacement) Benefit. These coverages together are designed to meet the requirements of the Ashley Wilson Act (the “Act”), effective January 1, 2025.
- Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., (“GMA”) is the Program Administrator for GIRMA. GMA uses information from the First Responder census data provided by the Participating Employer to bill for the premiums due under the First Responder PTSD Policy and maintains (either directly or through the broker for the First Responder PTSD Policy) Participating Employers’ Application and Participation Agreements.
- Participating Employers are responsible for providing census data to GMA’s broker that identifies all First Responders (as defined below) performing first responder services for them, classifying the First Responders by statutory definition and as employed or volunteer, and identifying those First Responders who are First Responders for another Public Entity.
- Participating Employers are responsible for submitting complete and accurate census data and paying premiums to GMA, communicating with First Responders about the coverages the Employer provides, providing the Summary of Benefits and link to the applicable Certificate to First Responders, and providing all requested information and documentation requested by GMA’s broker to ensure the census is current.
- Participating Employers are responsible for designating an authorized member of human resources staff to receive inquiries from MetLife related to work requirements or work status for disability claims and provide all information requested by MetLife for that purpose.
- To comply with the confidentiality provisions of the Act, GMA and its broker will not inform Participating Employers whether a First Responder has submitted a claim for benefits or received any such benefits.
- Participating Employers are responsible for ensuring that any information in their possession related to claims, and any other information that would reasonably identify an individual as having been diagnosed with PTSD, is used only in accordance with applicable laws and is kept confidential in the same way as mental health information related to an employer sponsored major medical plan or employee assistance program.
- Participating Employers are prohibited by law from taking any employment action solely as a result of a First Responder’s diagnosis, claims, or benefits.
- MetLife evaluates claims and pays approved claims under the First Responder PTSD Policy. All claims for benefits must be submitted to MetLife.
- First Responders do not need to inform the Participating Employer that they are making a claim.
- Neither GIRMA nor GMA have any role in claim determination or payment.

Definition of First Responder. A First Responder for the Participating Employer is an individual who meets one or more of the following definitions as a result of services he or she performs for the Participating Employer as an employee or volunteer:

- (A) 'Communications officer' as defined in Code Section 37-12-1;
- (B) 'Correctional officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;
- (C) 'Emergency medical professional' as defined in Code Section 16-10-24.2;
- (D) 'Emergency medical technician' as defined in Code Section 16-10-24.2;
- (E) 'Firefighter' as defined in Code Section 25-4-2;
- (F) 'Highway emergency response operator' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;
- (G) 'Jail officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;
- (H) 'Juvenile correctional officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8;
- (I) 'Peace officer' as defined in Code Section 35-8-2;
- (J) 'Probation officer' as defined in Code Section 45-1-8; and
- (K) Law enforcement officer with the Department of Natural Resources.

Employer Obligations:

- Employer shall not require any kind of contribution from First Responders for the coverage(s) provided under the First Responder PTSD Policy.
- Employer is solely responsible for identifying all First Responders (as defined above). Any questions about First Responder status should be resolved by contacting legal counsel. Participating Employers that are members of GIRMA's Property and Liability Fund may call the GIRMA HelpLine at 800-721-1998 for free legal advice about whether an individual meets the statutory definition.
- Employer is solely responsible for keeping an accurate list of all First Responders, and providing correct and complete information to GMA's broker.
- Employer shall submit initial First Responder census data to the GMA broker in the form requested, and must update this census data as requested in order to ensure that all First Responders are properly identified and classified.
- The Employer's cost for coverage under the First Responder PTSD Policy will be based on the most recent census data at the time of billing.
- Employer shall provide the Summary of Benefits and a link to the applicable Certificate to all First Responders at no charge, and shall provide a copy of the applicable Policy to First Responders upon request.
- If the Policy is terminated for any reason, Employer shall provide notification of termination to all First Responders.
- Whenever requested to do so by MetLife or GMA, Employer shall provide MetLife or GMA the information requested.

Benefits Exempt from Income Tax:

- MetLife has determined that benefits it will pay under the policy are not subject to state or federal income taxation. Accordingly, MetLife will not report benefits to the IRS or withhold any amounts from benefit payments.
- MetLife will advise benefit recipients that benefits are not subject to federal or state income tax, so MetLife will not withhold taxes or provide a 1099 or W-2 or report benefit payments to the IRS. MetLife will remind benefit recipients that the benefits may offset other benefits received by the recipient or have other tax consequences and encourage them to consult their tax advisor for guidance.
- MetLife will provide a summary of benefits to the benefits recipient upon request.
- Legal counsel to GIRMA has advised GIRMA of the following:

- The Ashley Wilson Act provides that benefits payable pursuant to the Ashley Wilson Act are not subject to Georgia income tax.
- Benefits payable under the policy to First Responders (as defined in the statute) are not subject to federal income tax because the Ashley Wilson Act is a statute in the nature of a workers' compensation act under Treas. Reg. Section 1.104-1(b) and the MetLife policy bases benefits solely on diagnosis of work-related injuries or sickness as described in the Act.
- Participating Employers have no tax obligations arising from payment of benefits to their First Responders.
- A copy of the opinion letter is available upon request.

Information Privacy and Security:

- See the attached PTSD Privacy Notice, which will be posted on the website where policy information is published. This Notice explains the privacy requirements of the Ashley Wilson Act and how individually identifiable information is used and shared.
- As a critical illness and disability policy, the PTSD Program is not subject to the federal information privacy and security law that applies to group health plans (HIPAA). However, GMA, the GMA broker, and MetLife protect individually identifiable information and use and share it only in accordance with the privacy provisions of the Ashley Wilson Act and any other applicable privacy laws.
- Participating Employers will provide census data to GMA's broker using a secure portal established by the broker.

Desired Coverage (See Attached Proposal for Estimated Annual Premiums):

Participating Employer is applying for and agreeing to purchase the First Responder PTSD Combined Lump Sum Diagnosis Benefit and PTSD Disability (Income Replacement) Benefit unless the following option is checked.

 First Responder Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit Only* (*Alone, this coverage does NOT meet the requirements of the Ashley Wilson Act. Leave BLANK if you want the full coverage.*)

The coverage elected above automatically renews at each anniversary of the effective date, based on then current premiums established by the Program Administrator. Coverage may be terminated in accordance with the GIRMA Bylaws regarding termination of membership in a GIRMA Fund.

On behalf of the City of Dahlonega in Lumpkin County, Georgia, I submit this Application and Participation Agreement and agree to its terms.

Signature: _____

Date: 12/16/2024

Print Name: JoAnne Taylor

Title: Mayor

Privacy Notice for Georgia First Responders PTSD Program

This Privacy Notice describes the individually identifiable information about First Responders that Program Administrators of the Georgia First Responders PTSD Program collect and how it is used and shared.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS: Certain employees of Georgia Municipal Association (“GMA”) and Association County Commissioners of Georgia (“ACCG”) provide administrative services for the PTSD Program. The Southeastern Series of Lockton Companies, Inc. serves as broker for the MetLife insurance policy that is offered through the PTSD Program. GMA, ACCG, and Lockton are all Program Administrators of the PTSD Program.

PRIVACY OBLIGATIONS UNDER ASHLEY WILSON ACT: The Ashley Wilson Act contains privacy requirements for information that “could reasonably be used to identify individuals making claims or who have made claims or who have received benefits.” These privacy requirements were included because federal privacy law (HIPAA) does not apply to the Program. Program Administrators and MetLife treat this information as “sensitive mental health information” and only use and share the information to operate the Program, prepare aggregated reports, comply with the law, or as authorized by the First Responder.

Communications between First Responders (or their representatives) and Program Administrators or MetLife are confidential and privileged.

The Act ensures that First Responders can get the lump sum benefit in a confidential manner similar to receiving mental health benefits under a group health plan (subject to HIPAA) or under an employee assistance program, and limits interactions with the employer for disability benefits to those allowed for other mental health disability benefits.

- First Responders submit their claims for benefits directly to MetLife and do not need to inform the Employer.
- MetLife will not inform Program Administrators of claims or benefits without the First Responder’s express authorization.
- MetLife and Program Administrators will never tell Employers whether a First Responder has made a claim for or received a lump sum benefit (without express authorization).
- For the disability benefit, MetLife will only communicate with a human resources contact at the Employer about work requirements and work status, which will indicate that the First Responder has submitted a claim for disability benefits.
- Due to the nature of the Program, MetLife does not need to and will not provide any reports of benefits to the IRS or the Employer.
- If an Employer learns of a claim or benefits from the First Responder or otherwise,

the Employer is prohibited by law from taking any employment action solely as a result of a First Responder's diagnosis, claims, or benefits.

- Employers are required to treat any information they may learn about claims or benefits confidentially as they would treat mental health information associated with a group health plan or employee assistance program.
- Employers are required to designate an employee who is authorized to securely submit eligibility information about First Responders to the Program Administrators' eligibility portal. This information identifies which employees and volunteers meet the definition of First Responder and does not contain any information about claims or benefits.

PROTECTED INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION MAINTAINED BY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS; USE AND SHARING

Eligibility Data: A designated representative of each Employer that offers the Program securely submits the following information to the eligibility portal twice a year: **first and last name, social security number, date of birth, type of First Responder (by statutory definition), and employed or volunteer status.** This information is used to ensure proper billing of premiums and is securely shared with MetLife to enable MetLife to validate identity and determine eligibility for benefits when First Responders submit claims. To comply with the Act's privacy requirements, MetLife will NOT check with the Employer to determine eligibility when a claim is made.

Information Provided by First Responder: If a First Responder contacts a Program Administrator with questions about the Program, the Program Administrator may collect individually identifiable information necessary to answer the questions or direct the First Responder to the right resource and otherwise communicate with the First Responder. This information may include name, phone number, email, employer, employment status, and other information shared by the First Responder. This information is used to answer the questions and may be shared with other Program Administrators or MetLife as appropriate for answering the question and for customer service purposes.

Information About First Responder Claims or Receipt of Benefits: Program Administrators do not have access to information about whether a First Responder has submitted a claim for benefits or has received benefits unless the First Responder shares that information with the Program Administrator(s). MetLife is prohibited from sharing individually identifiable information about claims and benefits with the Program Administrators without an express written authorization from the First Responder. However, Program Administrators may learn about claims or benefits from a First Responder or someone acting on behalf of the First Responder. Program Administrators may share this information with other Program Administrators and MetLife as they deem appropriate for the operation of the Program.

Reports that Do Not Include Direct Identifiers: Program Administrators may request reports from MetLife that show use of benefits for purposes of evaluating the Program. These reports will not contain names or other direct identifiers. However, the reports may contain information (such as type of First Responder and geographic location of employer) that could be used with other information to identify individuals. These reports will be used as the Program Administrators deem appropriate for the operation of the Program and may be shared among the Program Administrators and with MetLife. Reports that could reasonably be used to identify an individual shall not be shared except as required by law.

PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

The Program Administrators and MetLife have privacy and information security policies and procedures and safeguards designed to ensure that individually identifiable information is protected from unauthorized access, misuse, and destruction. These controls are designed to meet a variety of applicable laws. For more information about MetLife's privacy practices, refer to the MetLife Privacy Notice posted on GFRPTSDInsurance.com.

**A RESOLUTION TO ADD MEMBERSHIP IN A FUND OF GEORGIA INTERLOCAL RISK
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (GIRMA)**

WHEREAS, the Public Entity of the City of Dahlonega, location in Lumpkin County, Georgia ("Public Entity") is a current member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereafter GIRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Public Entity is currently a member of a GIRMA Fund and desires to add membership in an additional GIRMA Fund; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Public Entity has reviewed the Fund Election Form attached as Appendix A and the Application and Participation Agreement applicable to the Fund and finds that it is in the best interest of its residents for Public Entity to be a member of the Fund indicated on the Fund Election Form;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Public Entity:

1. The Mayor of the City of Dahlonega is authorized to act on behalf of Public Entity to elect membership in the Fund identified in the Election Form attached as Appendix A by executing the Application and Participation Agreement for such GIRMA Fund.
2. The Mayor of the City of Dahlonega is designated as Public Entity's representative to GIRMA for purposes of Fund participation.
3. The City of Dahlonega may change its representative by making a written request to Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., the Program Administrator for GIRMA
4. This resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of December 2024 City of Dahlonega

By: _____,

JoAnne Taylor, Mayor

Attest: _____,

Sarah Waters, Assistant City Clerk

**Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (“GIRMA”) Fund C Election Form
for Existing GIRMA Members**

As stated in Section 6.1 of the Intergovernmental Contract, a GIRMA member must participate in at least one Fund established by the GIRMA Board of Trustees. The Intergovernmental Contract and GIRMA Bylaws apply to all GIRMA members, regardless of the Fund or Funds in which they participate. Terms and conditions specific to a Fund are set forth in the Coverage Description for the Fund.

This election form is for use by current GIRMA Members who wish to join GIRMA Fund C and thereby offer PTSD Benefits to eligible First Responders.

Fund C Application Information: GIRMA established Fund C on September 4, 2024. Fund C will provide fully- insured lump sum benefits and disability benefits for first responders entitled to such benefits under the Ashley Wilson Act. A coverage description for Fund C has been filed with the Georgia Department of Insurance and will be made available to Fund C members after approval of membership in Fund C by Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., the Program Administrator for GIRMA, and the insurance carrier.

To join Fund C, the governing body of the GIRMA Member must adopt a Resolution to Add Membership in a GIRMA Fund and the individual authorized to serve as the Public Entity’s primary contact for Fund participation must complete and sign the First Responder PTSD Application and Participation Agreement. Membership in Fund C is effective when the Application is approved by the Program Administrator and the carrier.



GMA - GIRMA Georgia First Responder PTSD Program Proposal for Coverage

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Anniversary Date: January 1

Member: City of Dahlonega

Member Number: 0000069

Insurer: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife)

There are two coverage components required by House Bill 451 (2024) effective January 1, 2025:

- 1) Lifetime Critical Illness Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit
- 2) Lifetime Long-Term PTSD Disability Benefit (Income Replacement)

The GMA-GIRMA Critical Illness Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit and Long-Term Disability (Income Replacement) coverage components are designed to comply with House Bill 451 when purchased together. However, a city is permitted to purchase only one component if you have existing coverage that complies with the new law.

Estimated annual premiums are based on the Eligible First Responder census data provided by the city. While the premiums below are estimated annual amounts, the city will be billed on a semiannual basis in an amount that reflects the city's updates to the census.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Component 1: Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit – | | |
| All First Responders | | |
| Lifetime Benefit per first responder: | \$3,000 | (Mandated Limit) |
| Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit - Estimated Annual Premium for All First Responders: | | \$230.00 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Component 2: PTSD Disability Limit | | |
| Employed First Responders | | |
| Monthly benefit: | 60% of pre-disability first responder earnings | |
| Maximum monthly benefit per first responder: | \$5,000 | |
| Estimated Annual Premium for Employed First Responders: | | \$510.00 |
| Volunteer First Responders | | |
| Monthly Benefit per first responder: | \$1,500 | |
| Estimated Annual Premium for Volunteer First Responders: | | \$0.00 |
| PTSD Disability Limit – Estimated Annual Premium for All First Responders: | | \$510.00 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Estimated Annual Premium for Components 1 & 2: | | \$740.00 |
| Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Benefit and PTSD Disability Benefit | | |

This proposal is valid for 30 days after proposal is issued or until the effective date, whichever is later.
This overview is not a part of the policy(ies) and does not provide or explain all provisions of the policy(ies).

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Optional Limits for Consideration:

The coverage limits reflected for Lump Sum PTSD (\$3,000) and PTSD Disability Benefit (60% of earnings for employees and \$1,500/month for volunteers) on Page 1 of the Proposal for Coverage reflect the mandated amounts required by HB 451. However, if your city would like to purchase additional limits above the mandated amounts, the pricing is outlined in the table below. You can select a higher limit for Lump Sum PTSD only, a higher limit for PTSD Disability only, or a higher limit for both coverages. To elect a higher limit, please check the box beside the chosen limit(s).

***If you do NOT want to elect a higher limit, you can disregard this form. If optional limits are not selected, coverage will default to the minimum required limits in HB 451.**

In order to bind coverage for this program (mandated OR optional limits), the executed Application and Participation Agreement as well as the enrollment documents are required.

| Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Limit | Total Premium Cost at Higher Limit | Check to increase limit |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$5,000 | \$790.00 | |
| \$10,000 | \$920.00 | |
| \$15,000 | \$1,050.00 | |

| PTSD Disability Benefit (Class 2 Volunteers ONLY) | Total Premium Cost at Higher Limit | Check to increase limit |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$2,000 | \$740.00 | |

This document must be signed and returned to Lockton at gfrptsd@lockton.com for the higher limits to be effective.

City Name: _____

Name of Authorized City Employee: _____

Title of Authorized City Employee: _____

Signature of Authorized City Employee: _____

Date: _____

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City Council Agenda Memo

DATE: 11/26/2024
TITLE: HB581 Post Election Discussion
PRESENTED BY: Allison Martin, City Manager
PRIORITY Strategic Priority - Communication

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION

HB581 Post Election Discussion

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

On November 5, 2024, voters in Georgia approved HR1022 which authorized the enactment of House Bill 581. House Bill 581 provides a floating homestead exemption for residential homestead properties. The Bill allows local governments, including school boards, to opt out by March 1, 2025. If a local government, or school board, should choose to opt out of HB581, they are required to advertise and hold three public hearings. If a local government does not opt out there is no requirement in the law to have a formal vote to not opt out. A benefit of voting to not opt out is to let the public know the intentions of the local taxing authority. House Bill 581 also includes a provision for local governments that do not opt out of HB581 to hold a referendum to enact a one percent sales tax, known as a FLOST, that would use 100% of the proceeds to roll back property taxes. School boards are not eligible to participate in the FLOST. The council is being asked to consider whether to opt in or opt out of HB581. Should the decision be to opt in, the council is also being asked to agree to a referendum to enact a FLOST which requires the city to execute an IGA with the county detailing the rate of the tax (in 0.05 increments), duration (NTE 5 years) and the distribution of funds between the governing bodies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

See attached document.

RECOMMENDATION

n/a

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

Financial information, referendum information, county information

HB 581 Summary and Guidance

ACCG & GMA Joint Trainings
October 3rd, 2024

Ryan Bowersox
Assistant General Counsel, GMA

Dante Handel
Associate Director of Governmental Affairs, ACCG



Background: Where Did This Come From?



- Legislature entered 2024 session concerned about rising property value assessments and in turn property tax
- Senate leaders wanted measures to control rapid increases in property assessments
- House leaders looked to expand sales tax options
- Various proposals ultimately resulted in HB 581 (& HR 1022)

HB 581: Overview

Signed into law April 18, 2024 (Act 379).

Contingent upon November Statewide Referendum
(HR 1022)

Major Components:

- 1.Statewide Floating Homestead Exemption (Part 2)
- 2.New Local Option Sales Tax (Part 3)
- 3.Property Tax Procedural Changes (Part 1)



Presentation Outline

- When does this bill take effect?
- Who gets a floating homestead exemption?
- What is a floating homestead exemption?
- What is the procedure to opt out and what is the timeline?
- What is the new sales tax?
- Other sales tax revisions
- Other property tax changes
- Policy considerations for local governments
- Other local government considerations

When Does this Bill Take Effect?

- HB 581 is contingent upon the passage of the constitutional amendment from HR 1022 on November 5, 2024 which allows local governments the ability to opt out of the floating homestead exemption.
 - A simple majority is required for passage.
 - If the constitutional amendment fails, all of HB 581 is repealed.
 - If the constitutional amendment passes, then the bill takes effect January 1, 2025.

HB 581

Part 1: Statewide Floating Homestead Exemption

- If approved, HB 581 implements a statewide floating homestead exemption for all local governments:
 - Counties
 - Cities
 - School Boards
- A floating homestead is a special type of homestead exemption designed to offset or reduce increases in taxable value to the property.
 - It is also referred to as a base-year or value offset exemption.
 - Freezes are a type of floating homestead exemption, but do not have an annual inflationary adjustment.

How Does a Floating Homestead Exemption Work?

- It works by increasing the value of the exemption to offset inflation.
 - For example, if a property had a taxable value of \$100,000 and the taxable value increased the following year due to market changes to \$110,000, then the exemption 'floats' to be worth \$10,000 of taxable value so the taxpayer still pays on the original base year value of \$100,000.



How Does HB 581's Floating Homestead Exemption Work?

- The HB 581 floating homestead exemption is unique because the base year value is adjusted and will increase by a rate of inflation determined by the State Revenue Commissioner – likely CPI.
 - If we take the same property with a \$100,000 taxable base year value and CPI is 2% the following year, then the base value of \$100,000 may be increased by up to 2% to give an adjusted base year value of \$102,000. The exemption 'floats' to be worth \$8,000 of assessed value so the taxpayer would pay on a taxable value of \$102,000 in year 2.

How Does HB 581's Floating Homestead Exemption Work?

- For homes first receiving this exemption in taxable year 2025, the base year assessed value will be the 2024 assessed value.
- For homes first receiving the exemption in later years, the base year assessed value will be the assessed value for the immediately preceding year.
- Similar to other homestead exemptions, the value will be reset when the home is sold and is adjusted with “substantial property change.”
- Homeowners can not transfer exemption to new property.

How Does HB 581's Floating Homestead Exemption Work?



- The effect of HB 581's homestead exemption:
 - The taxable value of a home may only increase at a rate of inflation each year.
 - Essentially controlling this will control how much the "value" of a home can increase annually.
- Homeowners already granted a homestead will receive this exemption automatically.
- Non-homesteaded property (i.e. Commercial) will continue to be valued at fair market.

How Does this New Homestead Exemption Impact Existing Homestead Exemptions?

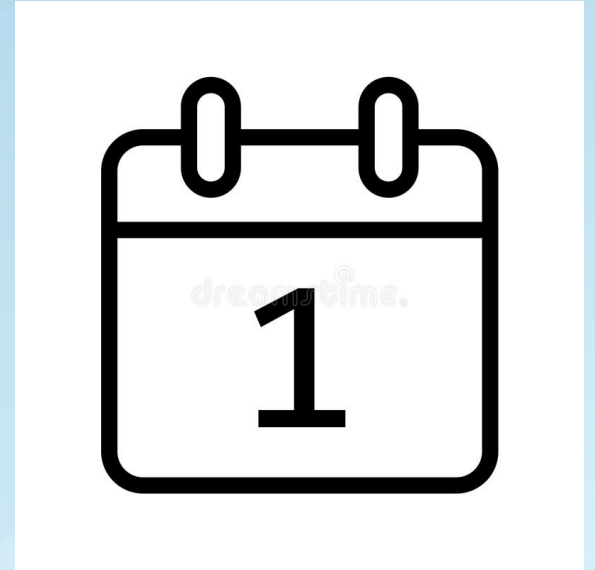
- This new floating homestead exemption is in addition to and not in lieu of all non-floating homestead exemptions. This will not repeal/replace existing homestead exemptions!
 - If there is an existing local floating homestead exemption, the taxpayer will receive whichever of the two exemptions is more beneficial. This is also true if a local floating homestead exemption is added in the future.
 - Existing local exemptions, such as the \$2,000 of assessed value, are added after the floating homestead exemption is calculated.

How Can a Local Government “Opt Out” of the Homestead Exemption?

- Any governing authority may elect to opt out of the floating homestead exemption created by HB 581 by following a procedure like the “public notification of tax increase” when a full rollback is not taken.
 - The local government must advertise and conduct three public hearings of intent to opt out and later adopt a resolution.
 - Must file resolution to Secretary of State by March 1, 2025!
 - If procedures are not met, opt out is not effective.

How Can a Local Government “Opt Out” of the Homestead Exemption?

- This process may not begin until the bill takes effect on January 1, 2025, and must be completed by March 1, 2025.
- A governing authority may not opt-out of the statewide floating homestead exemption after this deadline.
- However, the local delegation may pass a local Act of the General Assembly to implement a local floating homestead exemption at any time.



How Can a Local Government “Opt Out” of the Homestead Exemption?



- Important to note: The decision to opt out is independent among local governments.
- A county, the cities, and the school board may each decide whether to opt out.
- The decision of whether or not to opt out will not impact the other local government's homestead exemption.
- This may result in homes having different taxable values.

Is the Decision to “Opt Out” or “Stay In” Permanent?

- **Yes**
- No action is needed by the local government to have the homestead exemption apply if it is approved in November.
 - Once the opt out period has passed, currently there is no future method to opt out.
- If a local government opts out, there is no future method to opt in to the HB 581 exemption.
 - Of course, a similar homestead exemption can still be done in traditional manner.

HB 581 Timeline



November 5, 2024: Statewide Question on Constitutional Amendment

January 1, 2025: HB 581 takes effect, if approved

March 1, 2025: Deadline for local governments to “opt out” of homestead exemption

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Part 2: Sales Tax Revisions and FLOST

- HB 581 makes two major changes to local sales tax:
- Revises the provisions of O.C.G.A. 48-8-6 which limits the percentage of local sales tax a jurisdiction may levy.
- Creates new local option sales tax contingent upon jurisdictions having a base year value homestead exemption.



Revised Local Sales Tax Limitation

- This legislation revises the existing two percent local sales tax cap; exemptions now include:
 - ESPLOST
 - Up to one percent of the transportation sales taxes, which include:
 - Regional TSPLOST
 - Single-County TSPLOST
 - Transit SPLOST
 - MARTA
 - One of the specialty pennies, including:
 - **The new sales tax for property tax relief created by HB 581**
 - Columbus-Muscogee and Macon-Bibb OLOST
 - Augusta-Richmond Coliseum SPLOST
 - MOST for Atlanta and cities connected to its water system (East Point, College Park, and Hapeville)

What is the New Sales Tax?

- A new sales tax is created for the limited purpose of property tax relief – it may be levied in 0.05 percent increments up to one percent.
- To be eligible to levy the tax, **both the county and all cities within the county that levy a property tax** must have in effect a floating homestead exemption: either the one created by this bill or a local floating homestead exemption.
 - It does not matter if the school boards opt out or not since they are ineligible to share in the proceeds of the tax without a separate constitutional amendment.

How is the New Sales Tax Implemented?

- The county and city/cities representing at least fifty percent of the municipal population of cities that levy a property tax must enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) calling for the tax.
- The IGA shall specify the rate, duration (not to exceed five years), and the distribution between the county and cities. It will also set the ballot question.



How is the New Sales Tax Implemented?



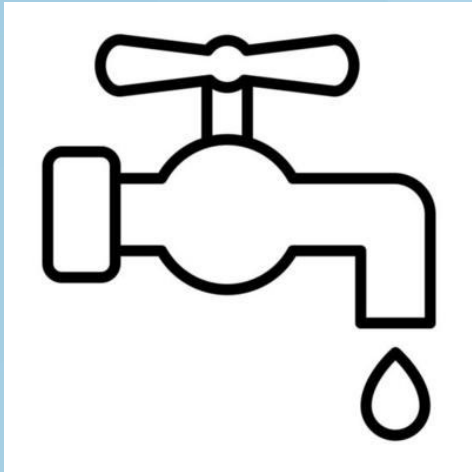
- Following the adoption of the IGA, the tax must be approved through local referendum.
- Approval by the voters will be required to levy the sales tax.
- This is a different vote than the one that occurs in November approving the constitutional amendment!

How are Cities Not on the IGA Treated?

- The IGA must also specify a portion of the proceeds that the cities not on the IGA will receive.
- Must not be less than the proportion the absent municipality's population bears to the total population of all cities within the county that levy a property tax.
 - Modelled after LOST absent municipality provisions.



How are MOST Cities Treated?



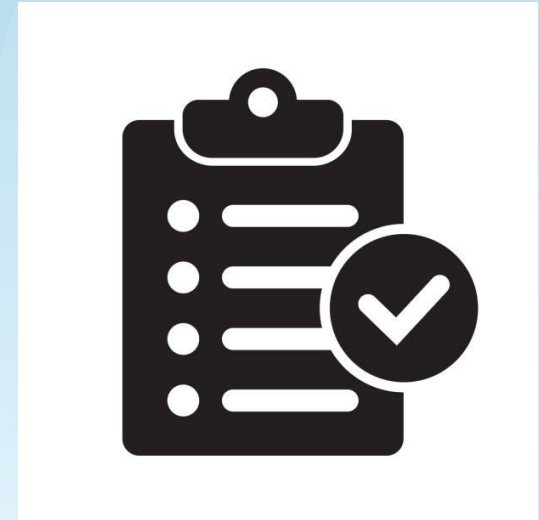
- Cities levying a MOST (Municipal Option Sales Tax for Water and Sewer Projects) are excluded.
- Will not be considered for eligibility and are not included in these calculations.
- Tax will not be collected within the city and city can not receive the proceeds of this tax.
- Currently Atlanta, East Point, College Park, & Hapeville.

How is the New Tax Collected and Distributed?

- Collection of the tax will begin at the start of the next calendar quarter beginning more than 50 days after that date (as opposed to eighty days for other local sales taxes).
- The Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) sends the money to the county and the county will be responsible for distributing the money to the cities in accordance with the IGA.

How Can the Tax Be Renewed?

- The tax can run up to 5 years.
- Prior to the expiration, if the local governments want to renew, it requires:
 - Passage of a local Act calling for the reimposition of the tax.
 - A new IGA between the county and eligible number of cities.
 - A new referendum to approve the tax by the voters.
- Talk to your local delegation!

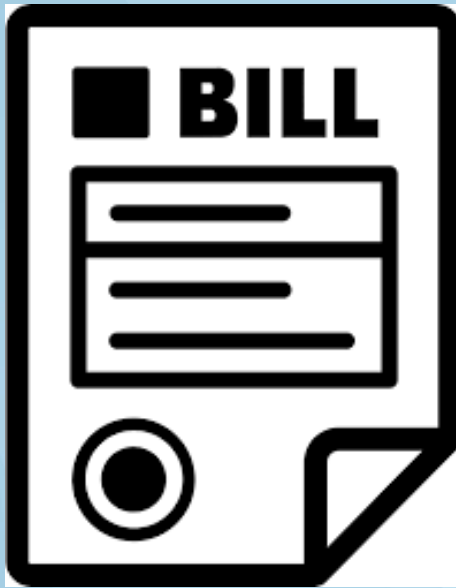


How are Funds From the New Sales Tax Used?

- Funds must be used exclusively for property tax relief.
- Each taxpayer's property tax bill shall state the amount by which property tax has been reduced because of the imposition of this tax.
- The roll-back rate shall be reduced annually by the millage equivalent of the net proceeds of this new tax received by the political subdivision during the prior taxable year.
- If any political subdivision is not in compliance with the use of the proceeds from this tax, then the State Revenue Commissioner shall not certify the tax digest of that political subdivision until it comes into compliance.

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Part 3: Procedural Property Tax Changes



- Created an “estimated roll-back rate” which is certified to the tax commissioner/collector by the local governments.
- The estimated roll-back rate is required to be included on the assessment notice, replacing the previous year’s millage rate.
 - Designed to attempt to allow local government to give more accurate estimate of what tax liability will be.

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- This gives local governments broad flexibility to set this rate wherever they deem appropriate.
 - This does not need to be the same millage rate as the rollback rate for taxpayer bill of rights.
- If the adopted millage rate exceeds the estimated roll-back rate, then a disclaimer is included on the tax bill stating the name of the governing authority that exceeded the estimated roll-back rate and that this will result in an increase of taxes owed.

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- Removed the provision that the sale price is the maximum allowable fair market value in the next taxable year.
 - This provision caused the Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) to change their sales ratio study methodology when it was originally passed in 2010, so this change will improve the sales ratio study and prevent penalties on local governments and their taxpayers.
- This legislation also allows the Board of Assessors to appeal the sales ratio study directly instead of requiring a local government to appeal on their behalf.

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- Modifying the three-year lock for appeals so the taxpayer only receives the lock if they receive a value reduction upon appeal.
- Updating the settlement conference statute so that if neither the taxpayer nor their representative participates in good faith, then the taxpayer shall not receive the benefit of the temporary 15 percent reduction in taxes owed and shall not be awarded attorney's fees.
- Requiring that the chief appraiser ensure that every parcel in the county be appraised at least every three years.

Policy Considerations for Local Governments

- As with any other local government choice, this is a policy decision with pros and cons to be considered.
- The floating homestead exemption rewards homeowners, especially those that reside in the community for a long period of time after this legislation takes effect.
- Taxes do not disappear – they only shift: in this instance, the taxes are shifting from homestead properties to all other property types (commercial, agricultural, industrial, residential non-homestead).

Policy Considerations for Local Governments

- Taxation is a formula: taxable value multiplied by the millage rate gives the property tax revenue to meet local budgets.
 - Since the floating homestead exemption slows the growth in value for residential homestead properties, it will create some upward pressure on the millage rate. The effects of a floating homestead increase over time, so this will have a smaller impact in the early years and a larger impact in the later years.
- Counties and cities may more easily increase the millage rate if needed than schools due to the 20-mill cap, which may only be exceeded after the successful passage of a local referendum.

Other Local Government Considerations

- Each local government (counties, cities, and schools) may independently decide whether to opt out.
- This decision does not impact the homestead exemptions but cities and counties can impact eligibility for the FLOST.
- Every local government has a unique digest mix of property types. Local officials are encouraged to contact their Chief Appraiser for information regarding their specific situation. Some communities will better be able to support a floating homestead exemption than others.

Other Local Government Considerations

- The referendum is likely to be very popular and citizens may not understand a local government's decision.
- Even if your local government decides to opt out of the HB 581 floating homestead exemption, nothing precludes your local delegation of the General Assembly from passing a local Act putting a local floating homestead to referendum in your jurisdiction.
- If a local government decides to opt out, it may be best practice to explain this decision to the public and the local delegation.

Other Local Government Considerations

- Many jurisdictions have existing floating homestead exemptions. These typically apply only to M&O millage rates, but not to special service districts (SSDs).
 - The HB 581 floating homestead exemption applies to special service districts in addition to M&O but does not apply to bond millage.
 - If a local government that has a floating homestead exemption already in place does not opt out, then their special service districts will be affected by the new floating homestead exemption.
- A local government may consider opting out to avoid confusion.

Other Local Government Considerations

- While the decision to opt out of the floating homestead exemption is independent, instituting the new sales tax requires collaboration between the county and cities.
- The county and all cities in the county that levy a property tax must have a base year homestead exemption in place (statewide or through a local Act).
- The county and cities should discuss the option of the sales tax before expiration of the opt out period.
- Know the distribution is determined by the IGA, so this should be discussed early.
- A local Act is required for renewal, so involve your local delegation.

Next Steps....

- Joint ACCG-GMA Webinar Oct. 16th (live and recorded).
 - This will be the same presentation
- Joint Guidance Document/FAQ released today!
 - Document on GMA's Website
 - Link to ACCG HB 581 page:
 - [ACCG Advancing Georgia's Counties](#)



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HB 581 (2024): Frequently Asked Questions Document

The Local Opt-out Floating Homestead Exemption & Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST)

House Bill 581 was passed by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2024 legislative session and was signed into law by Governor Kemp on April 18, 2024.

[HB 581](#) provides for several significant changes impacting local government revenue. Counties and cities must understand these changes and be prepared to make critical decisions in the coming months that will have lasting impacts. In general, HB 581 has three major components: first, the bill provides for some procedural changes to property tax assessments and appeals; second, the bill provides for a new statewide homestead exemption that applies to local governments unless the local government affirmatively opts out; third, the bill creates a new local option sales tax available to be used for property tax relief.

This document provides frequently asked questions (FAQs) to give an overview of the key provisions of the bill, the statewide homestead exemption and new local option sales tax, and the considerations local governments must have in mind. Appendix A then includes an outline of these key provisions to help guide local decision making.

A. Generally

1. In a nutshell, what is HB 581 (2024) about?

HB 581 contains multiple provisions related to property tax and sales tax. Most relevant to this FAQ, the bill:

- a. Grants a statewide homestead exemption that limits the increases in the taxable value of homes to no more than the inflation rate that occurred over the prior year;
- b. Allows local governments to elect to opt out of this homestead exemption within their jurisdiction so that it will not apply to their taxable values; and
- c. Authorizes most local governments with the new homestead exemption (or equivalent) to levy a new sales tax to be used for property tax relief.

2. Where did this proposal come from and what was the reason?

Entering the 2024 legislative session, many legislators were concerned with the rapid rise in property values across the state, and in turn, the rise in property taxes. The homestead exemption proposal came from the General Assembly and was first introduced in the Senate. The reason was to provide more certainty to homeowners who are concerned about the significant increases to the taxable value of homes in recent years. Under this bill, if the local government does not opt out, then the homeowner knows their value may not increase by more than the rate of inflation, which prevents large jumps and helps them budget.

The sales tax provision (FLOST) came from the House and was originally designed as a flexible new sales tax to act in place of sales tax laws written to apply to only one jurisdiction, such as that for the Coliseum SPLOST for Augusta-Richmond County; however, it changed throughout the legislative process to become a method to reduce millage rates imposed on all properties (homestead and non-homestead).

B. The Homestead Exemption of HB 581

1. What type of homestead exemption does HB 581 provide? Is there a difference between floating, base-year, adjusted base-year, and frozen homestead exemptions?

The core purpose of any base-year, floating, or frozen homestead exemption is to reduce or eliminate the tax impact of increases in the fair market value of a homesteaded property that occur following the purchase of a home. The terms are generally synonymous and used to describe either the practical or technical effect of the exemption. The key difference is whether such an exemption allows for adjustments to the base year value based on a standard rate or the inflation rate.

For a base-year, floating, or frozen homestead exemption **without** an adjustment factor, the value of the exemption changes or floats each year to always equal and exempt the full difference between the base-year value of the home and the current value of the home, so that the taxable value of the home never increases (but the millage rate may still increase). These are most often called frozen exemptions because the assessed value of the home is blocked from increasing (and often, from decreasing).

For a base-year, floating, or frozen homestead exemption **with** an adjustment factor, the base year and the base year value for a homestead does not change, but the base year value is adjusted annually by a percentage equal to either a set rate or the inflation rate that occurred during the prior year. These are best called adjusted base-year homestead exemptions.

In the case of HB 581, practically speaking, the homestead exemption limits the amount of any increase in the assessed value of homes to no more than the rate of inflation experienced over the prior year—it does not freeze the value. This is best described as an adjusted base-year homestead exemption, because it grants an exemption equal to the difference between the homestead's adjusted base-year value—generally the value for the year prior to the homeowner's application for the exemption plus an inflation factor for each year since the exemption was first granted—and the current year's true value.

It is important to note that most of these homestead exemptions do account for substantial changes in the property. For example, if a homeowner doubles the size of their house, then the base-year value may be increased, regardless of any freeze or limitation, but thereafter, the new base-year value enjoys the benefit of the exemption. Also important to note, these exemptions do not stay with the property nor the property owner when a change in ownership occurs. If an individual sells their home, the taxable value of that home resets to fair market value for the next owner. Similarly, the individual cannot carry the value of the exemption to their new home.

2. How is the value of the HB 581 homestead exemption determined?

The value of the exemption is unique to each individual property and will generally change each year for such properties. The core purpose of a base-year or floating homestead exemption is to reduce or eliminate the impact of increases to the fair market value of a homestead. In the case of HB 581, the homestead exemption prevents rapid increases in the assessed value of homes but does not freeze the value.

HB 581 is considered an adjusted base-year homestead exemption, because it allows the homestead's base-year value to increase annually by up to the inflation rate determined by the State Revenue Commissioner (likely the consumer price index) which occurred during the prior year. The value of the exemption is the difference between the adjusted base-year value and the fair market value. Even if two properties begin with identical base year values, if the fair market value of the properties diverge over time, then the property with the higher fair market value will receive the larger exemption while potentially paying the same in property taxes.

3. If my local government wants to opt out of the HB 581 homestead exemption, how can we do that?

As authorized through a constitutional amendment (HR 1022 (2024)) and outlined in HB 581, the opt-out process is very similar to the "public notification of tax increase" process that is required when a local government does not fully rollback its millage rate. The local government seeking to opt out of the HB 581 homestead exemption must advertise and hold three public hearings of intent to opt out, and then pass a resolution opting out and file it with the Secretary of State. The process may not begin until the effective date of the bill on January 1, 2025, and must be completed by March 1, 2025. Each local government (county, city, school) may independently make the decision whether to opt out; any combination may elect to do nothing or opt out of the HB 581 floating homestead exemption. If a local government opts out, its taxpayers will not receive the benefit of the exemption, and their property will be taxed (absent other exemptions) at the property's fair market value.

4. Should my local government opt out of the homestead exemption if we already have another form of a floating, base-year, or frozen homestead exemption?

There are at least a few things to consider when answering this question for your jurisdiction.

First, how far does your current floating homestead exemption extend? Does it cover all millage rates, including those for special districts? The reason that this is important to answer is that the HB 581 homestead exemption extends to all millage levies except for any bond levies.

Second, does your current homestead exemption incorporate any form of inflationary or automatic increase? The value of the HB 581 homestead exemption for each homeowner is, in effect, reduced annually by the amount of inflation that occurred over the prior year, which allows the taxable value of the homestead to rise over time in-line with inflation. If your jurisdiction has a set rise over time that is expected to exceed the inflation factor in HB 581, then your jurisdiction may want to opt out.

Third, if the homestead exemptions are equivalent, you may want to consider opting out of the HB 581 floating homestead exemption to reduce confusion. Your jurisdiction would still have access to the new sales tax for property tax relief (FLOST) assuming all the conditions to impose the tax are met.

5. Does the HB 581 homestead exemption apply to community improvement districts (CIDs)?

For all practical purposes, the homestead exemptions would not apply to CID's as CID's may only levy taxes on nonresidential property. Ga. Const. Art. IX, Sec. VII, Para. III(c).

6. How does the HB 581 homestead exemption affect tax allocation districts (TADs)?

The homestead exemption could potentially reduce the amount of expected property tax revenue growth within the TAD by limiting the assessed value increase of homestead property over time. This question requires analysis specific to the TAD in question.

7. Can the HB 581 floating homestead exemption be later repealed for my county or city?

If a jurisdiction elects not to opt out of the HB 581 homestead exemption, they will not have an opportunity to opt out in the future and will have the homestead exemption permanently. There may be a method to remove such jurisdictions in the future, but it would require a change to general law or a constitutional amendment done by the legislature.

8. Will the HB 581 homestead exemption affect a homeowner's existing homestead exemptions?

HB 581 does not eliminate any existing homestead exemptions for any jurisdiction, regardless of the type of homestead exemption, but it may override existing floating, base-year, and frozen exemptions, if the HB 581 exemption provides a greater benefit to the taxpayer.

- a. If your local government has an existing non-floating homestead exemption, such as an exemption for \$5,000 of assessed value, that will be unaffected by HB 581. The floating homestead exemption is calculated first, and then the non-floating exemptions are calculated on the back end. That said, if the existing, non-floating local homestead exemption says that it may not be applied in addition to any other homestead exemption, then it may not be applied.
- b. If your local government has an existing base-year homestead exemption, then the taxpayer will receive whichever provides them with the largest benefit in any given year. Your tax assessor's office will be responsible for tracking both floating homestead exemption values in addition to the fair market value.

For example, if there is an existing base-year or floating homestead exemption that does not have inflationary increases, then it would generally provide the larger benefit to the taxpayer. Similarly, if the base-year of a homestead exemption that is comparable to HB 581 pre-dates HB 581's base-year, then the older base year will likely provide the larger benefit.

9. Will it affect the county's ability to impose a FLOST if another city opts out of the homestead exemption granted by HB 581?

Yes, if a city that imposes a property tax opts out, then the county and all cities within the county will be ineligible for the FLOST. If a city that does not levy a property tax opts out, then it would not affect the ability for the county to levy a FLOST. If even one city that opts out does levy a property tax at such time, then the FLOST would not be permitted. Of course, jurisdictions may opt out and not impact eligibility if the jurisdiction has another eligible homestead exemption in place.

10. If the county opts out of the homestead exemption will this impact a municipality's ability to impose a FLOST?

Yes. Similarly, if a county opts out all municipalities in the county will be ineligible for the FLOST unless the county has another eligible homestead exemption in place.

11. If a municipality or a county opts out of the HB 581 homestead exemption will homesteads have multiple assessed values for tax assessment?

Yes, if the homestead exemption applies for some but not all jurisdictions, the taxable value of the property will essentially be different. The fair market value of a property is the same for all taxing jurisdictions where the property is subject to property tax. Homestead exemptions are applied after the fair market value of the home is determined and reduce the taxable value of the home—the taxable value may be different among jurisdictions based on applicable homestead exemptions.

Every county assessor's office is required to maintain a set of books with the fair market value of the property. The assessor's office will be required to maintain two or more sets of values if there are one or more floating homestead exemptions. Each homestead may have a different base-year value across multiple jurisdictions, but this will be tracked by the assessor's office.

12. For a home that has an exemption under HB 581, what happens if the home is substantially improved or is destroyed? How are changes to the home's value that do not result from market forces handled?

Substantial changes to the property are considered when assessing the property. Any substantial change will increase or decrease the adjusted base year value of the home.

Example: The adjusted base year value of a home as of January 1, 2028, was \$500k. During 2028, the homeowner doubles the square-footage of her home and adds a swimming pool. As of January 1, 2029, the tax officials for the county determine that the changes to the home increase the value by \$200k. The adjusted base year value for the 2029 tax year = \$500k (the 2028 ABYV) + \$200k (substantial change value) + any applicable inflation factor.

13. If my local government opts out of the floating homestead under HB 581, can we opt in at a later date?

If your local government opts out, there is no future opportunity for the local government to unilaterally opt-in or rejoin the HB 581 exemption.

However, a local government may still obtain a similar homestead exemption in a traditional manner. The General Assembly may pass a local Act creating an equivalent local floating homestead exemption. This would require 2/3's vote in the General Assembly and a local referendum. The General Assembly may do this against the will of the local government. We encourage you to maintain a dialogue with your local legislators, especially if you intend to opt out.

14. If my local government opts out of the HB 581 floating homestead exemption and our legislative delegation disagrees with that decision, can they take action to mandate the floating homestead exemption on my local government?

If your local government opts out of the HB 581 floating homestead exemption and your legislative delegation disagrees with that decision, your local delegation can pass a local Act to impose a floating homestead exemption within the jurisdiction. HB 581 has not changed the ability of the legislature to create specific homestead exemptions for local governments. This local Act would be subject to 2/3 vote in the General Assembly and approval by the voters in a local referendum. If the referendum is successful, then your local government would be subject to the homestead exemption provided for in the local Act, even though you opted out of the HB 581 exemption.

Note: A local government could elect to opt out of the HB 581 exemption and ask their local delegation to proceed with a more customized version of the homestead exemption.

15. Can the floating homestead exemption be transferred to a new owner of the home?

No, the homestead exemption is not portable or transferable—it is tied both to the property owner and the home. However, in the case of a surviving spouse who was not on the deed at the time of their spouse's death, said surviving spouse may continue the homestead exemption in the same manner as the deceased spouse, provided that the surviving spouse is otherwise eligible for the homestead exemption.

For anyone else that acquires the home as a homestead, the base-year and base-year value will be reset to the year prior to the person's acquisition of the home and to the actual value for the home for such prior year.

16. How much land can be included in a qualified floating homestead exemption?

Georgia state law states that the homestead exemption applies to the homestead and the land immediately surrounding the homestead; there is no specification for acreage. Many local homestead exemptions do limit the total acreage. It is likely up to local interpretation as to what

land constitutes the land “immediately surrounding” the homestead. The exemption would not include buildings or structures on the property, which are not part of the homestead dwelling, itself.

17. Does the HB 581 floating homestead exemption apply to special service districts?

Yes, the HB 581 floating homestead exemption applies to all millage rates except for millage rates to retire bonded indebtedness.

Point to consider: If the local government has an existing floating homestead exemption that *does not* apply to special service districts, then you may want to consider opting out, so your special service district millage levies are unaffected.

18. If a homeowner’s assessed value was locked following their appeal to the Board of Equalization in 2022, would that value be used for the 2024 base year for the purposes of the HB 581 exemption?

The homestead’s final assessed value for the base year is the base year value for the purposes of the HB 581 exemption. Code Section 48-5-44.2(a)(3)(A). Accordingly, if the locked assessed value from 2022 is what was lawfully used as the homestead’s final assessed value for 2024, then that taxpayer would have their HB 581 2024 base year assessed value set at that same amount.

19. Will the market value or the adjusted base year value be used when calculating value increases to the tax digest that are factored into the rollback millage rate that cannot be exceeded without advertising a tax increase?

The digest value for rollback purposes utilizes the net taxable digest, which is the value of the digest *after* exemptions are accounted for.

C. The Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST)

1. Generally, what is the FLOST?

The Floating Local Option Sales Tax or FLOST (named for its relation to the floating homestead exemption) is a new sales tax that can be levied up to 1 percent and collected county-wide. Funds are split between the county and cities based upon an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and used for property tax relief.

2. What are the minimum requirements for a given county or municipality to be eligible to levy a FLOST?

- a. The county or municipality must levy a property tax and have a base-year or floating homestead exemption in effect¹;
- b. All other municipalities within the county that currently levy a property tax must also have a base-year or floating homestead exemption in effect²;
- c. The county or municipality must have available room under the overall sales tax cap³;
- d. The county and the applicable number of municipalities must enter into an intergovernmental agreement as required under Code Section 48-8-109.31(d)(1)(B);
- e. Hold a successful local referendum⁴; and
- f. Utilize the proceeds for property tax relief and in accordance with the IGA⁵.

3. Who must sign the intergovernmental agreement to authorize the referendum for the FLOST?

The county must reach an intergovernmental agreement with municipalities levying a property tax that represent at least 50% of the total municipal population within the county. This minimum requirement does not preclude more municipalities than those representing 50% of the municipal population from signing the IGA if all parties agree.⁶

Any municipality that does not sign the IGA is treated as an ‘absent municipality’ and will receive proceeds from the FLOST based upon the size of its population relative to the total municipal population within the county, excluding any municipalities that do not levy a property tax. Municipalities that do not levy a property tax are excluded from the calculations and from sharing in FLOST revenues.⁷

¹ Code Section 48-8-109.31(d)(1)(A).

² Code Section 48-8-109.31(d)(1)(A).

³ Code Section 48-8-6(a).

⁴ Code Section 48-8-109.32.

⁵ Code Section 48-8-109.42.

⁶ Code Section 48-8-109.31(d)(1)(A).

⁷ Code Section 48-8-109.31(d)(2).

4. What must an IGA to levy FLOST include?

- a. The rate of the tax: incremental in .05% increments up to a full 1.0%;
- b. The duration of the tax: up to 5⁸ years;
- c. Provisions for calling the referendum for the tax, including the question for the ballot;
- d. The distribution schedule⁹ apportioning proceeds among:
 - i. County
 - ii. Municipalities
 - iii. Absent Municipalities
- e. The IGA is not required to specify how property tax relief is to be applied but may do so.

5. How is the sales tax referendum scheduled?

First, there must be a valid intergovernmental agreement between the county and cities specifying the distribution of the tax. Next, the county may call for the sales tax referendum similar to other sales tax referenda.¹⁰

6. Is a local referendum necessary to impose the FLOST even if the ballot measure in November is successful?

Yes. It is important to note that the ballot question in November of 2024 proposes a constitutional amendment which enables the homestead exemption. If this amendment is not approved, all of HB 581 (including the FLOST) is repealed. If the constitutional amendment is approved, a subsequent referendum within the county is still required to levy the FLOST. Counties and cities should be mindful that the FLOST must be approved by voters in the county to be levied when making policy decisions concerning the homestead exemption.

7. Does FLOST revenue affect the rollback millage rate that is calculated for the purposes of Code Section 45-5-32.1 (Taxpayer Bill of Rights), which requires the advertising of a property tax increase, if exceeded?

Yes. Unlike LOST, the total amount of FLOST collected in the preceding calendar year must be subtracted from the millage equivalent calculated to provide the jurisdiction with the same net proceeds from the current year's net taxable digest value as those derived from the previous year's millage rate when multiplied by the previous year's net taxable digest value.

⁸ Code Section 48-8-109.32(a).

⁹ Code Section 48-8-109.36(2).

¹⁰ Code Section 48-8-109.32.

8. What can the FLOST revenues be used for?

FLOST revenue must be used for property tax relief. Per Code Section 48-8-109.42, FLOST revenues:

- “[S]hall be used exclusively for tax relief and in conjunction with all limitations provided in the intergovernmental agreement authorizing the tax for such political subdivision.”
- Additionally:
 - “Each taxpayer's ad valorem tax bill shall clearly state the dollar amount by which the property tax has been reduced as a result of the imposition of the tax imposed under this article”; and
 - “The roll-back rate for the political subdivision, which is calculated under Code Section 48-5-32.1 [Taxpayer Bill of Rights], shall be reduced annually by the millage equivalent of the net proceeds of the tax authorized under this article, which proceeds were received by the political subdivision during the prior taxable year.”

9. In what ways may the local government calculate and apply the FLOST property tax relief to the property tax bill?

Outside of the parameters in Code Section 48-8-109.42, jurisdictions have latitude to apply the funds for legal purposes within the special district and as may be provided for in the intergovernmental agreement.

- The tax relief must be applied uniformly across all forms of tangible property within the given taxing jurisdiction for which it applies. For these purposes, taxing jurisdictions for which property tax relief may be granted can be the county, a municipality, or a special district, provided that the application is uniform within the given taxing jurisdiction.
- When the credit or reduction is shown on the taxpayer's property tax bill, it **MUST** be applied as property tax relief, which would be a reduction in a charge that is assessed and levied upon the value of a property. The credit *cannot* reduce any charge or fee, which is not levied upon the value of the property (ad valorem). If a flat dollar amount is shown on the property tax bill, said dollar amount must be derived from the taxpayer's savings from the reduction in the millage rate or assessed value.
- While not required, the best practice is to include within the required IGA exactly how the proceeds of the FLOST will be applied as property tax relief.

10. What types of communities would benefit most from a FLOST?

Communities that wish to supplant property taxes with sales tax would benefit from FLOST. It is a policy decision that would be expected to shift some of the tax burden imposed on the local government's property owners to those who make purchases within such jurisdiction. Accordingly, communities with sales tax revenues derived disproportionately from those living outside of the local government's jurisdiction would expect to see a net benefit for its property owners by shifting the tax burden to consumers; whereas those communities that have disproportionately few property owners among its many resident consumers would find only a shifting of the tax burden within the jurisdiction.

11. How often does the FLOST have to be voted on?

FLOST may be implemented for up to 5 years at a time, so at least every 5 years. Moreover, all FLOST renewals require a local Act of the General Assembly, so there is no renewal without a local Act and a new IGA, and passage in a local referendum.¹¹ While there is no requirement of a local Act to initially levy the FLOST any subsequent renewal does require a local Act from the General Assembly.

12. My county doesn't have a LOST. How will this affect my county, city, etc.?

Having a LOST is not a requirement for the FLOST. LOST is the most similar sales tax to the FLOST, but the way property tax relief is calculated under FLOST is more flexible than LOST.

13. Does this bill require the Department of Revenue to provide point-of-sale information?

This bill does not require DOR to provide point of sale information but does require such information to be furnished to DOR by the retail establishments that are required to collect the tax. All sales for FLOST occur countywide (within the special district which is conterminous with the boundaries of the county), except in the case of a county containing a municipality that levies the Water and Sewer Projects Cost Tax (MOST), in which case the FLOST is not collected within the boundaries of the MOST city.

14. Are Water and Sewer Projects Cost Tax (MOST) cities ineligible for a FLOST?

Yes, the cities that levy a MOST tax are ineligible to levy or receive proceeds from FLOST. This means that they are not counted when determining the municipal population in the county levying the LOST, the city levying the MOST cannot share in the proceeds of the FLOST, and the FLOST may not be levied within the municipal boundaries of the city levying the MOST.

Currently, the MOST cities are: Atlanta, East Point, College Park, and Hapeville.

15. If the school board opts out of the floating homestead exemption, can the county and municipalities still levy the FLOST tax?

Yes, if the school board opts out, you can still levy the tax assuming all other requirements are met. Schools generally cannot receive revenues from sales taxes other than those authorized by the Constitution (ESPLOST) and certain existing Local Constitutional Amendments (ELOSTs), so it would require such a constitutional amendment specifically authorizing or requiring that school districts receive a share in the FLOST.

¹¹ Code Section 48-8-109.33(c)

16. If my jurisdiction opts out of the HB 581 floating homestead exemption and has an existing base-year or floating homestead exemption, but which only applies to the general maintenance and operations (M&O) levy, would my jurisdiction be blocked from participating in the FLOST?

No, not on that basis alone. If your local government has an existing floating or base-year homestead exemption of any kind, you may still qualify for the FLOST, even if you opt out of the HB 581 floating homestead exemption. HB 581 only requires that you have some form of a base-year or floating homestead exemption to participate in FLOST. Such exemption can either be a local floating homestead exemption (predating HB 581 or added after) or the HB 581 floating homestead exemption. Please note that the HB 581 floating homestead exemption will apply to all levies, including special service districts, except for bonded indebtedness.

17. If my county or city decides to opt of the homestead exemption, is it forever ineligible to levy the FLOST?

No. First, your city or county may already have a homestead exemption in place making them eligible for the FLOST. Second, if there is no homestead exemption in place and your county or city opts out, it can once again become eligible to levy the FLOST in the future through a subsequent eligible homestead exemption put in place by a local Act of the General Assembly.

18. What happens if we pass a FLOST and our legislative delegation does not approve the renewal, or the voters do not renew it?

If you pass a FLOST and your legislative delegation does not approve the renewal or the voters do not renew it, then the most likely outcome is an increase in the applicable millage rates. Since FLOST is sales tax being used to offset property tax, if the FLOST expires, the local government will have to cut expenses, raise property taxes, or some combination thereof.

19. If my county has an ELOST, can we utilize the FLOST?

If your county has an ELOST, the availability of FLOST depends on a few factors:

- a. Does the exact verbiage of the local constitutional amendment (LCA) limit the distribution of proceeds in the way that FLOST requires? Some of the LCAs are very permissive, and others are very restrictive. Please consult with your local jurisdiction's attorney for a legal opinion.
- b. Is the jurisdiction otherwise eligible to levy a FLOST?
- c. Does the jurisdiction have sufficient room under its local sales tax cap to levy a FLOST? See Code Section 48-8-6(a).

ELOST Counties: Habersham County; Chattooga County; Catoosa County; Harris County; Pickens County; Walton County; Houston County; Towns County.

Appendix A: HB 581 - Timeline/Decision Tree

- 1) November 5, 2024: Statewide ballot measure determining approval of constitutional amendment enabling homestead exemption.
 - a) If the ballot question is not approved, HB 581 is repealed in its entirety. No further action is needed by local governments. All other property tax changes and the FLOST are repealed as well.
 - b) If the ballot question is approved, counties, cities, and school boards may independently determine whether they would like to “opt out” of the homestead exemption and not have the exemption apply to their homeowners.
- 2) Beginning January 1, 2025 through March 1, 2025, local governments may “opt out” and not have their homeowners receive the HB 581 floating homestead exemption.
 - a) If the local government decides not to “opt out” no action is required by the local government and the homestead exemption will go into effect.
 - i) The HB 581 homestead exemption does not replace existing locally enacted homestead exemptions.
 - (1) If your local government has an existing flat dollar homestead exemption, the 581 exemption will be in addition to that exemption.
 - (2) If your local government has an existing base year or adjusted base year exemption, the taxpayer will receive the more beneficial exemption.
 - b) If your local government decides to opt out, it must advertise and hold three public hearings of intent to opt out, and then pass a resolution opting out and file it with the Secretary of State by March 1, 2025.
- 3) If the November 2024 ballot question is approved, your county or city may decide whether to levy a FLOST for property tax relief. You must determine if you are eligible for the FLOST.
 - a) If your county/city does not levy a property tax, you are not eligible to levy/participate in the FLOST.
 - b) If you levy a property tax:
 - i) Your county/city must have a base year or adjusted base year homestead exemption in place.

*This may either be the homestead exemption provided by HB 581 or an existing base year or adjusted base year homestead exemption created by a local Act.
 - ii) The county and every municipality in the county that levies a property tax must also have a base year or adjusted base year homestead exemption in place (HB 581 or existing).

- iii) If the county or any city that levies a property tax does not have an eligible homestead exemption in place, the county and all cities within are not eligible for the FLOST.
- c) If the eligibility criteria is met:
 - i) The county and city or cities representing at least 50% of the municipal population of cities levying a property tax must sign an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the levy of the tax. This IGA will set the rate (up to 1%), duration (up to 5 years), distribution of proceeds among the county and cities, and the ballot question to be used.
 - ii) The levy of the FLOST must be approved by the voters across the county in a referendum.
- d) The FLOST may then be levied for up to 5 years before needing to be renewed. Prior to the expiration of the tax a renewal requires: A local Act by the Georgia General Assembly approving the renewal for the jurisdiction, a subsequent IGA between the eligible county and cities, and a subsequent referendum for the voters to approve the renewal of the tax.

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Lumpkin County, Georgia

County Manager

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| Date: | December 3, 2024 |
| Agenda Item: | House Bill 581 (<i>County Manager Alan Ours</i>) |
| Item Description: | House Bill 581 |
| Facts & Historical Information: | <p>On November 5, 2024, voters in Georgia approved HR1022 which authorized the enactment of House Bill 581. House Bill 581 provides a floating homestead exemption for residential homestead properties. The Bill allows local governments, including school boards, to opt out by March 1, 2025. If a local government, or school board, should choose to opt out of HB581, they are required to advertise and hold three public hearings. If a local government does not opt out there is no requirement in the law to have a formal vote to not opt out. A benefit of voting to not opt out is to let the public know the intentions of the local taxing authority. House Bill 581 also includes a provision for local governments that do not opt out of HB581 to hold a referendum to enact a one percent sales tax, known as FLOST, that would use 100% of the proceeds to roll back property taxes. School Board's are not eligible for the FLOST.</p> <p>The Board is being asked to consider two motions with this agenda item:</p> <p>The first motion is whether to opt in or out of HB581</p> <p>The second motion is whether to hold a referendum for the Floating Local Option Sales Tax as authorized by HB581</p> |
| Potential Courses Of Action: | <p>A. A motion to not opt out of HB581 B. A motion to opt out of HB581 and begin the formal process C. A motion to not hold a referendum to enact a FLOST D. A motion to hold a FLOST referendum in 2025 and begin the formal process of calling the referendum</p> |
| Budget Impact: | HB 581 has a potential to decrease revenues |
| Staff Recommendation: | |